



January 2023 Newsletter

ARAA News

Sponsorship Dinner

Thank you to all who attended our 5th Annual Sponsorship Dinner. We are constantly amazed by the generosity of our community. Because of your support, we are able to provide access to sports for any student who would like to participate, no matter the financial situation of their family.

ARAA Board Elections

The following positions are up for re-election at the January board meeting:

- Vice President
- Secretary
- Communications Director
- Wrestling Commissioner
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Player Safety Director

You can apply for any position at our website. www.arsports.org.

Charitable Gambling

Anoka Ramsey Athletic Association partners with 8 businesses to offer charitable gambling to our community. What is Charitable gambling? Charitable gambling is an opportunity for community members to support the youth of Anoka and Ramsey with organized sports and activities to participate in. Our gambling partners provide incentivized giving to our organization. For our 4400 athletes over 10 activities, the charitable gambling contributions provide upgraded playing facilities, equipment and experiences. Please consider visiting one of our partners and check out our charitable gambling facebook page for the latest info on bingo, meat raffles and more!

[Willy McCoy's](#)

[McDuffs](#)

[Northwoods](#)

[The Ponds](#)

[Greenhaven](#)

[Northfork](#)

[Kitchen Table](#)

[Acapulco](#)

[Aurelio's](#)

[Senor Patrons](#)



Baseball

Contact: baseball@arsports.org

- Registration is opening soon for house baseball! Watch for more information soon!
- SAVE THE DATE – House evaluations for grades 2-6 are on March 18th. Details are being confirmed and will be released shortly.
- Are you or your teenager looking for a summer job? Become an umpire with Rum River Umpires. Training classes begin in March. More information can be found at: www.rumriverumpires.com/classes/
- MYAS Rising Stars Hitting and Fielding Series starts soon! Training is open to players ranging from 9u-15u. More information can be found on our website or at: <https://www.myas.org/page/show/7654519-rising-stars-hitting-and-fielding-series>



Volleyball

Contact: Volleyball@arsports.org

JUNIOR OLYMPIC VOLLEYBALL

Our season is off to a strong start! January marks the beginning of tournament season and we would like to wish all of our teams the best of luck in their events this month! Follow our teams and their event results on Facebook at [ARAA Volleyball](#)

Last chance to order your ARAA JO Volleyball Apparel! Our Online ARAA JO Volleyball Team Store is open through January 15. Get your gear here at [ARAA JO Volleyball Team Store](#) before it's too late!

VOLLEYBALL BOARD

The ARAA Volleyball Board is seeking volunteers to fill the following board positions;

-Girls House Volleyball Director

-Treasurer

-Junior Olympic Volleyball Director

ARAA Volleyball cannot exist without the efforts of each of our board members. We need you, your ideas and your passion, to join our board and continue to strengthen our program! Board members receive discounted registration fees or waived registration fees for their volleyball players in the ARAA Volleyball program! Visit our website for more information about each position [ARAA Volleyball Board](#) or email volleyball@arsports.org.



Basketball

Contact: basketball@arsports.org

Summer Opportunity

ARAA is thrilled to be offering a 6-week summer camp. The camp will run for 6 weeks throughout the summer, 3 nights each week. This is a drop-in camp so don't feel like you need to attend every session. The early bird rate is \$350 before May 1. Registration is limited to 60 campers per age group, so sign up today! A payment plan is available. Register here today!

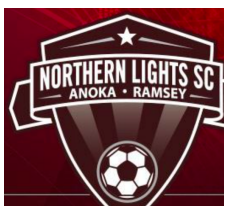
<https://arsports.sportngin.com/register/form/452107675>

Out of Town Tournament

This season's out-of-town tournament is scheduled to be in St. Cloud the weekend of February 11/12. Due to numerous events and circumstances, the board could not secure an appropriate number of rooms anywhere in St. Cloud that weekend. You are of course welcome to choose to stay somewhere on your own. There will just not be any blocks of rooms reserved for ARAA Basketball specifically.

Player pick-up

There are multiple reports of players getting picked up late after their practice time has ended. This is particularly problematic after the last practice of the night. Janitorial staff are the last ones on site and are ready to leave with the last coaches and players. When players are not picked up on time, staff will stay with players as is their policy. We may be charged additional rent if this occurs again. If it should, we will be tracking which teams it is happening with. Players should not be telling coaches it is OK if they are left and coaches should not be OK with it either. Please remember, everyone's time is valuable and we should all be respectful of it.



Soccer

Contact: president@northernlightsoccer.org

Recreational: Our winter indoor rec program kicks off this month. We have over 100 kids playing this season and can't wait to watch them on the field. Spring/Summer registration will be opening soon – watch for more information.

Competitive: We are in full winter training mode for our competitive teams. Keep working hard at each practice/training session. If you would like to learn more about competitive soccer, please view our new [North United website](#).



Lacrosse

Contact: lacrosse@arsports.org

Don't forget about winter training! Nine Saturday sessions to get you ready for the season.

WINTER LACROSSE TRAINING

SATURDAY SESSIONS: JANUARY 7 - MARCH 4

BOYS 14U : 8:00 A.M.

BOYS 12U : 9:00 A.M.

GIRLS 10U, 12U AND 14U AND BOYS 10U: 10:00 A.M.

REGISTER AND PAY AT THE DOOR ON JANUARY 7

COST: \$100 FOR 9 SESSIONS

ADRENALINE SPORTS CENTER

EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE TO BORROW - \$100 DEPOSIT

Thank you to everyone that came to our Try Lacrosse For Free Night. We had a great turnout and hope everyone signs up for the season. If you have any more questions or weren't able to make it but would like to come to one of our Saturday training sessions, please reach out to gerry@cmcpainting.com

Registration is now open.

- [Boys 12U and 14U Box Lacrosse](#)
- [Boys 10U, 12U and 14U Spring Lacrosse](#)
- [Girls 10U, 12U and 14U Spring Lacrosse](#)



Outdoors

Contact: tr87ta@msn.com

Anoka Ramsey Outdoors wants you to be part of our program! We need to fill the following board positions: Secretary, Treasurer, and Communications. Adding these positions to our program will help us continue our vision to introduce kids to the outdoors. Click [here](#) to apply!

We are looking forward to planning more outdoor events soon. Follow us on Facebook at Anoka/Ramsey Outdoors for updates!

For more information, please email our Outdoor Commissioner Terry Rehm at tr87ta@msn.com.