



Minnesota Hockey District 3
Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes
Plymouth Community Center - Aspen Room
January 14th, 2026

	Executive Committee & Associates			Association Reps	
X	Paul Steenerson	District Director	X	Kevin Pote	ACYHA
	Gina Hansen	President/Scheduling	X	Kim Kane	Delano Area
X	Michelle Jirik	Administrator	X	Tim Klenz	Hopkins
X	Josh Hicks	Hockey Operations	X	Matt Marsh	Minneapolis
X	Machel Whitmore	Registrar	X	Mike Walsh	Mound Westonka
X	Todd Sherner	Treasurer	X	Matt Kinder	Orono
X	Neil Olson	BHRA President	X	Nick Rice	OMG
X	Matt Olsonoski	BHRA Supervisor	X	Charlie McChesney	St Louis Park
X	Mike Anderson	BHRA Scheduler	X	Ben Norton	Wayzata
X	Michelle Jirik	Tourney Coord.			
	Chad Wieneke	HP/Tier 1 Program Dir.			
X	Josh Hicks	Coach-in-Chief		Guests/Alternates Present:	
X	Tim Przybyski	Disciplinary Chair			
	George Teeuwen	Girls Coordinator			
X	Paul Steenerson-Interm	Membership Devel.			
X	Greg Gibson	JGHSL			
	Todd Larson	JGHSL			
X	Andy Treno	Goalie Coordinator			
X	Michelle Ugurlu	Mite Coordinator			

Call to order TIME: 7:01 pm

Approval of December 10th, 2025 Meeting Minutes:

- Time: 7:03 pm
- Motion to approve: Tim
- Seconded: Matt
- Minutes Approved: yes

District 3 Director Report: Disciplinary actions and reminder to notify officials and not me. Please contact Matt Olsonoski for questions. 10U/Squirts and Intermediate nets meeting - there is a push throughout the country to use intermediate nets. B2-C Super Series Tournament meeting on Sunday Jan 11th to finalize the tournament. Discussion regarding our partnership with D6 for PWAA, BAA, 15A and communications with D6 - would like to get some parameters in place that outlines the rules and responsibilities with rescheduling games and



a few other rules. Would work with Wayzata and Maple Grove on these guidelines. Upper Squirrel A teams for next season are unlikely to occur and would need to have balanced teams. Clock Mgmt for minor officials, rinks, etc. The hour clock is to be used and work with the officials and the minor officials to monitor that clock. Teams with no rostered goalie cannot advance to regions MN Hockey Rule.

District 3 President Report: I apologize for missing the meeting. Thank you to Paul and Michelle for stepping in. We had a number of requests for game reschedules around the holidays. Most were denied. As a reminder, we are staying aligned with the USA Hockey guideline of 6 players. Thanks to everyone who had to flex a little bit. We have received the final Region Seeds except for BTAA, PWAA and 15A. We have two seeds per region except for 12A where we will have 3 seeds and 15B where we will have 4 seeds.

Region Host Sites

- Junior Gold A: Wayzata
- Junior Gold B: Osseo Maple Grove
- Junior Gold 16: Wayzata
- Bantam AA: TBD
- Bantam A (2): Anoka
- Bantam B1 (2): Princeton
- PeeWee AA: TBD
- PeeWee A (2): Fergus Falls
- PeeWee B1 (2): Detroit Lakes

- 15U A: TBD
- 15U B
 - West (2): Alexandria
 - North (2): Crookston
- 12U A (3): Richfield
- 12U B1 (2): Richfield

State Tournament Host Sites

- Junior Gold A, B & 16: Stillwater
- Bantam AA: Sartell
- Bantam A: Moorhead
- Bantam B1: Woodbury
- PeeWee AA: Mankato
- PeeWee A: Faribault
- PeeWee B1: Lakeville

- 19U: Minnetonka
- 15U A: Lake of the Woods
- 15U B: Minnetonka
- 12U A: Roseau
- 12U B1: Minnetonka

Below are the final brackets that should be used and I have verified them except for St. Louis Park and Armstrong Cooper as I am still waiting to see their brackets. We are also waiting on the 15B bracket from OMG to accommodate the 4 seeds. Please submit ASAP. Due to my travels, I have had to reschedule the D3 end of year tournament to February. It will precede our monthly meeting. Thanks to all for accommodating. I will plan differently in the future for my travels 😊 I will share the BTAA, PWAA and 15A as soon as we have them. Medals, medal plates and trophies have been ordered and will be distributed at the February tournament

D3 Tournament Hosts

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Please find the appropriate worksheet in the [bracket template file](#) based on # of teams and # of seeds)

Boys

- Bantam AA – Armstrong Cooper (2 Teams)
- ✓ Bantam A – Wayzata (9 Teams – 2 Seeds)
- ✓ Bantam B1 – Hopkins (10 Teams – 2 Seeds)
- ✓ Bantam B2 – Delano (10 Teams – No Seeds)
- ✓ Bantam C – Wayzata (10 Teams – No Seeds)
- ✓ PeeWee AA – Wayzata (2 Teams)
- ✓ PeeWee A – Osseo Maple Grove (8 Teams – 2 Seeds)
- PeeWee B1 – Armstrong Cooper (12 Teams – 2 Seeds)
- ✓ PeeWee B2 – Mound Westonka (14 Teams – No Seeds)
- ✓ PeeWee C – Orono (14 Teams – No Seeds)
- ✓ Squirrel A – Wayzata (7 Teams – No Seeds)
- ✓ Squirrel B1 – Delano (12 Teams – No Seeds)
- Squirrel B2 – St. Louis Park (8 Teams – No Seeds + 7 Teams – No Seeds)
- ✓ Squirrel C – Osseo Maple Grove (8 Teams – No Seeds + 8 Teams – No Seeds)

Girls

- ✓ 15U A – Minneapolis (5 Teams – 2 Seeds)
- 15U B – Osseo Maple Grove (5 Teams – 4 Seeds)
- ✓ 12U A – Minneapolis (6 Teams – 3 Seeds)
- ✓ 12U B1 – Orono (6 Teams – 2 Seeds)
- ✓ 12U B2 – Osseo Maple Grove (9 Teams – No Seeds)
- ✓ 10U A – Wayzata (5 Teams – No Seeds)
- ✓ 10U B1 – Hopkins (7 Teams – No Seeds)
- ✓ 10U B2 – Minneapolis (9 Teams – No Seeds)



meeting. Please make sure that you have your volunteers and EMTs planned. Reminder that we are NOT distributing pucks this year as everyone was given a box last year. The following is the tentative number of seeds assuming no changes:

We had a Super Series tournament. Meeting on Sunday night and here is the final on host sites and seeds by District. Please note and communicate with your teams that D3 is the only district that is hosting Bantam C so we will not have a Super Series tournament for that level this year BUT we will take the top seed from the D3 end of year tournament at Bantam C and invite them to the Bantam B2 Super Series tournament. It is our goal to continue expanding this tournament. Trophies and medals have been ordered. D10 is taking care of the programs.

Super Series Tournament

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Level	District Host	Association Host	Site
12U B2	D1	Minneapolis Titans	Richfield
<u>PeeWee B2</u>	D5	Monticello	Monticello
<u>PeeWee C</u>	D3	St. Louis Park	St. Louis Park
Bantam B2	D10	Anoka	Anoka
Bantam C	N/A Will send 1 (possibly 2 to Bantam B2)		

- Dates: March 7th and 8th
- 8 teams with a 2 Game Guarantee which will require 11 games per level
- Cost per Team – \$800 + District subsidy, if required
- We will work to accommodate associations that have a team in the HS State Tournament

Seeds by District:

District	12U B2	<u>PeeWee B2</u>	<u>PeeWee C</u>	Bantam B2	Total
D1	1	0	2	BTC	4
D3	3	2	2	2 + BTC	10
D5	2	3	2	2	9
D10	2	3	2	2	9
Total	8	8	8	8	32

Looking forward, I have asked Paul to get feedback at the MNH meeting later this month on suggestions to improve the 15U experience for HS aged girls. I think we all agree that it is not working and we are losing girls. One suggestion is to move 12U to 13U and then to have more of a "Girls Junior Gold" program which would also improve our numbers at 19U. I am open to any thoughts you all might have so please send my way and certainly feel free to extend to your respective Girls Coordinators. Last meeting we discussed teams without an identified Goalie advancing to Regions. It was raised to MNH and the Executive Committee has reviewed. If a team in this position should advance, it will be handled so that they can advance. Paul and Machel can provide additional details if needed. I would also like to take a minute to apologize for the length of the December meeting. Lesson learned for me



and going forward, we will take specific needs/requests offline. Thank you for all you do! I appreciate you!

District 3 Administrator Report: Emailed association reps and presidents regarding coaches or managers that were still not registered. Prepping for the D3 end of season playoff tournament meeting. This meeting has been moved to February 11th at 6pm at the Plymouth Community Center. The D3 Board meeting will be right after at our regular meeting time. Everyone should be utilizing the D3 website as a resource. Please make sure that your end of season play off tournament for each level has volunteers and that you are prepared for those tournaments. These also need to have EMT/Paramedics at them as well. If you need help finding EMTs please let me know.

District 3 Registrar Report: January 1st was the deadline for coaches having their CEP requirements fulfilled. There were a few more redlines this season than in the past. Next year there will be a likely requirement that coaches provide proof of CEP Clinic registration prior to being allowed on the roster. This should help with redlines.

District 3 Treasurer Report: December 205 financials were sent to board via email. Those who have paid their league fee payments: Delano, Orono, Hopkins, St Louis Park, and Armstrong Cooper. GameSheet charges and Jr. Gold fees will be sent out next week. Tournament invoices will be sent at the beginning of February.

GameSheet Report: Reminder to make sure games are being entered into the District 3 League and NOT the Exhibition League.

Associates Reports:

Supervisor of Officials: Season is going well. BHRA has covered approximately 1800 games to this point in the season. We are about half way through. Overall things have been going well. Please remind coaches and parents, players are required to wear mouth guards and neck protection, including goalies. We are asking coaches to do their very best to monitor their players being ready to play.

Coach in Chief:

Membership & Development: Goalies

Jr. Gold/JGHSL:

*Last day JGHSL Friday Feb 20th (some make up games scheduled Feb 21 & 22)

*JGB Playdown ice confirmed at MGCC (Feb 27-Mar 1)

*Meeting with PIC on Jan 16th to finalize JGA/JG16 Playdowns at PIC (Feb 26-Mar 1)

*JG State Banquet hosted by D2, Mar 12th at Medina Entertainment Center

*JG State Tournament at St. Croix Rec Center (Mar 13-15)

Disciplinary Committee: We have had a few match penalties lately. We have a hearing scheduled for Thursday for a junior gold player.

Tier 1/HP Director: Planning for the 2026 HP Programs are underway. MN Hockey is canceling the Futures Development Program for 2026, they are planning to reshape the program with an intent to conduct the program in 2027.

Girls Coordinator: Nothing to report at this time



Hockey Operations: Intermediate nets recommend having the players and have them try them and have a good discussion about how they are working.

Tournament Coordinator: All sanctioned tournaments have been approved. We had three or four tournaments that were submitted too late but still approved and were charged late fees. We are preparing for the D3 End of Season tournaments and the tournament meeting on Feb. 11th at 6pm at Plymouth Community Center. We will have our meeting and then medals and trophies will be available for pick up at this meeting. This is a meeting where all tournament coordinators or those volunteers that will be helping at your tournament will need to be in attendance. We will be covering the rules and Gamesheet as well.

Goalie Coordinator: Nothing new to report.

Mite Coordinator: Tracking game counts and talking with associations about shared practices and roster changes. Will be making some slight adjustments for next year in reporting for better tracking.

D3 Association Representatives:

Armstrong Cooper: Girls "Knockdown" was a tremendous success! All teams are having fun seasons and working hard! Our Mite jamboree is 3/6 to 3/8. Please pay attention to the Hockey Day in Minnesota Minnesota Hockey advertising as they really push their "Skate It Forward"!! which is their big fundraiser for community-based hockey! We're in contact with Mpls to possibly co-op to build junior gold teams for our programs. We believe we need both programs to be consistent and sustainable.

Delano: Season is going strong. Discussed redlined coaches, thankfully numbers are low this year. Getting ready for our upcoming fundraisers- Puck in the Park and our "playoff party".

Hopkins: Preparing for our Girls tourney next weekend. Ice time is tight for the month but our scheduler is working hard to give all teams equal time. Been working with our Arena staff to start the ice clock when the refs are out when they finish the ice resurfacing early to try to avoid games not finishing before the ice clock.

Minneapolis: Minneapolis continues to prepare for the Winter Storm tournament.

Mound-Westonka: Gearing up for end of year tournament PeeWee B2. Westonka Tournament coordinator will be attending the meeting in Feb. Westonka HS construction and our association came up with a solution for access to Thaler for summer hockey and our training program.

Orono: Nothing of note to report.

Osseo Maple Grove: New rink is open.

St Louis Park: Hosted a 15U tournament last weekend and it went well. Summer planning and recruitment efforts underway. No other updates at this time. Ready. Set. Skate! The PWHL, USA Hockey, Bauer Hockey, and SLPHA are teaming up to introduce girls (ages 5-10) to the game we love! The PWHL's "Ready. Set. Skate" program is designed to give beginners an unforgettable first hockey experience—full of fun, learning, and excitement. This 8-week program will help young players build confidence and skills alongside their hometown pro team, the Minnesota Frost! Best of all, every player will receive a brand-new, head-to-toe Bauer equipment package—theirs to keep!



Wayzata: nothing of any major interest to report this month

New Business:

Hopkins: Reduce warmups from 5 min to 4(or 3?) for the following year?

Armstrong: Is Minnesota Hockey really going to get rid of U12 and go to a U13 level?

We, at AC, are really concerned with this new trend of large associations co-oping with other large associations!

19U: Proposed Motion for 19U D3 Team Jerseys. D3 will cover the purchase price of the two sets of Jerseys for the district wide 19U teams. Two sets of jerseys #1-20 (one set for Frost, one set for Blizzard). Jerseys will be used for three seasons and then condition will be evaluated. The U19 Teams/Players will cover the cost of the player socks and the replacement of any lost or missing jerseys year to year. The total expenditure for approval is \$4,740.00

Matt O made the motion to approve the cost of two sets of jerseys for the 19U Frost and Blizzard teams for up to three years or longer at a cost of \$4740.00.

Kevin seconded the motion.

Motion approved.

Old Business: None

Adjourn TIME: 8:03 pm

→ Motion to Approve: Ben

→ Seconded: Matt Marsh

