



January 2026 Newsletter

ARAA Updates

Board Elections

January brings elections for President · Treasurer · Football Commissioner · Soccer Commissioner. If you are interested in applying for one of those positions, please [complete our application](#).

2026 Sponsorship Dinner

Date: Feb 13th, 2026

Times: 5:30-6:30: registration and silent auction

6:30: dinner begins

Theme: "Behind the Scenes: Celebrating Effort"

Rationale: Our theme this year is "Behind the Scenes: Celebrating Effort." It's a celebration of all the hard work families and athletes put in behind the scenes - the training, the driving, the dollars, all of it. Sports families "give up" a lot, but we all know it's totally worth it in the long run!

[Please join us!](#)

Charitable Gambling

Anoka Ramsey Athletic Association partners with businesses to offer charitable gambling to our community. What is Charitable gambling? Charitable gambling is an opportunity for community members to support the youth of Anoka and Ramsey with organized sports and activities to participate in. Our gambling partners provide incentivized giving to our organization. For our 4400 athletes over 10 activities, the charitable gambling contributions provide upgraded playing facilities, equipment, and experiences. Please consider visiting one of our partners and check out our charitable gambling Facebook page for the latest info on bingo, meat raffles, and more!



Football

Contact: Football@arsports.org

Started our winter workouts at Adrenaline- Jan 4- March 22nd from 1pm-3:30pm- For grades 4-11 this includes upcoming 4th graders. Free just show up and start to work on the little details.

This year our season will be starting sooner than normal due to labor day being later this year. Date to Mark on your calendar:

Coaching applications- Open right now

Registration will be opening April 10th this season

Equipment pick up will be at Central Park week of July 6th- watch for more details on dates when we get closer to the time

Youth Camp- July 27th- 30th

Tackle Practice Starts August 3rd

Anoka Kick off Classic- August 22nd

Tackle games will start August 29th/ 30th

Still looking to fill some more board positions. Please check out our website for positions and if you have any questions or would like to help our with something that is not listed please reach out to the Commissioner Mitch Lonnee at football@arsports.org.



Basketball

Contact: basketball@arsports.org

- Picture Day for teams on 1/8 or 1/12 at Lord of Life Church
- Anoka-Ramsey Youth Basketball Outing: January 24th @ 4:00pm Timberwolves vs. Warriors, Target Center.
 - Select players will have the opportunity to high-five the players before they take the court in the pregame Fan Tunnel. In addition, everyone who purchases a ticket through this offer will have the opportunity to come on the court following the game and shoot a free-throw!

§ TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

Link - <https://tickets.timberwolves.com/offers/3503>

Access Code - AnokaBoys2526



Lacrosse

Contact: lacrosse@arsports.org

Lots of stuff happening for Lacrosse!

- Returning lacrosse players – make sure you are registered for winter training. <https://arsports.sportngin.com/register/form/224112431>

Training starts January 10 and last nine weeks. All boys 8 a.m. and all girls 9 a.m. This is a skills based training led by coaches and high school players at Adrenaline Sports Center in Ramsey.

It's Happening

Saturdays, January 10 - March 7

Winter Lacrosse Training

8 a.m. All Boys  9 a.m. All Girls

Cost \$115

<https://arsports.sportngin.com/register/form/224112431>



Adrenaline Sports Center, Ramsey
Equipment available to borrow

- Interested in learning about lacrosse? Join one or both of our Try Lacrosse for Free Clinics

No registration required – equipment provided – all ages welcome

Friday, January 23 6-7 p.m.

Monday, March 3 7-8 p.m.

TRY LACROSSE FOR FREE

Boys and Girls Youth

- Registration for all seasons opening soon. Watch your email for more details



Softball

Contact: softball@arsports.org

New Year. New Goals. New Season Ahead! 🏆 ✨

A new year brings fresh goals, big dreams, and renewed energy to grow and improve. As we kick off 2026, we're excited to focus on skill development, teamwork, and building confidence—both on and off the field.

❄️ **Winter Clinics Begin January 11** ❄️

Our winter clinics are the perfect opportunity for players to sharpen their skills, stay active during the off-season, and prepare for an exciting spring season ahead. There is still time to join us:

<https://forms.gle/pXq8phknxv6sbDdx5>

🏆 **Registration Opening Soon for the Upcoming Season!** 🏆

Be sure to follow us on Facebook and visit our website for registration details and important updates coming soon.

Let's make this year one of growth, hustle, and love for the game!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at softball@arsports.org.

We look forward to seeing you on the field!