

How North Dakota Amateur Hockey Association (NDAHA) Streamlined Games with Digital Gamesheets, Cutting Errors and Saving Time

Finding a better way to manage scoresheets.


About TeamLinkt

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Game Changing Outcomes

 **80%**
Drop in manual errors

 **20min**
Saved per game

 **95%**
Reduction in paper waste



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NDAHA'S HURDLE

In North Dakota, hockey is big. But they faced significant admin challenges keeping game stats organized. The old way was using paper scoresheets. This system had problems: sheets could get lost, they sometimes had errors, and they took time. And, using lots of paper wasn't great for our planet. Communication was another challenge. Timekeepers, referees, and administrators needed a smoother way to share detailed statistics and a report of each game. Enter TeamLinkt. We introduced our digital scoresheets to the NDAHA to solve these issues and streamline the process.

THE PAPER PROBLEM

Every hockey game meant a new paper scoresheet. Coaches and team managers had to fill these out before every game. But there were problems:

1. **Lost Sheets:** With so many games and teams, sheets often got misplaced.
2. **Mistakes:** Writing by hand led to errors. Names could be spelled wrong, scores could be mixed up, and sometimes, important details were missed.
3. **Waste:** All these papers added up. This wasn't good for the environment.
4. **Incident Reporting:** Referees needed a PDF copy of the scoresheet for reports. If there was an incident, getting a copy became tricky.
5. **Signature Slip-Ups:** Coaches had to sign these sheets to confirm the roster. Sometimes they forgot or missed this step.
6. **Delayed Info:** Referees, coaches, and team leaders had to wait to get detailed scores and stats post-game. This slowed things down.
7. **Lack of Access:** Not everyone had the same info at the same time.
8. **Manual Data Entry:** After each game, scores and player stats had to be manually entered, and standings had to be updated.

GOAL

Find a better way to manage scoresheets and improve communication for everyone.

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"Introducing TeamLinkt's digital scoresheets is a promising step forward for the NDAHA. Their genuine support and dedication to adapting based on our needs have been notable. As the president, I appreciate how they've been more than just a service provider; they've been a true partner, always ready to make improvements based on our feedback."



Matt Stockert,
President of the NDAHA

INTRODUCING DIGITAL SCORESHEETS

Understanding the challenges the NDAHA faced, TeamLinkt introduced its digital scoresheet solution. Here's how it helped:

- **No More Paper:** With everything digital, there was no risk of losing sheets or wasting paper.
- **Fewer Mistakes:** The system helped reduce human error. It's easy to read, and there's no messy handwriting.
- **Fast and Simple:** Timekeepers and coaches could quickly fill out and check game details. More time for the actual game!
- **Easier for Refs:** Referees got a PDF copy of the scoresheet right in their email. Making incident reports easier.
- **Easier for Timekeepers:** TeamLinkt scoresheet app is available on iOS, Android, and web. It works without service and there's no iPad required!
- **Mandatory Signatures:** Games couldn't start until all signatures were in. The system made sure coaches confirmed their roster first. If someone's missing it shows up clearly.
- **Central Communication:** Everyone got the same info at the same time. This means fewer mix-ups and better planning.
- **Automation:** Information was entered live and then automatically populated the scores, standings, and player stats post-game.
- **Quick Help:** If anyone had questions during a game, TeamLinkt was there to help right away.

TeamLinkt's digital solution wasn't just about ditching paper. It was about making hockey games smoother and more fun for everyone involved.

BRINGING DIGITAL TO THE RINK

Switching to a new system can be tricky. But TeamLinkt and the NDAHA worked together to make it smooth. Here's how:

1. **Planning Together:** Before anything started, TeamLinkt chatted with NDAHA's leaders. They talked about what was needed and how to make the change easy.
2. **The Guide:** Instead of in-person training, TeamLinkt created a simple PDF guide. This guide was printed and left in the timekeeper's booth for reference.



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Happy Voices

Feedback from scorekeepers, referees, and coaches was overwhelmingly positive. Many said things like, "This is a game-changer!" and "Why didn't we do this sooner?"

User-Friendly

Even those not tech-savvy found the system easy to use. It was clear, simple, and got the job done.

Feeling Supported

With TeamLinkt's fast help during games, everyone felt they had a teammate off the rink too.

3. **Tech Stuff:** TeamLinkt made sure the new system worked well with the NDAHA's current tools. This way, no one had to start from scratch.
4. **Priority Support:** Recognizing the importance of timely assistance, TeamLinkt offered priority support during game hours. This meant that any questions or issues were addressed almost instantly, ensuring no one felt stranded or uncertain.
5. **Custom Touches:** The NDAHA had some special needs. TeamLinkt adjusted the system to make sure everything worked perfectly.
6. **Starting Slow:** Instead of changing everything at once, they started with a few unsanctioned events in their fall program. This "test run" helped catch any issues early.
7. **All-In:** Now that they've seen the system is working well, TeamLinkt's scoresheets are being promoted to all teams under the NDAHA.

With teamwork and planning, the NDAHA's hockey games became more organized and less stressful.

WHAT WE'VE LEARNED

TeamLinkt's digital scoresheets have started to make things better for the NDAHA's games. It's been a good start, and there's more to come.

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More Places, More Games

The good stuff happening in North Dakota could happen in other places too. Maybe even for other sports like football or lacrosse. If it works here, it can work there.

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Always Getting Better

We're always listening to our customers. We want to make things even better. So, we're thinking of new ideas to help teams everywhere.

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What's Next

North Dakota is just the beginning. With time, we're excited to expand digital scoresheets into new regions and with added functionality.



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