

Dear Members of the Hastings Hockey,

I am writing to formally declare my intent to run for re-election as Vice President of Hastings Hockey. It has been an honor to serve in this role for the past four years, and I respectfully submit this letter to share my continued commitment to our association.

My family has been part of the Hastings community since 2004, and I have been involved with Hastings Hockey since 2012. Both of my sons have come through the program—one recently completing his senior varsity season, and the other playing JV this past year as a freshman. Experiencing Hastings Hockey as both a parent and board member has given me a deep appreciation for the impact this organization has on our athletes and families, and reinforces my desire to help ensure its long-term success.

During my tenure as Vice President, I have worked closely with board members, coordinators, and directors to strengthen and grow our program. Key efforts have included expanding and elevating our hosted tournaments into destination-style events, improving ice scheduling transparency and equity, and enhancing communication with families. I have also prioritized proactive planning for fall clinics, tryouts, and on-ice development opportunities, while collaborating with level directors to align team structures with our organizational goals.

In addition, I have represented Hastings Hockey on the Hockey Day Minnesota Committee, helping advocate for our association, raise funds, and increase community exposure. I have partnered with coordinators to improve processes related to website administration, registration, volunteers, and recruitment, always with the goal of making participation more accessible for families.

My motivation for seeking another term is rooted in building a sustainable program for both boys and girls that serves our entire membership. I strongly believe in recruiting and retaining players, recognizing that development occurs at different times for every athlete and that high school success depends on a healthy youth program. I remain committed to growing overall participation and expanding access through initiatives like our free Learn to Hockey program.

It is important to me that Hastings Hockey continues to operate in alignment with our GRIT values, prioritizing long-term growth over short-term results. I hope to further develop skills clinics for skaters and goalies, bring in experienced coaches, and create opportunities for former Hastings players to give back. I am also focused on expanding charitable gambling and fundraising efforts to help reduce costs and keep hockey accessible within our community.

Thank you for your consideration. It has been a privilege to serve Hastings Hockey, and I would be grateful for the opportunity to continue supporting our athletes, families, and community as Vice President.

Sincerely,
Dave Fullerton

