



# Athletics

SILVER BAY, MINNESOTA

# Athletics in the Silver Bay Area

- Family-oriented, outdoor loving community
- Small and close-knit – active volunteers
- City Parks and Recreation Department
- School Sports
- Community Education
- Adult sports
- Silver Bay Blue Line Club
- M-Club – local funding organization

# Parks and Recreation Department

- Run and maintain Rukavina arena, Marina, Campground and all other parks and fields in Silver Bay
- Several kids' athletics programs in summer and fall – very affordable & high participation rates
- Adult sports
  - Pickleball (fastest growing)
  - Tennis
  - Softball (switched to wood bats has been a success)
  - Hockey

# School Sports

- ~ 15 – 35 kids per class so high participation needed
- Fall – football, volleyball, cross country
- Winter – hockey and basketball
- Spring – baseball, softball, trap shooting, track
- Significant travel time for games

# Community Education

- Swimming / Water aerobics
- Exercise / yoga classes
- Open volleyball and basketball
- Salmon Classic fishing tournament

# Silver Bay Blue Line Club

- Local hockey club for Silver Bay area with participants from Cook County as well
- County owned arena, City of SB operates
- Funded through registration fees, donations, fundraisers – North Shore Hockey Camp, tournaments
- ~80-100 kids – majority in community are “hockey” families
- Outdoor rink project
  - Concrete base, new hockey boards, pickleball courts
  - Funding through donations, grants, volunteers and BLC
  - ~\$300K



# Future Needs in Athletics/Recreation

- Maintain and grow our current programming
- Update historic/aging hockey arena to host regional events
- Meet needs of changing demographics
  - Paved walking trails
  - YMCA-type facility (pool, courts, weight room, walking track, etc.)
  - Improved tennis and pickleball courts
  - Updated baseball & softball fields and improved lighting at all fields
  - Local swimming instructors / lifeguards with license

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