

Oregon State Hockey Association

Board Meeting Agenda

September 23, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

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Welcome and Call to Order: Andy Potter, President

Roll Call and Introductions: Sarah Chambers, Secretary

Approval of Minutes: Sarah Chambers, Secretary

Reports: Officers:

- President: Andy Potter
- Vice President: Chris Meyer
- Treasurer: Joy Pendowski
- Secretary: Sarah Chambers

Reports: District Appointments

- RIC Report: Toby Wolfe
- CIC Report: Andy Potter
- SafeSport Report: Jason Vaillancourt

Committee Chair Reports

- Adult - Vacant
- Audit - Vacant
- Discipline - Chris Meyer
- Diversity and Disabled - Vacant
- Girls Hockey - Carrie Stewart
- Goaltending Development - Christy Picard Dimmig
- Growth - Joy Pendowski
- Membership - Sarah Chambers
- Nominating - Carrie Stewart
- Player Development - Aaron Olson
- Team Oregon - Joy Pendowski and Aaron Olson
- Tournaments and Jamborees - Lynndsi Ray & Sarah Chambers

Old Business:

- Rules and Regulations for 24-25 - Chris Meyer, Vice President
 - Vote via Electronic Ballot by 8/4
 - Update Contact information for all Roles and Associations
- Budget for 24-25 (9/1/24 - 8/31/25) - Joy Pendowski, Treasurer

- Scheduling for season Games Update
- Dates for 24-25 Season
 - Development Camp - 3/7/25 - 3/9/25
 - End of Season Jamborees 2/28/25 - 3/2/25
 - End of Season State Tournaments 3/14/25 - 3/16/25
 - Road Show - (Listening Sessions)
 - Bend
 - Eugene (LAHA / RinkExchange)
 - Klamath Falls
 - Medford (RVYHA)
 - Pendelton
 - Portland (Jr Winterhawks / Rose City)
 - Board Meetings
 - May (Virtual) - 5/20/24
 - July (Virtual) - 7/29/24
 - September (Virtual) - 9/23/24
 - November (Virtual) - 11/18/24
 - January (Virtual) - 1/27/25
 - March - 3/9/25 - Eugene (After Dev Camp Ends)
 - Annual Meeting - 4/26/25 - Klamath Falls

New Business:

- Affiliate Strategic Goals for 24-25 Season
 - Growth
 - OSHA re-imaging / branding
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- Committee and Association Reports for 24-25 - Based on supporting Affiliate and Association goals. Committee Goals due by 8/14/24

Association News and Reports:

- Bend Ice
- Klamath Ice Sports
- Lane Amateur Hockey Association
- Pendelton (Probationary)
- Rink Exchange Hockey League
- Rogue Valley Hockey Association
- Rose City Hockey Club
- Winterhawks Ice Center

Oregon State Hockey Association Meeting Minutes

Date: September 23, 2024

Time: 6:36 PM

Location: Teleconference

In Attendance:

- **President:** Andy Potter
- **Secretary:** Sarah Chambers
- **Treasurer:** Joy Pendowski (present until 7:09 PM)
- **Vice President:** Chris Meyer
- **Board Members:**
 - **Bend Ice:** Eric Colter
 - **Klamath Ice Sports:** Lynndsi Ray / Gerard Collins
 - **Lane Amateur Hockey Association:** Carrie Stewart
 - **Rose City Hockey Club:** Carolyn and Matt Hilbert
 - **Rogue Valley Hockey Association:** Ashley Rejcek
 - **Winterhawks Skating Center:** Jason Vaillancourt
 - **Pendleton Ice:** Not Present

Non-Voting Members:

- **Referee in Chief:** Toby Wolfe (Not in attendance)
 - **Aaron Olson:** Present
 - **Christy Picard Dimmig:** Present
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1. Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM by President Andy Potter.

2. Roll Call and Introductions

Roll call was conducted by Secretary Sarah Chambers.

3. Approval of Minutes

Approved SEPTEMBER 23, 2024

The minutes from the July 24, 2024, meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.

Motion: Carrie Stewart

Second: Aaron Olsen

Motion carried.

4. Officer Reports

President: Andy Potter

- The Association and Chair Reports are being revamped to include more relevant statistics related to the new Guidebook and Rules.
- Written submissions for fund requests are required from each committee, along with an annual expense report summarizing how funds were spent and their impact.
- The Association is exploring ways to increase revenue.
- Neck lacerations are required for all youth and junior hockey classifications, youth goaltenders, youth officials, and student coaches during on-ice activities.
- A new concussion "Return to Play" form and tracking procedure will be introduced. A clarifying question was raised about the requirement for a doctor's note—this is required in Oregon.
- The Affiliate Presidents' meeting will be held the last weekend of September.

Vice President: Chris Meyer

- The Rules and Regulations workgroup has made good progress. The revised Guidebook will be published, including all items voted on by members via email.
- Follow-up will continue throughout the year, with a focus on revisiting body contact/checking rules at the 14U and 18U Travel B levels.

Treasurer: Joy Pendowski

- We are at the beginning of the fiscal year (since September 1, 2024).
- The Block Grant checks from USA Hockey have been received.
- Reviewing the budget vs. actuals: The last deposit for the 2023/24 season was \$6,700, received on September 11. Monthly expenses, including a Zoom fee increase, have been paid.
- District invoices for the 2023/24 player assessment fee of \$2,700 have been received. The affiliate block grants will require approximately \$700 in payment.
- The audit has been postponed to January 2025, and Joy will be traveling to complete the review.
- Motion to approve the treasurers report as submitted

Motion: Eric Colter
Second: Chris Meyer
Motion carried.

Secretary: Sarah Chambers

- No additional report at this time.
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5. District Appointments and Reports

Referee-in-Chief (RIC): Toby Wolfe

- Thanks to associations for submitting team categories for review. This will help in assigning the appropriate level of officials.

Coach-in-Chief (CIC): Andy Potter

- CEP clinics are open, and continuing education will begin next season for those who require it.
- The modules have been updated, and coaches are encouraged to review them.

SafeSport: Jason Vaillancourt

- Coaches must have completed SafeSport training and a background check to be on the ice.
 - Rogue Valley will send in their SafeSport Coordinator information.
 - OSHA is ranked number one in the country for the fewest SafeSport cases!
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6. Committee Chair Reports

Adult Hockey: Vacant

Audit: Vacant (See Treasurer's Report above)

Discipline: Chris Meyer

- Nine match penalties have been recorded since January 1, which is fewer than the same period last year.
- There has been an increase in misconduct penalties.

Diversity and Disabled Hockey: Vacant

Girls Hockey: Carrie Stewart

- The first girls' growth meeting was held. Upcoming events include a November 2nd event in Klamath Falls, as well as spring events in Eugene and Bend.
- The Winterhawks Girls team will host their first PGHL games.
- Rose City hosted a successful event over the summer.
- A women's team in Portland is growing, and efforts are underway to increase female coaches across the state.
- A women's league in Medford is growing as well. Carrie will connect with Ashley Rejcek and The Rink for further details.
- Other areas with women's adult teams include Eugene and Bend.
- Please identify female players in team reports.

Goaltending Development: Christy Picard Dimmig

- The goalie camp was a success.
- A winter break event is being planned.
- Associations with ice availability are encouraged to contact Christy to coordinate clinics.
- The goal for the season is to ensure that coaches are at least Bronze Goalie certified to better support goalies during practice.
- Weekly goalie clinics are held in Portland, Eugene, and Bend. Rogue Valley and Klamath have different supports in place for goalies.
- Emphasis on rotating all players as goalies at the 6U/8U/10U levels.
- Associations interested in hosting a "Try Goalie for Free" event are encouraged to reach out.
- Goalies who qualify for the High Development Camp (2011 birth year) must attend development camp.

Growth: Joy Pendowski

- National Office now holds monthly meetings. The first one was on September 11th, with the next one scheduled for mid-October.
- If any national growth events are being held, please send the information to Joy for posting on the website.

Membership: Sarah Chambers

- No report at this time.

Nominating: Carrie Stewart

- The Vice President and Treasurer positions will be open in 2025.

Player Development: Aaron Olson

- Player Development Camp is scheduled for the second weekend of March.

- Plans for Team Oregon include utilizing the girls' team in Portland to restart the program, as well as putting together both 12U spring teams (late February) and High School showcase teams for the 2024/25 season.

Tournaments and Jamborees: Lynndsi Ray / Sarah Chambers

- No report at this time.
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7. Old Business

Rules and Regulations for 2024-25: Chris Meyer

- A vote will be conducted via electronic ballot by August 4.
- **Motion:** Chris Meyer to publish the revised Guidebook.
Second: Jason Vaillancourt
- Motion carried, with Matt abstaining.

Budget for 2024-25: Joy Pendowski

- This item can be removed from the next meeting agenda.

Season Game Scheduling Update: To be reviewed.

Dates for the 2024-25 Season:

- **Development Camp:** March 7–9, 2025 (Eugene)
 - **End-of-Season Jamborees:** February 28–March 2, 2025, with a possible conflict with the Development Camp.
 - **State Tournaments:** March 14–16, 2025. Details to be finalized.
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8. New Business

Affiliate Strategic Goals for 2024-25:

- Goals include defining growth, increasing female participation in coaching and officiating, and increasing representation from all associations in Travel/Rec B. A 10% growth in 6U/8U players is a primary focus.
- A 2-3% increase in female coaching and officiating across each association is also targeted.
- A review of the purpose of 10U hockey and ways to make travel more sustainable will be undertaken.

OSHA Re-imaging / Branding: To be discussed further.

Association News and Reports

- Reports from all associations, including Bend Ice, Klamath Ice Sports, Lane Amateur Hockey Association, and others, were noted.

Committee and Association Reports for 2024-25

- Reports will be based on supporting Affiliate and Association goals.
 - Committee Goals are due by August 14, 2024.
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11. Next Meeting

- **Monday, November 18, 2024** (Virtual)
 - **January 27, 2025** (Virtual)
 - **March 9, 2025** (Eugene, after Development Camp)
 - **Annual Meeting:** April 26, 2025 (Klamath Falls)
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12. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Motion to adjourn: Christy Picard Dimmig

Second: Aaron Olson

Motion carried.



September 2024

Girls Growth Report

- OSHA Roadshow Participation - Have a Girls representative as part of these events
 - On and Off Ice activities - short time just for girls
 - Waiting on details from Executive Board
- Girls Events
 - Working with Associations to be part of their upcoming Try Hockey for Free Events or adding a Girls Only Event
 - Working on Schedule for the Events
 - Andy and Aaron making contact with possible participants
- Goal Setting
 - Provide a % to increase girls playing hockey across Oregon.
 - Getting Girls Events either added to Association Events or scheduling a Girls Only Event with each association
 - Continue to work with Player Development Committee and Overall Growth Committee to grow girls hockey

Nominating Committee Report

- Planning for 2025-2026 Season
 - Will need to start looking at dates for the ballots and elections in January of 2025
 - Will need to find at least one other person to be a part of the committee to review dates and make sure we have the nominations, bios and have the ballots ready for the associations.
 - Up for reelection should be: VP and Treasurer but need to confirm this.



OSHA GDC Report OSHA Meeting September, 2024

Christy Picard Dimmig, GDC



Update and Goals for 24-25 Season:

- We had 4 goalies invited to the Pacific District High Performance goalie camp in Seattle. They performed well and the coaches were quite impressed with their skills, attitudes, and work ethics. We even had one goalie win King of the Net. Go Oregon.
- **Major Goal:** As always, Continue to educate and support as many coaches as possible to work with goaltenders in the State of Oregon
 - We got an increase in Bronze goalie CEP this season. Please try to encourage every coach in your association to get Bronze level certified in the next year- the information in this course would help all our coaches with practice planning and goalie coaching.
- Continue to implement and support goalie training across the state and stay up to date on USA Hockey Goaltending initiatives
 - There is a continued shortage of goalies across the state- especially at the younger age groups.
 - Coordinate with Try Hockey for Free day in Oregon to do Try Goalie event simultaneously.
 - Train parent volunteers at 8U to learn how to operate quick change gear so we could rotate every new player into trying goalie for practices and games to get more kids interested.
 - Try and offer another goalie-specific development opportunity- the District camp is amazing, but it's only one birth year, and dev camp is great but would be nice to have a development opportunity earlier in the season- maybe Christmas break- stay tuned for invites for the goaltenders
- Please let me know if your association would like to host a goalie training event- I would be happy to help if we can coordinate schedules. It would be helpful for coaches as well.

Christy Picard Dimmig

Member Association Quarterly Report

Member Association: Rogue Valley Association

Date: 09/23/2024

Submitted by: Jeremiah Paladino

Total Number of Registered **Players**: 40

Legend:

- **In-House**: Essentially all games are in the home rink. May travel locally but do not travel statewide.

Recreation Travel: Teams that trave

	In-House	Recreation Travel	Tier II	Tier I	Other
8U Youth					
8U Girls					
10U Youth		8			
10U Girls					
12U Youth		9			
12U Girls					
14U Youth		9			
14U Girls					
16U Youth					
16U Girls					
18U Youth		14			
18U Girls					
High School					
High School Girls					
College					
Adult					
Disabled					

- I statewide and may go to tournaments in neighboring states but are not Nationally Bound.

- **Tier I and Tier II Nationally Bound:** Teams that follow USA Hockey rules for Nationally Bound teams.
- **Youth:** May include some girls.
- **Girls:** Teams made up entirely of girls.

1. Brief Description of programs and initiatives aimed at growing participation and retention of players:

2. Has there been any disciplinary activity with players, coaching staff, or parents? If yes, provide a brief summary and resolution.

No

3. Is your Member Association planning on hosting any tournaments this season? If so list the dates, and ages/levels:

Yes our usual MLK weekend (Jan 17-20) 10U and 12u

4. Are there any challenges facing your Member Association right now? Growth continues to shrink despite the large learn to play we subsidized with both equipment and price reduction which boosted numbers significantly. We don't own the program, the rink does, and they aren't really following my blueprint either because the owner isn't allowing it because they have too much going on, i just don't know.

5. How many coaches will be attending the CEP symposium?

6. Are there any successes you'd like to highlight? no

7. Other comments:



OSHA Safe Sport Report September 23, 2024 OSHA Meeting

- **2024/25 Statewide Goal-** Reduce number of peer-to-peer Safe Sport cases in Oregon with vigilant locker room monitoring across all organizations.
 - Congrats to the Safe Sport team and all associations! While we are a state with one of the lowest number of hockey players in the U.S., we had the lowest amount of Safe Sport cases than any other affiliate in the country last year (1) and (1) to the U.S. Center for Safe Sport (Sexual misconduct).
- **Additional Updates-**
 - There continues to be a rise in sexual misconduct cases across the nation. *(Reminder: All cases that are sexual in nature MUST be reported directly to the U.S. Center for Safesport)*
 - 12U and 14U is the age group where most cases occurred over the last couple years. Communicate with these age groups and parents about the purpose of the Safe Sport program.
 - Most issues continue to rise in unattended locker rooms and many states have moved to fines to associations and suspensions to coaches if rooms are not monitored (Locker Room Monitors essential). Oregon is not planning to add fines at this time.
 - Billeting policies could be changing. If anyone is billeting in Oregon, the USA Hockey billeting policies should be adhered to. **If billeting, please contact me immediately.**
- **Training-** Now that training is on a 12-month cycle (see below) and Safe Sport training is required annually, please encourage your coaches and managers to know when they updated it before the season began.
- **COACHES MUST BE SAFE SPORT TRAINED AND BACKGROUND CHECKED PRIOR TO TRYOUTS FOR TEAMS IN THE FALL**

Member Association Quarterly Report

Member Association: Lane Amateur Hockey Association

Date: Sep 22, 2024

Submitted by: Carrie Stewart

Total Number of Anticipated & Registered **Players**: 95

Legend:

- **In-House**: Essentially all games are in the home rink. May travel locally but do not travel statewide.
- **Recreation Travel**: Teams that travel statewide and may go to tournaments in neighboring states but are not Nationally Bound.
- **Tier I and Tier II Nationally Bound**: Teams that follow USA Hockey rules for Nationally Bound teams.
- **Youth**: May include some girls.
- **Girls**: Teams made up entirely of girls.

	In-House	Recreation Travel	Tier II	Tier I	Other
8U Youth		16			3/16girls and 4
8U Girls					of total are 6U
10U Youth		9			1/9 girls
10U Girls					
12U Youth		21			3/21 girls
12U Girls					
14U Youth		16			0 girls
14U Girls					
16U Youth					
16U Girls					
18U Youth		29			4/29 girls
18U Girls					
High School					
High School Girls					

	In-House	Recreation Travel	Tier II	Tier I	Other
College					
Adult					
Disabled	4				

1. Brief Description of programs and initiatives aimed at growing participation and retention of players:

We have continued to grow with 3-4 new players to hockey at the 18U level for the past 3 years. We hope to continue to grow girls hockey with a Mom/Daughter skate in October and again in the spring.

We are also hoping to grow hockey at 8U and 10U as we have low numbers at these age groups.

2. Has there been any disciplinary activity with players, coaching staff, or parents? If yes, provide a brief summary and resolution.

No

3. Is your Member Association planning on hosting any tournaments this season? If so list the dates, and ages/levels:

Yes - Ice Cup - President's weekend February 2025

4. Are there any challenges facing your Member Association right now? If yes provide a brief description with responses and/or intervention planned or in the works?

The Rink Exchange has a new ice system this season. We are excited about the new system but we have had some issues and our 18U and 14U teams have not yet gotten on the ice. We will look for times to make up the missed ice slots.

5. How many coaches will be attending the CEP symposium?

6. Are there any successes you'd like to highlight? We continue to grow at a level that is unexpected, 18U. We now just need to find ways to grow at the younger levels as well.

7. Other comments:

Member Association Quarterly Report

Member Association: Rose City Hockey Club

Date: Sep 22, 2024

Submitted by: Carolyn Goncoe

Total Number of Anticipated & Registered **Players**: 26

Legend:

- **In-House:** Essentially all games are in the home rink. May travel locally but do not travel statewide.
- **Recreation Travel:** Teams that travel statewide and may go to tournaments in neighboring states but are not Nationally Bound.
- **Tier I and Tier II Nationally Bound:** Teams that follow USA Hockey rules for Nationally Bound teams.
- **Youth:** May include some girls.
- **Girls:** Teams made up entirely of girls.

	In-House	Recreation Travel	Tier II	Tier I	Other
8U Youth					
8U Girls					
10U Youth					
10U Girls					
12U Youth					
12U Girls	7	15			
14U Youth	4				
14U Girls					
16U Youth					
16U Girls					
18U Youth					
18U Girls					
High School					
High School Girls					

	In-House	Recreation Travel	Tier II	Tier I	Other
College					
Adult					
Disabled					

1. Brief Description of programs and initiatives aimed at growing participation and retention of players:

We have a 12U Girls Travel team this year. They practice regularly and will play friendlies and in tournaments.

We continue focusing more on publicity and pipeline this year, making sure we have regular relevant social posts, marketing at Winterhawk events.

We are interested in helping other organizations grow their girl players and would be happy to help with girls events outside the Portland area.

2. Has there been any disciplinary activity with players, coaching staff, or parents? If yes, provide a brief summary and resolution.

No

3. Is your Member Association planning on hosting any tournaments this season? If so list the dates, and ages/levels:

No

4. Are there any challenges facing your Member Association right now? If yes provide a brief description with responses and/or intervention planned or in the works?

Securing ice continues to be a challenge but we persist. Due to lack of commitment on ice, we haven't been able to open registration for our House/Learn to Play program, which is our pipeline.

5. How many coaches will be attending the CEP symposium?

6. Are there any successes you'd like to highlight?

7. Other comments:

Member Association Quarterly Report

Member Association: Bend Rapids

Date: 10-03-23

Submitted by: Eric Colter

Total Number of Registered **Players**: 114

Legend:

- **In-House**: Essentially all games are in the home rink. May travel locally but do not travel statewide.

Recreation Travel: Teams that travel

	In-House	Recreation Travel	Tier II	Tier I	Other
8U Youth	10				
8U Girls	1				
10U Youth	24				
10U Girls					
12U Youth	23				
12U Girls	2				
14U Youth	26				
14U Girls	5				
16U Youth					
16U Girls					
18U Youth	32				
18U Girls					
High School					
High School Girls					
College					
Adult					

	In-House	Recreation Travel	Tier II	Tier I	Other
Disabled					

- I statewide and may go to tournaments in neighboring states but are not Nationally Bound.
- **Tier I and Tier II Nationally Bound:** Teams that follow USA Hockey rules for Nationally Bound teams.
- **Youth:** May include some girls.
- **Girls:** Teams made up entirely of girls.

1. Brief Description of programs and initiatives aimed at growing participation and retention of players: We are working with park and rec to gain more players at our 8u division. We only lost three players from last year

2. Has there been any disciplinary activity with players, coaching staff, or parents? If yes, provide a brief summary and resolution.
No

3. Is your Member Association planning on hosting any tournaments this season? If so list the dates, and ages/levels:

Jan 24-26 12u/14u

March 1-3 10u? This date is still in flux

4. Are there any challenges facing your Member Association right now? If yes provide a brief description with responses and/or intervention planned or in the works?

No

5. How many coaches will be attending the CEP symposium?

6. Are there any successes you'd like to highlight?
Season just getting underway

7. Other comments: