

**Terms for 14U Mankato Area Hockey Association & the Bulldog Youth Hockey Association.
Cooperative Agreement**

2014-2015

Mission Statement: To enhance, grow, and excel girls' hockey in the Mankato-St. Peter/Le Sueur Area.

The basis of this agreement is to outline terms for a partnership team, co-op, between the two associations Mankato Area Hockey Association (MAHA) and the Bulldog Youth Hockey Association (BYHA). **This agreement does not provide for any guaranteed player placements by either association.** Tryouts will be based solely on independent evaluator's judgment and will follow the guidelines of the administrative/host association.

The co-op/agreement will be in place going forward until one association terminates. Either association has the ability to terminate the agreement at the completion of the season. Written communication to each association's president and girl's coordinator explaining the reason for termination will be required by May 31st of the upcoming season. The co-op agreement can be modified at any time with majority board approval from each association. The co-op agreement must be approved each season by both boards by May 31st.

D9 Administrative Association – Per district 9 requirements, when two associations form a co-op, one of the two teams associations need to act as administrator. For the 2014 – 2015 seasons, MAHA will be the administrative/host association for the 14U team. The administrative/host association will have a one year term, with BYHA following with a one year term. Players from the non-administrative/host team will need to provide to host association appropriate release documentation required by District 9, and will only be effective for 1 season. Associations will take into consideration the districts recommendations for placement, respectively A or B levels.

Eligibility – All players must be age appropriate for 14U. Play ups are expected but must meet following requirements: age, skill level, emotional readiness, and parental agreement, and home association permission as described in home association policy. After registration is complete, the tryout evaluators, coaches, and host association will determine if play ups are necessary for that season. Play ups cannot degrade the numbers of a team to the point of not having a team.

Ice Scheduling, Dry Land, Off Ice Practices, and Games – Over the course of the season, ice time will be split between Gustavus Adolphus College (GAC), All Seasons Arena/Verizon (ASA/V), and Le Sueur Community Center (LSCC). Scheduling will be done by the host association with input and support from the ice time scheduler from the non-host association. Schedulers will need to take into consideration school sponsored activities for both associations and avoid them at all cost. These teams will not be scheduled before school practices and outdoor practices will be scheduled at the discretion of the Coach. 14U ice time will be equivalent to Bantam level ice time. Split ice with 12U, Bantam, and Pee wee levels will be scheduled as much as possible. Games to follow District and host association policies for amounts and locations.

Tournaments – Tournaments will be scheduled by the host association with input and support from the non-host association. 14U will have at least 3 tournaments.

Playing Time – Playing time will be divided as equally as possible per USA Hockey guidelines as described in host association policy.

Apparel - Any team apparel purchases will be designed to incorporate both associations and a consensus from the team. Participation in any such purchases is not mandatory.

Tryouts and Preseason Clinics - Tryouts and clinics can be run out of both arenas (GAC and ASA/V). The evaluation process will be run by the host association with input from I4U head coach. Every effort will be made to avoid scheduling conflicts with fall sponsored sports/activities and there will be excused absences from tryouts/clinics if such should occur.

Uniforms - Each association will provide one jersey for each player. Every effort will be made to match the numbers for sweaters. Standard numbers should be used where possible. 1-18 and 30. Exceptions are okay when a match can't be found. MAHA uniforms should be worn when playing at ASA/Verizon and BYHA when playing at GAC/LSCC. For the remainder of the games, including tournaments, the uniforms should be rotated. It is acceptable to use a different system for jersey rotation if the team can come to a consensus on it. Each player is responsible for bringing both sets of jerseys to each game. The coaching staff is responsible for a fair rotation for away games and tournaments.

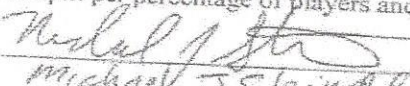
Coaching - The selection of a head coach or co-head coaches will be a joint effort between the leadership of both associations. Assistant coaches will be determined by the head or co-head coaches and should include people from both associations if possible.

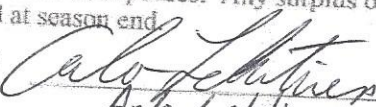
Pictures - All pictures will be managed by the host association. Two team pictures will be taken one with each association's jersey and individual pictures will be taken with the home association jersey.


Fundraising - Players and families are responsible to their home association requirements.

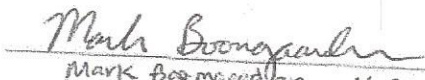
Coop Committee - Each association will provide at least 3 representatives to serve the Co-op Committee and serve a term of two years. The Co-op committee will elect a committee coordinator who will be responsible for the ongoing scheduling of the Co-op Committee. The continuity of the Co-op Committee is the overall goal, so both associations will work jointly to stagger term start/end dates as needed.

Registration, Fees, and Expenses - Each player registers and pays their home association fees. The Co-op Committee will forecast a budget for the season. The budget forecasted will be split between the two associations based on the percentage of players from each association. The budget will be reviewed by both associations and when approved paid in advance of that season. The non-host association will pay their appropriated share of the approved budget to the host association at the start of the season. The host association will hold the funds and distribute as necessary throughout the season. The host association will provide an accounting of the budget/forecast to the non-host association mid-season. Any major discrepancies should be communicated between both associations. At the end of the season, representatives from both associations will conduct an audit of expenses. Any surplus or deficiency will be split per percentage of players and paid or collected at season end.


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