

Hastings Hockey Boosters
September 14, 2025
Monthly Meeting Agenda
The Confluence Hotel at 6:00 PM



Roll Call

- Approval of agenda
- Approval of August meeting minutes

Membership Comment

- Move-Up Policy exception request - Strong

Officer Reports

- President – Curtis Gerrits
 - Scholarship/Financial Assistance update
 - Registration and Budget update
- Vice President – Dave Fullerton
 - Tryout information / Tryout scrimmage information
 - Avario ice schedule update – October schedule – Rest of the year schedule
 - Game Sheet
 - Hosted tournament update
 - Golf tournament
 - Hockey Day MN 2026 update

Director Reports

- Director of Hockey – Sean McCabe
 - Team designation approvals
 - Mite player move up request (from Hockey Development Committee)
 - Coach approvals (non-parent coaches): 15U, Squirt, Peewee, Bantams
 - Squirt B1 head coach recommendation
 - Hockey Development Committee update
- Gambling Manager – Kristin LeFebvre
 - Monthly gambling update
 - LG1004 Monthly Gambling Report to Members

Coordinator Reports

- Recruitment Coordinator – Adam Elling
 - Recruiting /Try Hockey For Free update
- Registrar – Lisa Ferdig
 - Missing player or volunteer registrations - Asst from Level Directors
 - Membership - registration not always working with Chrome
 - Coaches registration is open:
<https://www.hastingshockey.com/page/show/391662-coaches-registration>
 - Coaches concussion training documents must be received this year
 - NOTE THAT TRAINING CAN BE COMPLETED THROUGH:
 - a) USA Hockey online age modules
 - b) The Center for Disease Control:
<https://www.cdc.gov/heads-up/training/youth-sports.html>
 - c) National Federation of State High School Associations:
<https://nfhslearn.com/courses/concussion-in-sports-2>
 - d) Training provided through other youth sport programs

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Old Business

New Business

- Handbook updates and approval

Board Comment

Adjournment

Next Meeting

- October 12, 2025

Attached Documents

- HHB Move-Up Policy 2025.pdf (approved by HHB Board May 18, 2025)

PLAYER LEVEL MOVE UP POLICY

In-House Levels:

- All players will skate at the appropriate age and grade levels set forth by Minnesota Hockey and USA Hockey.
- If a player's grade aligns with a higher level, although their age does not, the player can choose to participate at the higher level. Proper documentation (e.g., school transcript) may be requested by the Board of Directors.
- If a player's age is eligible for a higher level but their grade is not, the player must play at the appropriate age level and cannot move down with their grade.
- If a player requests to move to a higher in-house level and is not age or grade eligible, it will be at the discretion of the level director(s) and the in-house commissioner to approve the move.

Note: The Hastings Hockey Board of Directors highly recommends that players participate at the appropriate age and grade levels set forth by Minnesota Hockey and USA Hockey to best suit the long-term development of the player.

Travel Levels:

- All players will skate at the appropriate age and grade levels set forth by Minnesota Hockey and USA Hockey.
- If a player's grade aligns with a higher level, although their age does not, the player can choose to participate at the higher level. Proper documentation (e.g., school transcript) may be requested by the Board of Directors.
- If a player's age is eligible for a higher level but their grade is not, the player must play at the appropriate age level and cannot move down with their grade.
- *Players who are age or grade eligible for the Squirt/10U, Peewee/12U, and Bantam/15U levels will not be permitted to advance based on skill level*
- *Skill-based advancement is allowed for Mite and 8U players. Those in their final year of eligibility for Mite and 8U may submit a PLAYER MOVE UP APPLICATION to advance to Squirt/10U. Please note that this policy does not apply to goalies; no skill-based advancement will be permitted for goalies. Please see additional details on the Mite and 8U PLAYER MOVE UP APPLICATION based on skill.*

Additional Details - Mite and 8U PLAYER MOVE UP APPLICATION BASED ON SKILL:

- *Parents of a player in their final year of Mite/U8 who request to play at Squirt/U10 level due to skill must complete the PLAYER MOVE UP APPLICATION on the Registration Page no later than May 30th of that calendar year.*
- *The Hockey Development Committee (HDC) will review the application. Following their review, the HDC will either deny the request or forward a recommendation for approval to the Board of Directors (BOD). The decision and/or recommendation by the HDC must be made no later than the July BOD meeting.*
- *The criteria for allowing a player to move up will be based on an evaluation of the player's skill, ability to contribute to the older team, and their emotional and physical maturity relative to the older team. Additionally, the presence of similarly talented players at the player's current age level will be considered. "Like talent" refers to players within the Mite/U8 programs. If such talent exists, the HDC will generally opt against moving the player up.*
- *If the application is recommended by the HDC, a motion must be made to the Hastings Hockey Board of Directors, followed by a second and then moved to a vote. Approval of the application will be granted upon a majority vote of the HHB Board Members, once approved the following conditions apply:*
 1. *The Squirt/10U Hockey Director, Director of Hockey, will inform the participant of the tryout decision before July 31st*
 2. *The player will try out at the upper level*
 3. *If the player is rated among the top 7 of all players at the Squirt/U10 level, they will be placed on the top team. Ratings are determined by the tryout evaluators, and the Head Coach of the top team.*
 4. *If the player is not one of the top 7 rated players at the Squirt/U10 level after tryouts/evaluations, they will be asked to move back down to their age-appropriate level of Mite/U8.*

General Policy:

- *It is important to remember that a player who seems to have superior skill at their current level may not have mastered the skills to stay competitive at a higher level. Physical skill is not the only barometer; mental development and maturity are equally important.*
- *The intent of the program is to let players develop to their highest potential at their current level. However, if a player demonstrates exceptional skill and mental*

maturity, they can be considered for a move up. Each request will be considered on a case-by-case basis according to the principles and procedures outlined.

Additional Hastings Hockey Board of Directors Board Move-Up Requests:

- *On occasion there may be a need to move players to a higher level based on team sizes, number of goalies, and/or age range of players.*
- *The selection of players to move up will first be recommended by the appropriate level director(s) and Director of Hockey.*
- *Upon the recommendation by the level director(s) and Director of Hockey a motion must be made to the Hastings Hockey Board of Directors, followed by a second and then moved to a vote. Approval will be granted upon a majority vote of the HHB Board Members.*
- *Final decisioning for the move-up will be made collectively by the player and their parents and/or legal guardians.*