

## **Morris Hockey Association, Inc.**

# **Morris Area School District & Morris Hockey Association Partnership Agreement**

The tradition of hockey in Morris, MN began back in 1978 on outdoor ice located on Morris Area School District Property west of the current bus garage. Following numerous years outside, the Morris Hockey Association did a large fundraising drive for the high school hockey program to become a reality with an indoor facility. The efforts were completed, building an indoor facility and starting high school hockey for the 1994-1995 hockey season. This began the start of our informal partnership between the Morris Area School District and Morris Hockey Association, Inc of providing Morris Tiger High School Hockey to the youth of our community and surrounding communities. In efforts to continue to grow the sport of hockey in West Central Minnesota, improve our youth player numbers and add ice time availability the Morris Hockey Association, Inc. partnered with another community organization known as Benson Hockey Association based in Benson, MN. This took place during the summer of 2000 forming the Morris-Benson-Area Storm (MBA Storm) for the 2000-2001 hockey season. Through many years we have continued the partnership with the Morris Area School District (many other school pairing agreements) with great success for 29 years.

This partnership agreement formalizes the continued operations of the MBA Storm Boys & Girls JV/Varsity Hockey Programs through the Morris Area School District in partnership with the Morris Hockey Association, Inc. This agreement will detail the current operations of the hockey program, expectations of both partners, and self funding by Morris Hockey Association.

### **A. Athletic Director/Morris Area School District:**

- a. Shall be responsible for practice and game schedules
  - i. Coordinated with MBA Storm Scheduler
  - ii. Reschedules or Cancellation must be coordinated with Coaches, MBA Storm Scheduler, Rink Managers, Morris & Benson Hockey Presidents
- b. Shall schedule a site supervisors, trainers and game officials
  - i. Trainers - If allowed & approved by Morris Area School District Morris Hockey Association would provide certified trainer
- c. Shall handle the hiring & dismissal of coaches
- d. Shall be responsible for scheduling practice & game busses
  - i. Waivers for Parents to transport students to practices or games - Approved by Morris Area School District
- e. Shall handle grievance or disciplinary issues from those team's players and parents
- f. Morris Area School District is the primary school of the Co-op - If changed notice to be given to Morris Hockey Association
- g. Shall be responsible for in season program accounting
  - i. Season billing to be sent to Morris Hockey Association Treasurer or President
    - Payment Terms: Invoice to be sent after season to be paid in 30 days, If not paid in full within 30 days or by June 15th this agreement will be terminated.
  - ii. Morris Area School District to meet monthly with Morris Hockey Association to review how the budget is progressing
  - iii. Pairing schools invoicing to remain with Morris Area School District
- h. School Activity Fee will continue to be collected by Morris Area School District
  - i. Fees will be applied to Athletic Director fee, Dues/ Memberships, Admin Fees and/or deducted from general expenses
  - ii. Morris Area School District to give notice that the program is funded by Morris Hockey Association and additional fees to be collected
- i. Activity Accounts - Girls & Boys
  - i. Utilized by coaches and players hockey related items for the players

- B. Morris Hockey Association/Lee Community Center
- a. Shall hold the responsibility for all financial payments for Morris Area School District Players in this self funded model. Fees will be collected prior to the hockey season to assist in this self funding model.
    - i. Pairing schools' players to have dues & requirements for Morris Hockey Association that will continue
  - b. Reserves the right to notify the Athletic Director of any players that have not paid their dues to our organization in this self funded model
    - i. Players would be restricted from participating in on ice activities until dues are collected.
  - c. Shall provide all volunteers for the operations of the facility and game operations
    - i. Gate, Concessions, Scoreboard, Music, Announcing, Penalty Box
  - d. Gate Fees to be collected by MHA/LCC (Gate Fees to be set by MHA)
  - e. Jersey to be purchased (every 6 years) & designs & logos need to be consulted with.
    - i. Approval of purchase
    - ii. Consistent branding thru all level for the hockey program

Morris Area High School District agrees to up to 10 years per this agreement. This is agreed upon by the MHA Board of directors and Morris Area School District. It is agreed that this agreement would be reviewed annually with the Morris Area School Athletic Director and Morris Hockey Association.

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**Morris Area Schools Athletic Director - Printed Name**

**Phone #**

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**Morris Area Schools Athletic Director - Signature**

**Date**

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**MHA Vice President Printed Name**

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