

# Moses Lake Youth Hockey Association

## Board Meeting Agenda

04/23/2025, 5:30pm  
2609 West Broadway Ave, Moses Lake



**Attendance:** Chris Johnson, Dan Niehinke, Troy Wiley, Ryan Porter, Alyssa Barlow, Mike Meetsma, Kelli Hesse, Jaron Shaddix, Todd Gregory

We discussed the benefits of hosting the city Parks and Rec program for a “session 1”. We really need to keep this format as the advertising and marketing is a huge benefit to us.

We discussed some different scenarios. Many of these come down to the number of coaches on the ice. We are trying to recruit more coaches and work to develop coaches at the beginning hockey/8u level so that we have enough coaches to run the number of teams we could have. We will be utilizing on-ice helpers this year. They can volunteer and learn but can't be on the bench during a game.

We talked about the difference in calling teams 6u/8u vs a novice/intermediate level.

We discussed how the program went this year and what went well. We talked about if we keep beginning hockey separate or combined with 8u.

We talked about having all the parks and rec kids move to 8u. Kids registered at the beginning of the season will have preference in playing in games and tournaments. It will be dependent on the number of coaches we have and how many kids can play on travel teams.

The Shamrock Showdown would be a good time to have an intermediate team and a beginner team.

We like the idea of giving them the option of either becoming a practice player or a full team player. Practice players would only attend practices and some home games. A full team player is invited to everything we do. This will be dependent on the number of coaches.

### **\*Final Decision\***

We will separate the teams as 6u/8u. If a 6u player is ready to move up they could petition to move up to 8u by filling out a play-up request. Coaches would evaluate and approve or not approve the move-up. 6u games would be mostly home but we would take them to the CDA tournament. 7 and 8 year olds will only have the choice of joining the 8u team. Currently enrolled MLYHA members that qualify for 6u would still need to petition to play-up.

8u hockey beginning of season registration cost \$350  
6u hockey beginning of season registration cost \$200  
After parks and rec we charge \$300 for 8u, \$150 for 6u

City-run session 1 only  
Move kids to MLYHA  
MLYHA has 2 teams. Kids will either join 6u or 8u based on age.