



Co-op Guidelines

By WAHA definition a co-op is formed when an association determines it does not have enough players to form a team on its own. The intent of a co-op is to allow everyone that wants to play hockey the opportunity to do so. A co-op is formed with neighboring associations to form one full team or to complete a second team. A co-op is determined on a year by year basis.

The Coulee Region Stars co-op is made up of players from and the partnership of Holmen Onalaska Tornado Youth Hockey, LaCrosse Flames, and West Salem Panthers. Each skater is part of the co-op of girls only teams but everyone registers with their home youth hockey association. The partnership continues throughout high school play as the Cyclones.

Yearly volunteer hours and fundraising are based on your home association's requirements. Holmen Onalaska Tornado currently requires 20 volunteer hours for returning families (10 hours for new TYH families) and to sell or purchase 10 raffle tickets. River City Youth Hockey of La Crosse currently requires 30 volunteer hours for all families, the sale of 30 raffle tickets, and Heggie's pizza sales. West Salem Panthers currently requires 15 hours for second year skaters and above, high school concessions work, the sale of 15 calendar/ raffle tickets.

Coaches and team managers from all of the associations will be recruited and assigned for each team within the co-op. Both roles require the completion of SafeSport, background check, and USA Hockey registration. Coaches must also complete the appropriate age level module training and CEP certification. All requirements will be submitted to the association that is rostering the co-op teams that year.

Decision making for the co-op requires a joint effort from the appointed Girls Hockey Director from each association as well as the association boards and coaches. Player issues, financial spending, and disputes that directly impact the association will be reported to the association boards immediately and the appropriate actions will be decided on. The co-op's day to day tasks and decisions will be discussed and decided upon by the girls directors followed by monthly updates to the association boards.

2025-2026 Appointed Girls Directors

Holmen Onalaska Tornado Youth Hockey - Andrea Kelm
River City Youth Hockey of La Crosse - Megan Binsfeld
West Salem Hockey Association - Angela Gross

2025-2026 Association Board Presidents

River City Youth Hockey of La Crosse - Matt Hansen
<https://www.lacrossehockey.com/>
Holmen Onalaska Tornado Youth Hockey - Levi Adank
<https://www.tornadoyouthhockey.org/>
West Salem Hockey Association - Teesha Willinger
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