

2025 CONVENTION GUIDE



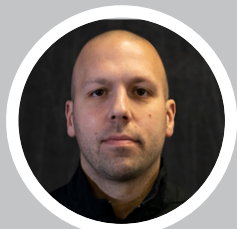
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Welcome to Bonita Springs and the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point for the 2025 AHCA Convention! As in the past, we are providing a brief guide outlining what you need to know, especially for those of you attending your first AHCA Convention.

NAME BADGES: Anyone who has registered for the Convention will need a name badge to get into most sessions. The Convention comes with costs and so we need to monitor who gains access to certain events. Other than speakers and special guests, one needs to be a paid member of the AHCA to come to the Convention and attendees must also register and pay the appropriate Convention fee. To expedite the distribution of badges, registered members will receive their badges at league meetings immediately prior to the Convention. There will also be registration and badge pick-up from 12:30-1:30 p.m. on Sunday and from 7:30-8:00 a.m. on Monday.

MEMBERSHIP AND CONVENTION COSTS:

There are multiple Membership categories. NCAA Coaches (i.e., head coach, assistant coaches and volunteers) are covered by one fee: \$500 for a Division I program and \$300 for a Division II-III program. Anyone who makes a living in hockey but is not a "coach," can join as an Allied Member at \$100 for the year. A youth, amateur or high school coach can join for \$40. The individual Convention Fee is now \$300 (after March 1). The only other cost at the Convention would be for either of the Coach of the Year events. Actual NCAA staff members get in free. All others will be charged \$50 for either event. (Note: Award winners are not charged and get a free table to accommodate guests.)

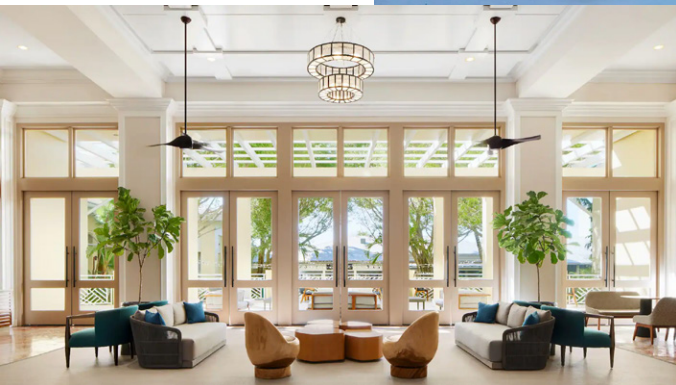
SPECIAL EVENTS TO NOTE: Please see the section in this guide labeled Booth Sponsors that identifies the sponsors and where they will be.

Also, the two Coach of the Year events remain as they were last year. The men's event on Sunday evening is a reception with an open bar for beer, wine, and soda, for the first 45 minutes. There will be appetizers, and the program will end by 6:45 p.m. allowing attendees to go out for dinner. The dress code has been relaxed so no sport coats are expected. The women's event is again a luncheon on Monday with "business casual" dress being the norm. In addition to these celebrations there is the popular "Hockey Coaches Care Reception" that will take place Monday evening from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Cypress Courtyard. The reception raises funds for "Hockey Coaches Care," a relief fund sponsored by the AHCA, and provides a fun atmosphere to connect with other attendees.





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THE GENERAL AGENDA: Beyond these social events, the heart and soul of the Convention can be found in the general agenda. **Zach McKelvie** of Army West Point has once again gone above and beyond to organize a mix of sessions delivered by accomplished outside speakers and AHCA members. The Convention will focus on hockey-related topics, including sessions devoted to NCAA playing rules, NCAA championships, NCAA legislation, and the future of college hockey with staff liaisons from the NCAA on hand to guide us through their areas of expertise.

QUESTIONS?: If you have questions and/or need assistance, please look for people wearing "OFFICER" badges as they will be able to help you navigate the Convention. As always, I can be reached at 608-347-9482 or forrestkarr@ahcahockey.com. Enjoy the Convention! - Forrest Karr, AHCA Executive Director



Agenda Highlights

Here is a breakdown of the Agenda and who will speak at the AHCA 2025 Convention

SUNDAY • MAY 4

12:30 - 1:30 P.M.

Registration

Attendees who did not receive their ID badges earlier in the weekend need to pick them up at this time slot (or Monday morning).

1:30 - 2:10 P.M.

Opening Business Meeting

AHCA President **Steve Wiedler** of the University of Vermont will formally open the Convention. The traditional "AHCA Roll Call" will take place, with each attendee standing to identify themselves and their affiliation. A brief report will be given by AHCA Executive Director **Forrest Karr**.

2:15 - 3:10 P.M.

Dr. Anthony Randall **Topic: Practicing Excellence**

Dr. Anthony Randall will guide coaches on embedding excellence into their programs through disciplined leadership and a winning team culture. He'll share practical strategies from his military and coaching experience to elevate performance on and off the ice.

Dr. Randall, President of Vanguard XXI, is an executive coach with over 28 years of leadership experience, including



DR. ANTHONY RANDALL

service as a U.S. Army Ranger and Chaplain. A West Point graduate (1996), he's coached over 17,000 professionals across sports and military sectors. He's also the author of the best-selling *Practicing Excellence*.



BARRY SMITH

3:15 - 4:00 P.M.

Barry Smith **Topic: Transitional Play**

Barry Smith will break down transitional play using NHL game clips, highlighting strategies from his Stanley Cup-winning tenure. He'll show coaches how to build systems and design practice plans that enhance player development and shift their approach to thinking differently about transitional play.

Barry graduated from Ithaca College in 1972 and coached at Elmira College from 1976-81, compiling a record of 129-50-3. He later contributed to seven Stanley Cup victories (many as Scotty Bowman's righthand man) with Pittsburgh, Detroit, and Chicago. His career also spans the KHL and international coaching, earning him a spot in Ithaca's Hall of Fame (1992).

4:00 - 5:00 P.M.

Men's and Women's Issues Meetings

The men's meeting is for Division I coaches while the women's meeting is for all members involved in women's hockey.

5:15 - 6:45 P.M.

Men's Coach of the Year Reception

This event is sponsored by USA Hockey; the reception (5:15-5:45) is sponsored by the USHL and NAHL; the Coach of the Year awards are sponsored by CCM.

Three of the AHCA Major Awards will be presented, along with the two AHCA/CCM Coach of the Year awards. The event is more of a reception than a full dinner and the dress code has been relaxed so that sport coats are not expected. Complimentary beer, wine and soda will be available for the first 45 minutes of the event. Actual NCAA staff will have no charge for this event. Everyone else must pay \$30 at the door. Award winners get a complimentary table of eight.

MONDAY • MAY 5

7:30 - 8:00 A.M.

Registration

8:00 - 8:30 A.M.

USA Hockey Report

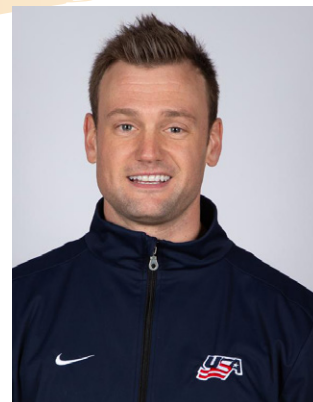
USA Hockey is a major benefactor of the annual AHCA Convention. USA Hockey's **Scott Paluch** (an AHCA Governor) and USA Hockey staffers will give a brief report.

8:30 - 9:20 A.M.

Steve Thompson **Topic: Goaltender & Player Development**

Steve Thompson will share insights on evaluating goalie talent, focusing on key traits to identify during recruitment and tryouts. He'll outline strategies to build season-long development plans that strengthen team goalies' skills and performance.

Steve has been USA Hockey's Manager of Goaltending Development since 2019, and has coached Team USA to international success, including a 2022 Olympic silver medal. A former University of Alaska Fairbanks player, he began his coaching career at Anchorage. His work now shapes goaltending programs nationwide.



STEVE THOMPSON

9:30 - 10:20 A.M.

John Riley **Topic: Space Invaders**

John Riley's "Space Invaders" session will explore puck protection, reading defenders, and creating space on the ice, using NHL clips to illustrate key techniques. He'll provide drills and strategies to help coaches develop these skills in their teams.

John serves as the Tampa Bay Lightning's Director of Amateur Scouting, focusing on talent identification and development. He previously coached Yale University's women's hockey team and the Norwegian National Team. His expertise bridges scouting and on-ice coaching.



JOHN RILEY

Agenda Highlights

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10:30 - 11:20 A.M.

Men: *NCAA Rules Committee, followed by a lunch break.*

Women: *PWHL*

11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Women's Coach of the Year Luncheon

This event is sponsored by USA Hockey; the reception (11:30 a.m.-Noon) is sponsored by the JWHL; the Coach of the Year awards are sponsored by CCM.

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1:00 - 1:50 P.M.

Mark Wick & Randy Barker

Topic: *Breaking the Ice: A Coach's Role in Mental Health*

Mark Wick and **Randy Barker** will equip coaches to spot signs of stress and burnout in players and themselves, offering tools to build a supportive team environment. They'll draw from their therapy and coaching expertise to show how mental health strengthens performance.

Mark Wick is a mental health therapist with 35 years as a college hockey coach. He holds master's degrees in education and clinical mental health counseling. His career focuses on addressing the psychological challenges faced by athletes and coaches.

Randy Barker, a licensed therapist with 20 years of experience, directs counseling at UW-Superior and created the PERMANENT



MARK WICK



RANDY BARKER

well-being model. A former junior and NCAA hockey player and coach, he's shaped NCAA mental health best practices.

2:00 - 3:50 P.M.

NCAA Hockey Panel with Charlie Baker, NCAA President

Panel: *Maura Crowell, Dartmouth Coach; Guy Gadowsky, Penn State Coach; Heather Weems, NCHC Commissioner; Jim Madigan, Northeastern AD.*

Moderator, Adam Augustine, Big Ten

Charlie Baker became the NCAA's sixth president in March of 2023 and has pursued a mission to improve the student-athlete experience, increase national office efficiency and advocate for college sports. In less than two years, he expanded support for student-athletes by launching a post-eligibility insurance program for all three divisions and worked with membership to enact Division I core guarantees — mandatory health and wellness benefits for student-athletes and new academic protections such as guaranteed scholarships if a student-athlete stops compet-

ing. He led the negotiation of a landmark media rights agreement with ESPN, increasing visibility for college athletes as they compete for a national championship. Additionally, Baker initiated the development of a fan database that will enhance the championship experience for all.



CHARLIE BAKER

Baker and college sports leaders continue to enact an array of policy changes enhancing collegiate athletics oversight — including Baker’s leadership in advocating for the banning of prop bets on college sports to protect the health, safety and well-being of over 500,000 student-athletes and the integrity of NCAA competition. On his first day in the position, Baker committed to meet with individuals from every conference office annually — a first for any NCAA president — and he has been intentional about soliciting feedback from student-athletes, coaches, administrators, athletics directors and conference commissioners. Baker thinks college sports are a uniquely American treasure, provide unmatched opportunity for young people to access higher education and in turn serve as one of the greatest human development programs in the world.

Before assuming his current role, Baker served as governor of Massachusetts — winning reelection in a landslide — and was consistently ranked as the most popular governor in America. He led the commonwealth out of a billion-dollar budget deficit and into a surplus while cutting taxes and boosting investments in education and infrastructure. In addition to his two terms as governor, he has decades of experience spear-

heading transformations at high-profile institutions in the private and public sectors. During this time, he also co-authored “Results: Getting Beyond Politics To Get Important Work Done.”

Baker is a graduate of Harvard, where he was a member of the men’s varsity basketball team. He holds a Master of Business Administration from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern.

4:00 - 5:00 P.M.

Men: National Issues Discussion

Women: NCAA Rules Committee

5:00 - 5:50 P.M.

Women’s National Issues Discussions by Division



6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

Hockey Coaches Care Reception

Sponsored by Bauer, KJ Branding and Spideo

This event is one of the social highlights of the Convention. It brings everyone together for a good cause as money is raised to support “Hockey Coaches Care,” a support organization for hockey families in need. A raffle will take place, the major gift being a two-night stay at the Hyatt Coconut Point Resort.

TUESDAY • MAY 6

7:00 - 8:00 A.M.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Breakfast

8:00 - 8:50 AM

Scott Fitzgerald

Topic: Winning from Within: Letting Go, Finding Peace & Simplifying Success

Scott Fitzgerald will address the pressures of winning in hockey, helping coaches release external expectations and redefine success based on personal purpose. He'll offer practical steps to find balance and lead with clarity.

Scott brings over 20 years of experience in collegiate coaching and athletic administration at Division I, II, and III levels. He now works one-on-one with coaches and leaders to navigate professional and personal challenges. Based in New Hampshire, he enjoys family time and the outdoors.



SCOTT FITZGERALD

9:00 - 9:50 A.M.

Colin Chaulk

Topic: Preparing & Evaluating the Power Play

Colin Chaulk will share strategies for designing

and assessing effective power play units, drawing from his success with the Bakersfield Condors' top-ranked AHL power play. He'll provide drills and evaluation techniques to help coaches optimize player performance and unit cohesion.

Chaulk, head coach of the Bakersfield Condors (AHL) since 2022, led the team to a 37-31-4 record and consecutive Calder Cup Playoff berths. In his first full season, he guided the Condors to a team-record 10 straight home wins.

Previously an assistant coach with Bakersfield, he helped achieve a 23.8% home power play rate in 2021-22. Additionally, Colin has served as head coach of Brampton Beast (ECHL), as well as assistant coach for Fort Wayne Comets (ECHL), Kalamazoo Wings (ECHL), and Belleville Senators (AHL). A former player with 15 pro seasons, his #91 is retired by the Fort Wayne Komets, where he won five championships. His hands-on coaching style has developed NHL-bound talents like Philip Broberg and Dylan Holloway.



COLIN CHAULK

10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

NCAA Championship Committees by Gender and Division and Final Issues Discussions

11:30 A.M.

Convention Adjourned

Congratulations to six retiring coaches!



Brian Riley

ARMY WEST POINT

AHCA VP, 2011–2014
AHCA President, 2014–2017
22 Seasons – 258 Wins



Wayne Wilson

RIT

Spencer Penrose Winner / 2010
Edward Jeremiah Winner / 2001
27 Seasons – 471 Wins



Mike Schafer

CORNELL

Spencer Penrose Winner / 2020
AHCA VP, 2005–2008
30 Seasons – 561 Wins



Jeff Jackson

LAKE SUPERIOR–NOTRE DAME

Spencer Penrose Winner / 2007 & 2018
26 Seasons – 601 Wins



Bob Daniels

FERRIS STATE

Spencer Penrose Winner / 2003 & 2012
33 Seasons – 510 Wins



George Roll

OSWEGO–CLARKSON–NAZARETH

Edward Jeremiah Winner / 2003
27 Seasons – 354 Wins

162 Seasons — 5,710 Games — 2,755 Wins!

AGENDA 2025

HYATT REGENCY COCONUT POINT in Bonita Springs, FL. (As of April 24th – Subject to Change)

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LOCATION

12:30 - 1:30pm	Registration	Conference Foyer
1:30 - 2:10pm	AHCA Opening Business Meeting	Calusa D, E
2:15 - 3:10pm	Dr. Anthony Randall, <i>Practicing Excellence</i>	Calusa D, E
3:00 - 7:00pm	Exhibitor Show Opens	Calusa F, G & H
3:15 - 4:00pm	Barry Smith, <i>Transitional Play</i>	Estero B, C
4:00 - 5:00pm	Men's Hockey Opening Issues Meeting	Estero B, C
4:00 - 5:00pm	Women's Hockey Opening Issues Meeting	Calusa B, C
5:15 - 6:45pm	Men's Hockey Coach of the Year Reception <i>(Event Sponsored by USA Hockey; Cocktail Reception Sponsored by NAHL and USHL; Coach of the Year Awards Sponsored by CCM)</i>	Calusa D, E, F, G, H

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9:30 - 10:20am	John Riley, <i>Space Invaders</i>	Calusa D, E
MEN'S HOCKEY COACHES		
10:30 - 11:20am	NCAA Rules Committee	Calusa D, E
11:30am - 1:00pm	Lunch Break	
WOMEN'S HOCKEY COACHES		
10:30 - 11:20am	Professional Women's Hockey League (PWHL)	Calusa B, C
11:30am - 1:00pm	Women's Hockey Coach of the Year Luncheon <i>(Event Sponsored by USA Hockey; Cocktail Reception Sponsored by JWHL; Coach of the Year Awards sponsored by CCM)</i>	Estero B, C
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MEN'S HOCKEY COACHES		
4:00 - 5:00pm	National Issues by Division • Men's Hockey Division I • Men's Hockey Division III General Issues & Championship Committee	Calusa D, E Blue Heron
WOMEN'S HOCKEY COACHES		
4:00 - 4:50pm	NCAA Rules Committee	Calusa B, C
5:00 - 5:50pm	National Issues by Division • Women's Hockey Division I • Women's Hockey Division III	Calusa B, C Great Egret
6:00 - 7:30pm	Hockey Coaches Care Reception <i>(Sponsored by Bauer, KJ Branding and Spiideo)</i>	Cypress Courtyard

► **Some of our AHCA Sponsors will be exhibiting** Sunday (3:00 - 7:00pm), Monday (8:00am - 4:00pm) and Tuesday (8:00am - Noon). We hope everyone will be able to stop by each booth to thank them for their support of AHCA and our convention. **The booth partners are Bauer, Catapult, CCM, Eurosportours, European Sports Travel, Guardian Sports, PlaySight, Sportlogiq, University of Nebraska High School, SNIPR Sports, Gemini Athletic Wear, Inc, Warrior, Vanguard XXI, USA Hockey, Hudl and HELIOS. Thank you, Partners!**

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WOMEN'S HOCKEY COACHES		
10:00 - 11:30am	NCAA Committee Meetings/Final Opportunity to Discuss Issues • Women's Hockey NC Championships Committee • Women's Hockey Division III Championships Committee	Calusa B, C Great Egret

THANK YOU!

JACK ARENA '83

AMHERST COLLEGE HEAD MEN'S ICE HOCKEY COACH 41 SEASONS (1983-2025)

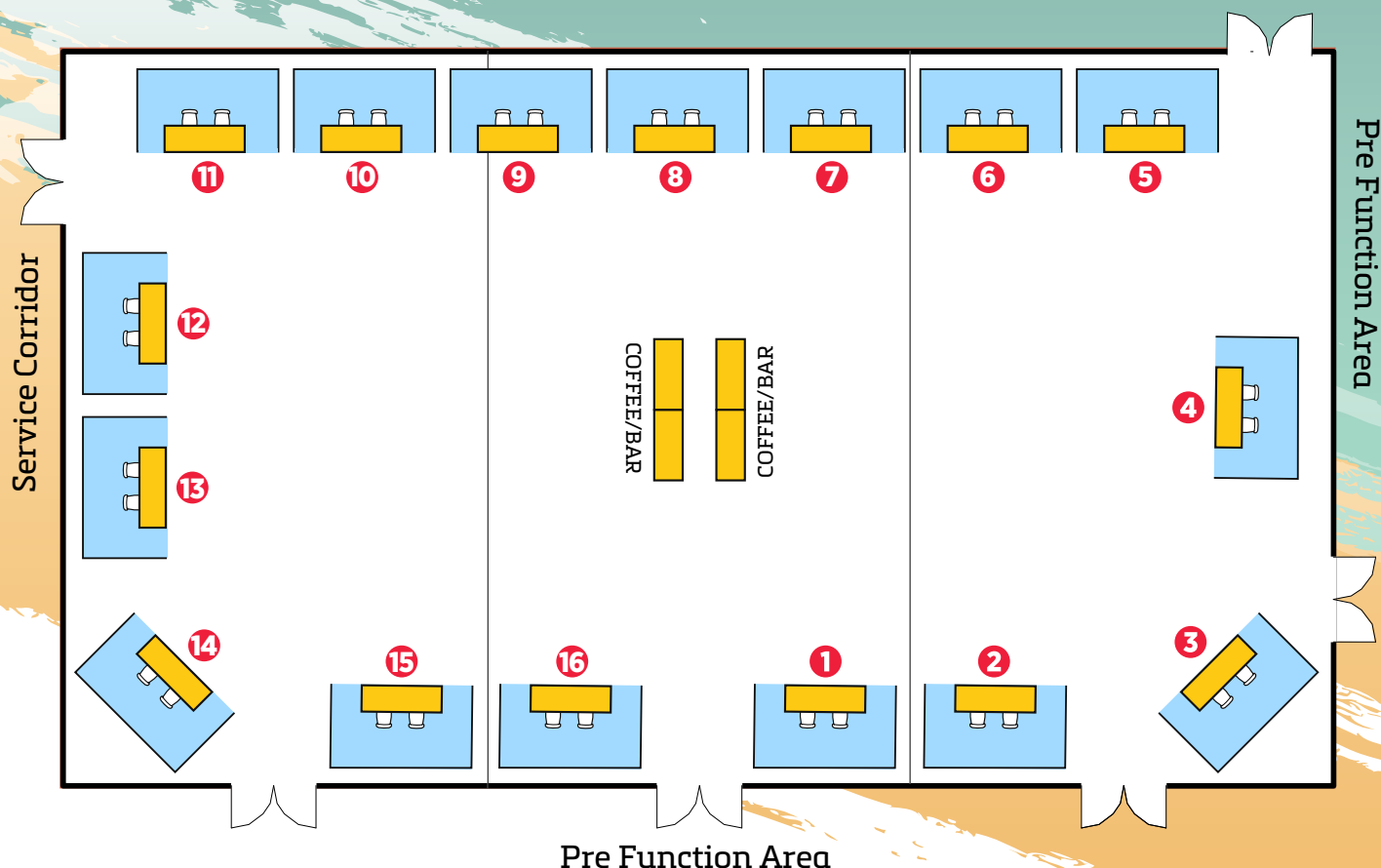


2025 TRADE SHOW

Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort
Bonita Springs, FL



Entrance to Main Ballroom



DIRECTORY

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| 1. Catapult | 7. European Sports Travel | 12. Bauer |
| 2. Sportlogiq | 8. Warrior | 13. Hudl |
| 3. Vanguard XXI | 9. PlaySight | 14. SNIPR Sports |
| 4. CCM | 10. Gemini Athletic Wear, Inc | 15. HELIOS |
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Nebraska High School | 16. Eurosportours |
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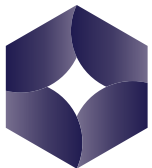
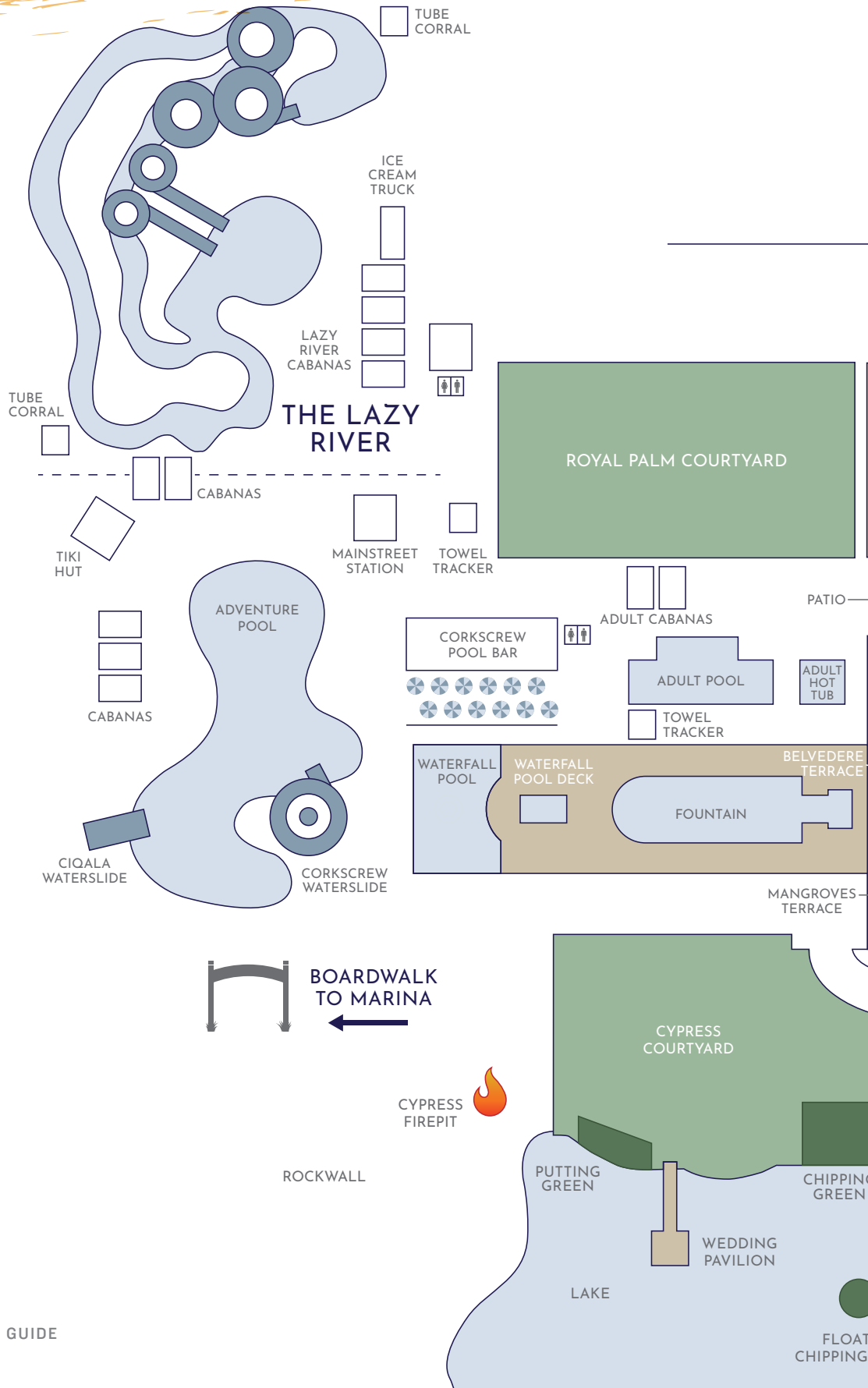


Please consider a donation to ***“Hockey Coaches Care”*** when you attend Thursday’s reception. This fund helps members of the amateur hockey community in times of need. Please buy a raffle ticket when AHCA officers offer them to attendees.

BONITA SPRINGS, FLA.

Hyatt Regency Coconut Point

Resort Map



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RESORT & SPA



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2025 CONVENTION

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-  POOLS AND WATERSLIDES
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MAIN LEVEL



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