



WELCOME TO THE 2020 15B STATE TOURNAMENT

Hello Teams-

On behalf of Rochester Youth Hockey Association congratulations for making it to a state tournament. This is a great accomplishment for your team. We at Rochester Youth Hockey want to try and make this a great and memorable event for your team. In this welcome letter I will go over some details of the tournament and give you some information about other details involving the tournament.

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GAME LOCATION: All games will be played at the Rochester Recreation Center located at 21 Elton Hills Drive NW, Rochester, MN 55901. All games will be played on the South Rink. The state's largest swim meet will also be held at the Rec Center that same weekend. So parking will be at a premium. We are working with the Rec Center to secure a shuttle location close to the rink where if you needed to you can park and ride the shuttle over to the rink. We are trying to work with the hotels about using their shuttles to bring teams over to the rink and back to the hotel. As we get more information about the shuttle we will pass that on.

GAME PLAY: Games are scheduled for two hours. There will be a re-surfacing after each period. We will provide warm up pucks for each game. We will follow all of the rules provided to you. It will be a two person reffing crew for all games. The periods will be 15 minute stop time.

BANQUET: We are hosting both the 12B and 15B state tournament. We will be hosting a joint banquet for all 16 teams on Thursday, March 12th at 7pm. The banquet will be at the Kahler Grand Hotel in downtown Rochester in the Heritage Halls room which is located in the lower level of the hotel. The address is 20 2nd Ave SW, Rochester, MN 55902. Rochester will cover the cost of the banquet for the players and coaches. All other attendees will need to purchase a ticket for \$20. You will need to let me know how many tickets you want ASAP. We have a max capacity of 575 people. We will have a dinner, team introductions, and a guest speaker. Parking is limited in downtown Rochester so you will either need to park in a ramp or if your hotel has a shuttle I would recommend you using that. We would like to start serving food at 7pm.

HOTEL: We have a room block of 20 rooms for each team at hotels in Rochester. Your hotel assignments and hotel contacts are below.

Hotel	Team	Hotel Contact	Hotel Phone	Hotel Email
Aspen Suites	15B Amer. #1	Rosie Schacht	507-288-1432	sales@rmnhotel.com
Aspen Suites	15B Amer. #2	Rosie Schacht	507-288-1432	sales@rmnhotel.com
Doubletree	15B Amer. #3	Rebecca Tesch	507-529-2423	Rebecca.tesch@hilton.com
Hilton Garden Inn	15B Amer. #4	Rebecca Tesch	507-529-2423	Rebecca.tesch@hilton.com
Centerstone Plaza	15B Nat. #1	Kristine Ihrke	507-292-7337	kihrke@soldiersfield.com
Centerstone Plaza	15B Nat. #2	Kristine Ihrke	507-292-7337	kihrke@soldiersfield.com
Hotel Indigo	15B Nat. #3	Andrew Wright	507-252-8200	Andrew.wright@olivercompanies.com
Kahler Grand	15B Nat. #4	Michelle Allen	507-285-4045	mallen@kahlerhospitalitygroup.com

CHECK IN: We will have check in at the banquet starting as early as 6pm. You will need to bring with you the following. MN approved roster, 12 game stickers, your \$400 registration check made out to RYHA, and your banquet money. If your team isn't planning on attending the banquet then you will need to check in one hour prior to your first game at the rink. You will need to let me know that you need to check in at the rink.

TEAM HOST: Each team will be assigned a team host. This host will be from our association. They will help get you checked in at the banquet, get you your team bags and apparel. They will show you your assigned seats at the banquet. They will also be a resource to help with things to do in Rochester, places to eat for groups. They will be at the rink when you play to show you to your locker room and help with anything you possibly need.

TEAM APPAREL: Whatever apparel your team pre-orders we will have at check in at the banquet or at the rink. Also I believe there may be limited apparel at the rink, but I wouldn't plan on that.

TICKETS AND PROGRAMS: We will have state tournament passes for sale at the banquet. Everyone besides the players and coaches will need a state tournament pass or ticket to enter the game. So if you want to get that out of the way we will be selling those at the banquet. They will also be sold at the rink every day. Prices are as follows and are set by Minnesota Hockey

Adult Tournament Pass - \$20, Adult Daily Admission - \$10, Senior and Student Tournament Pass - \$10,
Senior and Student Daily Admission - \$8, 10 and under – Free, In-Uniform Service (Veterans/Active Duty) – Free

Programs will be \$3 – I recommend getting these early as we will only have a limited amount.

Please e-mail me right away at the email address above so we can start getting everything ready for you!!

Thanks

Rob Cothorn

RYHA Tournament Director