

# SMHA NEWSLETTER



This Thanksgiving, whether you're celebrating with family or friends, we hope your holiday is filled with warmth, joy, and plenty of delicious food!

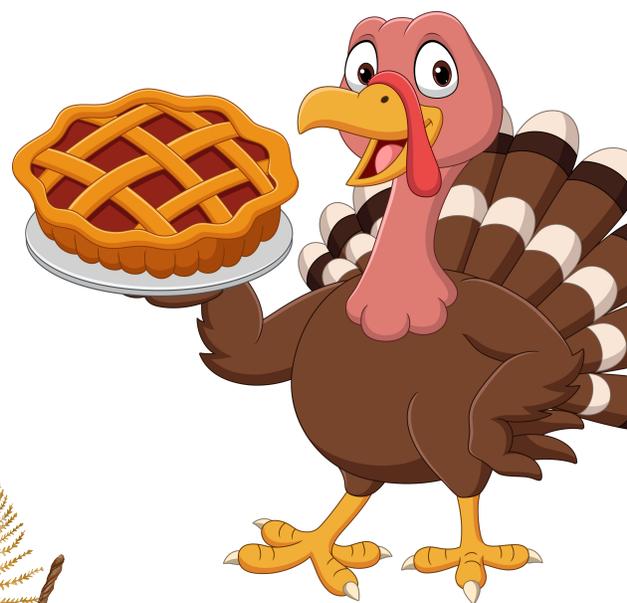
The Soo Michigan Hockey Association (SMHA) is excited to welcome all our new and returning players, families, and volunteers to another great season of hockey! At SMHA, we remain dedicated to fostering the growth and development of youth hockey in our community. This season, we're proud to host the following teams: HIP, U6, U8, U10AA, U12, U12AA, U14, and U18. Our goal is to provide every player with opportunities to learn, develop, and thrive—both on and off the ice.

We believe that hockey is about more than just the game—it's about teamwork, sportsmanship, and having fun. Creating an inclusive, supportive, and enjoyable environment for all players is our top priority. When kids are having fun, they learn, grow, and build a lifelong love for the sport!

If you have any questions, concerns, or feedback, please don't hesitate to contact our Communications Director, Rob Horn. We're here to support you and ensure a positive experience for everyone in our hockey family.

Thank you for being part of this historic and passionate hockey community. We truly value each of our members and are committed to putting our players first in everything we do. Here's to a fantastic season—let's make it one to remember as we watch our players develop, have fun, and succeed together!

Best regards,  
The Soo Michigan Hockey Association





Congratulations  
to the Boo in the  
Soo  
Champions!



# BOARD INFO

## Happy Nov Birthdays:

Maddox C 10U AA  
Jackson S 10U AA  
Beaux C 12U AA  
Dillon M 12U B  
Cameron H 12U B  
Nathaniel M 12U B  
Jason O 14U  
Graham D 8U  
Jackson J 8U  
Waylon L 8U  
Easton A 8U  
Oliver B HIP/6U  
Grady H JV



## 2025-2026 SMHA Board of Directors



Board members contact info can be found on the website under the SMHA Board tab.

President Joe Esson  
Vice-president Emily TenEyck  
Secretary VACANT  
Treasurer Cheyenne Holappa  
Tournament Director Ken Talsma  
Coaching Director Damon Whitten  
HIP/6U/8U Director Dan Kozal  
House Director Matt Parker  
Travel Director Sheena Adams  
Registrar Diane Maleport  
Communication Director Rob Horn  
Ice Scheduler Katelynn Coon

SMHA Board Meeting  
Monday, Nov 24, 2025  
6 pm  
Big Bear Hospitality Room

The following SMHA Board position is vacant. If you are interested in filling this position, please contact a Board member. Or come to the next Board meeting on November 24.

**Secretary**



# 8U GAME NIGHT



# Team Corner

## 12U B Elks Youth

The players are working hard starting their season and adding in extra practices. They are eager to have their first series this weekend in Traverse City.

## 6U and 8U

Takeover and fundraising event for the Mite program on Nov 14 & 15 at LSSU Laker Hockey. Featuring Parent run concessions, Mite Mini Game during intermission, raffle, and on Saturday our 8U players will be in charge of the game! Come to the game and see our players performing game jobs such as DJ, Photographer, Penalty box attendant, PA announcer, Directing the Pep Band, working the ticket office and even taking over as Athletic Director, among others!