



Roseau Youth Hockey | PO Box 273 Roseau, MN 56751

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Dear Mr. Jerome,

Per your request, I have surveyed several groups regarding their preferences for whether our high school program should continue to compete at the AA level.

The first group included current and former coaches, players, and parents. The responses from this group were 73% in favor of remaining at the AA level.

The second group surveyed was the RYH Board. Following a thorough discussion during our June meeting, the board voted 67% in favor of remaining at the AA level. I believe the board's opinion is particularly significant as we have a vested interest in the program and an obligation to represent the RYH community.

The third group was the Roseau Rams Hockey Association (Alumni group). In a verbal survey of their board members, the sentiment was unanimously in favor of remaining AA.

Additionally, several notable figures advocate for remaining at the AA level, including Scott Oliver, Dean Blais, and three-time state champion coach Jim Lundbohm. Most importantly, both high school head coaches, Andy Lundbohm and Steve Huglen, along with their assistant coaches, strongly support continuing at the AA level.

While winning has been challenging in recent years and lower participation numbers have led to calls for change, the board and coaching staff believe we must maintain our high standards. Youth hockey participation, talent, and cohesion are currently at an all-time high. Furthermore, RYH and RHS are committed to working together to ensure the best outcomes for our student-athletes.

I do not wish to remain AA simply because it is what we have always done. I advocate for this because of our tradition, our future, and because we have the infrastructure in place to compete and succeed at the highest level once again.

Best regards,

Phil Larson
Board President