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I hope this finds our MYHA players and families enjoying everything great about our Minnesota summers! It is a relatively quiet time of year on the hockey side, but the Hockey Committee and I continue to work on plans for next season making progress on: Inhouse season structure/scheduling, coach recruiting, and District 15 activities.

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- Inhouse season structure/schedule – The Squirt/10u house and travel schedule has been finalized and in the calendar. Mite/8u/Tot schedules are finalized and in the calendar as well.
- I have started conversations with many of our returning coaches as well as some potential new coaches for our travel teams next season.
- I recently met with D15 Coach Coordinator, Joe Schiller (Detroit Lakes) to provide direction to the D15 Hockey Committee. We will pull the group together in late June to gather input and provide direction for hockey development initiatives we can implement across the District Associations.
- Spring HP completed Festival play in April and Summer Development Camps are in progress. The following players advanced to summer camps:
 - Minnesota Hockey Summer Development Camp
 - Girls 14 (2012): Gast, Gregoire, Hammer, Huotari
 - Boys 14 (2012): Ferrie, Granlund, Turner
 - USA Hockey National Development Camp
 - Boys 16: Arnold (at large), Coulter (at large), W. Cullen (at large), Gramer, Kallhoff, Kortan, Kraft, Laurila
 - Boys 15: Bergeson, Gurskis, Johnson
 - Girls 15: Hagen

Feel free to call or pop in any time you want to talk hockey!

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Hockey Committee Update

The Hockey Committee has been focused on coach and player development initiatives including: skill progression review, programming/curriculum , and coach resources:

- Skill Progression Committee: A committee was formed with the purpose of reviewing our MYHA skill development progression to make sure we remain on the front end of the latest in hockey training. Members include: Josh Bjorlin (Force Academy), Matt Cullen (HC), Rob Gramer (HD), Aaron Herdt (HC), Ryan Kraft (HC), Tim Laurila (HC), Andy Reiersen (GC) – We have built out a fairly comprehensive skill progression list. We have also had weekly video shoots to build out our video content library to align with the skill progression list. And, we have had weekly progress on adding drills and practice plans to our self help resources. Weekly progress is scheduled throughout the summer, and we are working in an implementation plan for ongoing training with our coaches throughout the season.
- We remain confident in the programming we offer so there will not be any major shifts for the upcoming season to practice counts, game counts, team declarations, tournament selection, etc. However, we will be refocusing attention on our Mite/8u/Squirt/10u structures to make sure we continue to align with our traditional structure and development philosophy. The top priorities in refocusing our attention are: ensure curriculum that challenges our players to develop essential skills, practice environment and game schedule that values competition, and consistency in coaching within and across levels. These focal points will allow us to continue to challenge more experienced/advanced players while providing a similar experience and opportunity to develop for all players.
- In additions to an enhanced skill progression chart, drill/practice library, and video content, The Hockey Committee determined The Prospect Exchange was very useful as a video platform, and worthwhile to renew for a second season, for our coaches as a teaching tool to use with our players.



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Hey That's

COOL

What a Spring
we had...



Wyatt Cullen was selected 10th overall in the 2026 NHL Draft by the Nashville Predators. He became the second-highest NHL Draft selection from Moorhead. Brian Lee, who played six seasons in the league, was the ninth overall pick in the first round of the 2005 NHL Draft by the Ottawa Senators.

Wyatt grew up playing in MYHA through Bantams then for the U.S. National Team Development Program the last two seasons. He will join his older brother Brooks at the University of Minnesota next season, where they will both be Freshmen.



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The Cullen Hockey Center & Moorhead Sports Center



It has been a busy summer in the rink so far. We have had a lot of steady activity in the buildings, and we have also accomplished a lot of our summer projects. We have painted locker rooms, framed our Scheels rink boards, and have gotten some of our bigger appliances up and running to make sure the ice stays okay during the warmer months here. The Sports Center north rink construction is in full swing and looks to be going very smooth overall. There is a quitter period for us for another couple of weeks, but soon enough, we will be installing the Scheels rink ice and getting ready for fall 3v3! Until then, we are going to continue to plug away on all things maintenance and attack our projects. Enjoy the rest of the summer and we will see you around the rink!

Aaron Herdt
Arena Manager

CHC Pro Shop

WHAT'S NEW

MYHA Custom UNRL Season Sweatshirts are available to our players through our MYHA Season Registration until August 15th. Sizes are limited, and are on a first come first serve basis.

Our HS Teams, followed by MYHA Families and fans, will have the option to purchase them in August. The Sale will open up to all other Spud fans on September 1st!



LAST CHANCE to get your “Matt Hat” and Back2Back Apparel
(when they are gone, they are gone!)
Only available at the CHC Pro Shop!

SKATE SHARPENING - MYHA APPAREL - BOYS & GIRLS HS APPAREL - HOCKEY SOCKS - SKATE GUARDS - LACES - TAPE



***Player Registration
Opens at 8am
July 2nd, 2026***

A LOOK AHEAD.....2026-2027

Mark your Calendars!

Sept 15th.....	Reg Night/Mandatory Parent Meetings
Oct 1st	MYHA Fall Social
Nov 6-8	Bantam AA & A Blue Ox Tournament
Nov 20-22	Peewee B Tournament
Nov 22-24	Team Picture Day
Nov 22-24	Wreath Pick Up
Dec 4-6	"The Eli" Squirt B Tournaments
Dec 11-13	"Skate 218" 10U A / 10U B Tournaments
Dec 11-13	15U A / 15U B Tournaments
Dec 18-20	Bantam B Tournament
Jan 1-3	JG 18UA / JG 16U Tournament
Jan 8-10.....	JG 18U B / Peewee AA / Peewee A Tournament
Jan 15-17	Squirt C Tournament
Jan 22-24	12U A / 12U B Tournaments
Jan 29-31	VFW MN State Tournaments
Feb 11	Giving Hearts Day <3
Feb 24-27	Girls High School State Tournament
Feb 26-28	Bantam AA / Peewee AA Region Play Ins
Mar 5-7	MN Hockey Regional Tournament
Mar 10-13	Boys High School State Tournament
Mar 19-20	MN Hockey State Tournaments



Hi Moorhead Hockey Community!

Now that the dust has settled on the coaching change, I would love to thank the entire Moorhead hockey community for an overwhelmingly warm welcome. My family and I are so excited to be a part of this great hockey community.

Exciting things happening this summer. We are already half way through our summer training. It has been awesome getting on the ice with the girls. They are working hard and we are starting to build the foundation for the team and culture we will establish as a program.

A couple of things to highlight:

We are excited to announce the addition of Derek Sand to the coaching staff for the 2026-27 season! Derek is a West Fargo native who played collegiately at UW-Stout. Derek was a 2x captain for the Blue Devils. We are really excited to have him on board.

Also a huge shoutout to Kinsley Summers who was selected to compete in the USA Hockey Girls National Camp in Oxford, OH, July 13th - 18th. Big congrats to Kinsley for the well deserved opportunity.

Lastly, I hope everyone is finding the right balance between hockey and summer fun. Don't forget to spend some time away from the rink and reset during these months. That balance can seem harder and harder these days, but I encourage all players (and families) to enjoy some time away from the rink when they can!

I hope everyone has a great rest of the summer and I look forward to meeting a lot more people soon!

-Coach Casey Purpur

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Although we're five months from our regular season, it has been a busy Spring and beginning of Summer for our players and alumni. Joey Cullen was selected to play for the NTDP in Detroit. Brooks Cullen, Zac Zimmerman, Garrett Lindberg, Tyden Bergeson, Max Cullen, and Evan Wanner all played in the USHL playoffs. We also had six players selected in the USHL draft. Eight players were asked to participate in this Summer's USA Hockey Development camps in Buffalo, NY. In addition to all of their individual success we have over forty players participating in our Summer Training Program, which has gotten off to a great start. It is fun to see our current and former players' hard work and dedication being recognized.

Looking ahead, we have our annual golf tournament on July 16th at the Meadows Golf Course. The next week we will participate in a Summer tournament down in the cities, which has turned into a fun way to end seven weeks together in the Summer. While the Summer seems to have just started, the school year and season is quickly approaching.

-Coach Jon Ammerman



A note from the Executive Director....

Dear Moorhead Youth Hockey Families,

We hope you're enjoying a wonderful summer! While there's still plenty of sunshine ahead, we're already looking forward to another exciting hockey season at MYHA. Our staff has been hard at work preparing for the 2026–27 season, and we're excited to share a few updates, opportunities, and important dates to help your family get ready for another great year of Spud hockey.

2026–27 Early Season Registration

Registering early benefits both your family and our association.

- Spread out your payments over a longer period of time.
- Start selling your raffle tickets early.
- Help MYHA plan more effectively. Early registration gives us a better understanding of team numbers at each age level, allowing us to schedule tournaments, build teams, and create the best possible experience for all of our players and families.

2026–27 Season Kickoff Week

September 27 – October 2, 2026

We're excited to kick off another great hockey season with a week of fun events, including:

- A new Spud Crawl featuring discounts and specials at the gaming sites that support MYHA.
- The return of the Golf Marathon.
- Our Annual Fall Social at the Armory in Moorhead on October 1.
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We're always looking for silent auction donations and event sponsors for the Fall Social. If you or someone you know would be interested in supporting this fun community event, we'd love to hear from you!

*More details about Kickoff Week will be shared soon, and we hope you'll join us as we celebrate the start of another exciting hockey season.

2026–27 Team Sponsors & Advertising Partners

We are currently seeking Team Sponsors and Advertising Partners for the upcoming season. The support of local businesses and community members plays a vital role in creating outstanding opportunities for our athletes.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Team Sponsor or Advertising Partner, please visit the [Team Sponsor Registration](#) page or contact me by email or through the MYHA office. We appreciate your continued support of Moorhead Youth Hockey!

Go Spuds!

Sincerely,

Elli Laurila

Executive Director

Moorhead Youth Hockey Association

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MYHA Fundraisers

- Gun Raffle
- Golf Tournament Social
- Fall Social
- Holiday Wreaths
- Giving Hearts Day
- Graduating Mom's Spring Social
- Capital Campaign for facility additions and improvements

Fundraising Committee

- Jerilyn Leiseth
- Amy Mohelski
- Josh Jaster

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Do you like to play **BINGO**?
Come out & support **MYHA** at **Vic's**!

Monday & Wednesday
6:30 PM

Thursday
3:00 PM

Saturday
2:00 PM

Sunday
3:30 PM

BINGO				
10	18	40	53	74
3	23	37	55	70
15	24	★	51	62
5	30	43	54	65
1	28	33	58	67



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Red Hen - Thursday Nights at 6PM

HORSE RACES

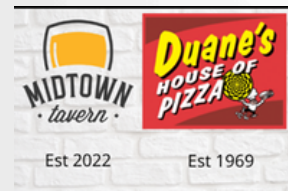
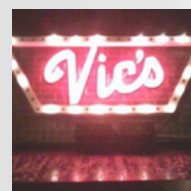


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