

To: Minnesota Hockey
From: Terry Evavold
Wes Bolin
Date: 5/23/2013
RE: Summer Report 2013

Hello, we hope all is well with you this day. The past quarter has been filled with a lot of activity within ADM. Both Wes and I attend the HP 16 and 17 Boy and Girls. Wes as a coach and I as Hockey Operations, matter of fact Wes agreed to take the position of ADM Coordinator at this event. I will let Wes tell you about himself.

WES BOLIN

Social Studies Teacher and Head Coach (Boys) at Woodbury High School (9 years), Head Coach at Fond du Lac, WI (18 years) and Head Coach at Hallock High School (3 years). Worked at numerous hockey camps for the past 30 years from Mites through Professionals and received the Dave Peterson Award from MHCA in 2013 for career work with youth hockey. Selected as Minnesota AA Coach of the Year in 2007 and Wisconsin Coach of the Year in 1995. Been involved in USA National Camps, Minnesota Advanced Programs, Minnesota's ADM Team, presenter at Level 4 Clinics, and holds a Level 5 USA Hockey Coaching Certification (1999).

Wes hosted his first meeting on May 17th in St. Cloud @ the USA Hockey level 4 event, held at the Best Western. Wes and Guy had several meetings to formulate a play of activities that included:

Agenda

2.5 hours of ICE

3 hours of class room and dinner.

ADM Members Present Wes Bolin, Guy Gosselin, Rick Lowe, Mark Palmer, Mike MacMillan, Dick Emahiser, Pat Western, Sean Stewart, Roger Mischke and Terry Evavold

ADM Member Absent Dave Margeneau, Mike Taylor, Scott Macho, Chris Lonke

The day was a big learning challenge for all as the Herb Brooks National Hockey Center lost all power so we were not going to get on the ice that day. We worked with the Best Western Staff to get a meeting room early and to get to work.

We had an open dialog around Minnesota Hockey and ADM as it relates to us. We worked on power point presentations and talked a lot about the delivery of the message and how we plan to deliver in 2013-14 season.

Wes and Guy communicated a plan of doing an every district tour during end of September through the first part of November where Guy Gosselin and members of the Skill Development team will provide instruction. We are also going to work with Derek to develop new marketing materials around our Skill Development workshops that are available to all associations. We hope to have an electronic application along with a menu of clinic for 2013-14 on the ADM page soon. Wes will let us know when

there up so your associations can start scheduling for the season. Our goal is to be mostly completed by the middle of November with our skill clinics.

Next on the agenda for ADM is to host a new member training early September we need to grow our team from 13 to 20 to make sure we always have coverage to support our clinic!

Sincerely,

Terry Evavold VP Hockey Ops
Wes Bolin ADM Coordinator

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District ACE Group

The first order of business for the Minnesota Hockey ACE group was to establish a current contact list. In addition, begin the task of updating Association ACE contacts as we build our e-mail contact lists to distribute information.

In a communication to the respective District Directors it was identified that some districts need to identify a District ACE Director. I will work with any District Director who would like my assistance in identification of individuals.

Presently;

District(s) 5, 6, 9, 11 have no designated District ACE Director

District(s) 1, 16 utilize the same person as District Head Coach and ACE Director

Program Support

There are three main programs the ACE group supports;

ADM (Wes Bolin)

Although planning is not complete it is apparent that each District ACE Director might need to assist in planning an on ice demonstration that would be designed to promote additional clinics for Associations as well as define the ADM philosophy.

CEP (Christian Koelling)

Many District ACE Directors are CEP Instructors and are working with the District Head Coaches to plan their CEP Schedule for the fall.

HEP (Terry Evavold)

The Hockey Education Program is under review with revisions expected, the ACE group will continue their strong support of this program in the respective districts this season.

Spring Level 4 CEP Clinic

113 coaches attended the USA Hockey CEP Level 4 Clinic in St. Cloud on May 19 and 20, 2013. Some of the District ACE Directors routinely participate as part of the Level 4 CEP Clinic staff. Christian Koelling appreciates their participation to make these clinics a success. This also builds the relationship between District Head Coaches who also participate and District ACE Directors.

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Wes Bolin (MH ADM) led the team of ADM Instructors and the Level 4 coaches in St. Cloud as part of the Level 4 training. The stations were well received and we had a Level 4 coach attendee help us with this ice session. Brian Bonin (Hobey Baker recipient) was in attendance and assisted with the training, his passion and excitement for the game was evident as he helped teach. Thanks Brian!

Budget

The Minnesota Hockey ACE Program Budget has been submitted for approval. This budget represents financial assistance to continue communication to all District associations. In addition, funding of District visits throughout the season are anticipated.

REEBOK/MINNESOTA HOCKEY
2012-2013 High Performance Reebok Program Report
Meeting Report
Summer, 2013

The majority of the 2012-13 High Performance Reebok Programs for Minnesota Hockey have been completed. We will finish up with the 15 Boys and Girls Camps in St. Cloud followed by the HBF 15 Prep Camp and the Dave Peterson Goalie Camp.

We will again give about 2500+ athletes from 15's through 18 (High School) an opportunity through the programs listed below to compete, train, develop and be exposed at home and in their communities.

Below is a list of and affiliated HP Programs that receive Olympic Development Status.

2012-13 Program Directors:

15 Girls/Boys

14/15 Fall HPH

16/17 Girls

16/17 Boys

Great 8 / U18 Ted Brill Tournament

CCM Boys National Invitational Tournament

CCM Girls National Invitational Tournament

HP Dave Peterson Goalie Camp

HP Model Camp

Girls Senior and Junior Fest

Elite I – John Russo

Minnesota Prep Elite Development League

Premier Prep Girls

The use of the new HP Program information on the Minnesota Hockey website has been a positive tool for our players, parents and hockey fans. The utilization of our FSN package to promote our programs and Minnesota Hockey during Gopher and Wild games during the season we feel was a result in better exposure of our events and increased revenues and participation. New video has been added to program information on the website and each program page, as well as clips from the FSN package can now be added to site as well.

The new streamlined budget process established last year for all programs players, coaches has been successful and recreated equity in costs and increased revenues. The online tool designed by our sub-committee and TST has been a great asset so far and during the Great 8 and U18's it was very successful. The new player profiles that were created have added a lot to the process and our new process of using thumb drives for scouts saved a lot on printing costs.

Newand Completed 2012-13:

1. Website Updates – completed registration tool (coach & player), player profiles and rosters
2. 16/17 Parent Player Meetings During Festival's scheduled and agenda being completed
3. 14/15 Fall Revised Program, website updated and coordinating with district head coaches and 15 district GM's.
4. Upgraded marketing and promotions, completed ad's and interviews for branding.
5. ADM Practice Plans Added to Camps, 15 staff's received a copy.
6. New Upgraded Registration Tool for Players and Coaches, done as per above.

All of our programs gained Olympic Development status from USA Hockey and MSHSL so we have no eligibility problems with our players and coaches. In addition Guy Gosselin our ADM regional manager continues to give information to our coaches and program directors on current practice and development changes. He has been resource for our 14/15 staff's as well as providing practice plans to our 15 spring development staff's. We will be holding a conference call with our Boys and Girls 15 Development Director's to review summer on and off ice curriculums.

A budget review meeting was held with Kathy and Glenn to go over issue's related to 2013-14 budgets. In addition Todd Elmer our off season associate reg. has done a great job in working with the Program Director's to make sure staff's were reg, screened and process followed well.

Moving forward into 2013-14 we will be adding HP Model Camp currently run by University of Minnesota in conjunction with the college coaches, ADM Regional Manager and CEP staff under our umbrella. There will be no budget impact as U of M currently operates event great way to implement ADM and LTAD principals with players 15 – 18 and educate the college coaches in the region.

We had great success marketing our programs and dates to the college division 1 and 3 coaches around the country to enhance the opportunities for our players. All the programs had great turnout of college, junior, and pro staff's represented at The Great 8, U18, 16 and 17's as well as NIT.

All other program information can be found on www.minnesotahockey.org

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike MacMillan – Minnesota Hockey Reebok/CCM High Performance Director

June 22, 2013

Reebok MN Hockey High Performance 15 Program review

The boys and girls HP 15 programs started on March 19 with phase one conducting trials for the district. Each district picked their top 30 players to participate in 8-10 skills session for phase two to prepare for the selection of their district team. Each district, after the skills sessions, picked their top 20 players to compete for their district team. The seeding/round robin games were played on April 20-21st, leading up to the Spring Festival. The Spring Festival was held at Braemar Arena on April 26-28th. During the Spring Festival the boys and girls evaluators picked the top 102 players to compete in the Summer Festival in St Cloud. Both camps will be held at St. Cloud State University. The boys dates were June 8-13th and the girls June 15-20st.

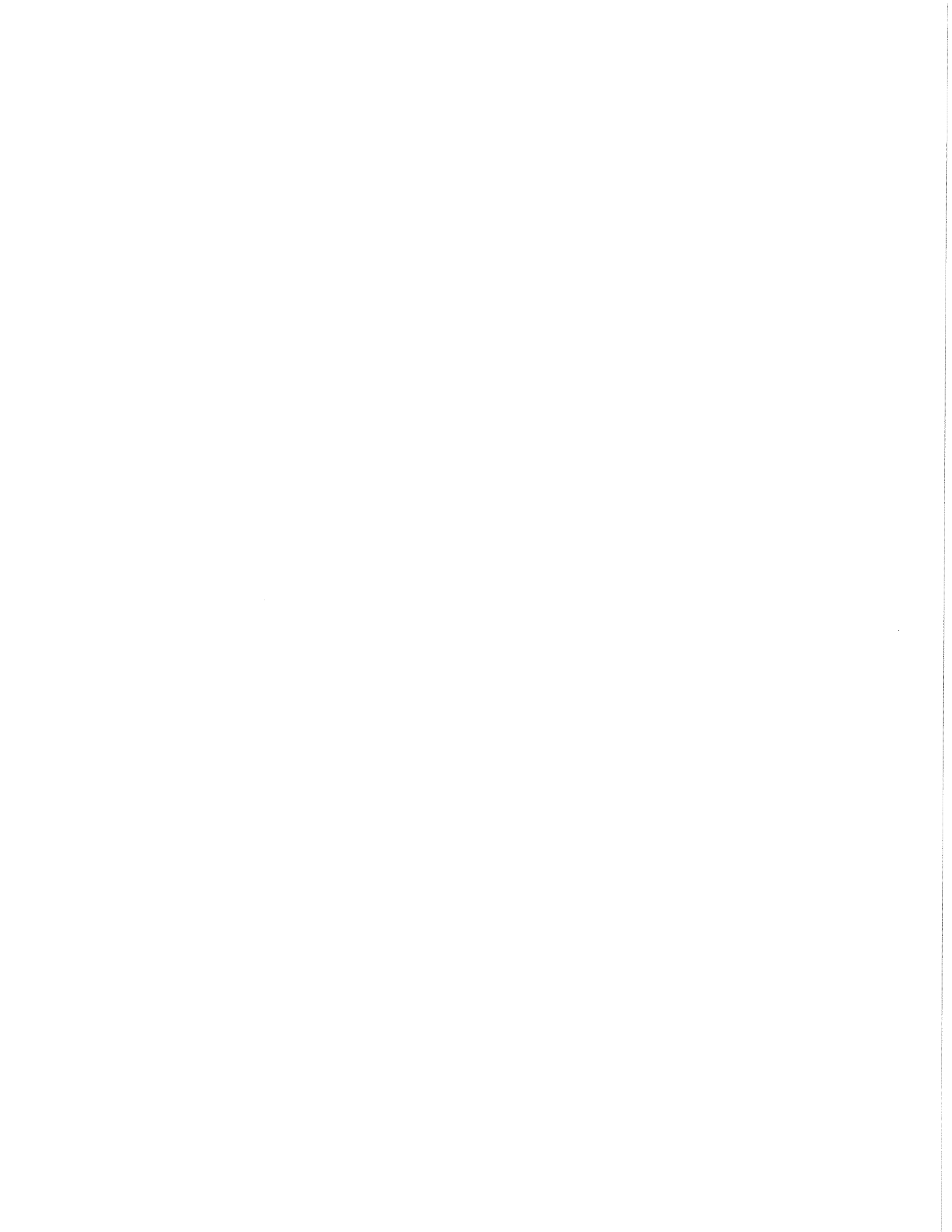
The Summer Festival staff's then picked the top 22 players plus alternates for the boy's camp and the top 13 players plus alternates at the girl's camp. These names were turned into USA Hockey for their Select 15 National Development camps. The boys camp will be held July 14-20st in Amherst, NY and the girls camp will be held at State Cloud State University July 19-25th.

The players and alternates will be asked to attend the annual Minnesota Hockey/Herb Brooks warm up camp to be held in at the National Sport Center in Blaine, MN. Thirty (30) players from each group will participate in a three and half day camp to get ready for the Select 15 National Development Camp. Christian Koelling along with many division one and division three coaches will be running the boy's sessions. Jackie MacMillan and Sanya Sandahl are running the girl's sessions using the same model as the boy's with college coaches. This is the fourth year for the boys and the third for the girls. These camps have been a huge success in getting the players ready to compete at the national level of play. The boys and girls names are posted on the Minnesota Hockey web site.

Our staff increased the number of district teams for the girls from 8 to 10 teams. With the increase of teams we moved the Spring Festival to Braemar Arena which will host the Spring Festival for 2012-13 through 2015. The dates of the 2013-14 Spring Festival will be April 25-27th, 2014. St. Cloud State University has assured us they can host the Summer Festival in 2014 for both boys and girls. There was some concern, due to building construction, but we were assured the building will be in operating condition on both rinks.

The girls and boys staffs are reviewing the structure for next year in September. The entire program was reviewed for any changes that needed to be made moving forward.

John Perry
Director, Reebok MN Hockey High Performance 15 Program's
Minnesota Hockey



DIRECTOR, HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS
REPORT FOR MINNESOTA HOCKEY MTG. 6/23/13

1. The high school Junior Festival was recently held at Fogerty Arena in Blaine, MN (June 13-16). There was some discussion over the weekend about the overlap with the OS Prospects event being held at the same time. The Prospects event is a private enterprise that was scheduled after the Junior Festival was already on the calendar. In fact the Prospects event has been expanded to three weekends over the summer. Though some of the top players chose to participate in the Prospects tournament, the Junior Festival still attracted over 20 college coaches with many players having an opportunity to talk with the coaches at the conclusion of their last games.

2. The Minnesota High School N.I.T. was held April 25-28 at the Plymouth Ice Center in Plymouth, MN. The Minnesota girls' teams were again very successful in the event with the Minnesota Senior girls winning their third straight N.I.T. title. The Minnesota U18 finished with a 3rd place win by defeating team North Dakota. An issue was brought to the attention of the N.I.T. Girls Director about how the Senior Girls team was selected for this tournament. A telephone discussion was held with Mr. Doug Foster regarding the selection process. He later determined that he was given some false information on which he based his questions regarding this process. The selection process is as follows:
 - i. Each coaching staff from the Senior Classic is asked to submit the names of any players participating in the Senior Classic to be added to the ranking/voting list for selection to the NIT. Once the list is assembled (and names can be added at any time), it is given to the coaches to observe the players being considered for the NIT.
 - ii. At the end of the Senior Classic, each coaching staff from each of the eight sections was asked to rank the players from highest to lowest by position. After all of the rankings were received from the eight coaching staffs, the "invite" list was produced.
 - iii. Players were then invited to participate in the NIT with invitations being sent to the top 2 ranked goalies, the top 6 defenders and the top 12 forwards.
 - iv. Both top goalies accepted the invitation. Five of the six defenders accepted the invitation with the 7th ranked defender taking the spot of the defender who declined the invitation. Two forwards declined the NIT invitation and they were replaced with forwards ranked #13 and #14.
 - v. We feel the selection process to be very transparent. Players are selected on their current level of play and not on their "reputations" thus allowing players the opportunity to prove themselves based on their current skill and motivation levels.

3. However, based on discussions with some of the coaches and the HP leadership staff, we are going to add to an evaluation team of 4-6 people to observe the Senior Classic games and supplement the evaluations of each of the section coaching staffs. Evaluators will receive a small stipend for their services. This will be implemented for the 2014 Senior Classic.
4. The MGHCA has, under the direction of committee chair Bill Halbrehder, selected eight individuals to be the inaugural Minnesota Girls Hockey Coaches Association Hall of Fame inductees. Those names will be released to the media once all candidates or their families have been notified. The awards banquet will be held Friday, October 11th at the NSC Schwan Center in Blaine, MN. Formal banquet invitations will be mailed as soon as banquet plans are finalized.
5. The MGHCA Fall Clinic will be held at the NSC Schwan Center in Blaine, MN on Friday and Saturday, October 11-12, 2013. The clinic will start at 8:00am. University of Minnesota Head Women's Hockey Coach, Brad Frost, will be one of the keynote speakers for the clinic. Again clinic details will be published on the website as the details are finalized.
6. The Premier Prep League plans are currently being implemented for this coming fall's high school league. The league director is Jessica Christopherson. This league is taking the place of the "Elite 2" league. We changed the name to remove any confusion or comparison with the Midwest Elite 1 League. The Premier Prep league is designed to give high school players an affordable opportunity to participate in a quality league that is designed around the schedules of busy high school athletes who may be participating in other high school sports or activities. Teams from North Dakota and the Northern Plains District will also participate on a couple of selected weekends to supplement the number of games and teams in the league. All players, coaches and teams will be sanctioned and registered with USA hockey. The league will start the weekend after Labor Day and run through October 27th. The high school season opens Monday, October 28th.

Respectfully submitted by Tim Morris, Girls HS Director, MN Hockey