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Welcome!

2024-2025 Season

Thank You

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- Board Members

- Amanda Bugbee (VP)
- Ashley Allen (Treasurer)
- Savannah Fellows (Registrar)
- Dan Wheeler (Secretary)
- Tina Simpson (Head Scheduler)
- Bill Goodhue (coaching Director)
- Lance Brigham (Old man of the Board)

2023-2024 Season Review

- 8U
 - Had a great strong building year. Lots of new and upcoming players. A fairly good size group is moving up to 10U this year and expect to play well there.
- 10U
 - T4 Worked hard and really came together by State Tournament time where they finished as Runners-Up. IMHO, the best passing team in the tournament.
 - T5 A young team that learned a lot and got significantly better over the course of the year. They ended up as Runners-Up as well in a close fought game.
- 12U
 - T3 Fielded a small in numbers team but they had lots of drive and were very competitive team against some of the state's top teams. They came away with a state championship and a great showing in the New England Regional Tournament.
 - T5 Really came together at the end of the season with three players that had never played before. Ended the season on a great note with a close State Championship win.
- 14U
 - Strong mix of first and second year players. Finished the regular season very strong and had a good showing at the State Tournament despite a tough draw in the first round.
- 16U
 - Very successful season for a LAYHA 16U team! Expanding to 18U this year.

2024-2025 Season Preview

- 8U
 - 17 Learn To Skate
 - 36 between 8U travel, house, mini
- 10U
 - 23 players registered. There will be two teams. One at T3 and one at T5.
- 12U
 - 19 players registered. Just short of being able to split into two teams. Going to start at T3 but may move to T4. If we get a couple more registrations, 12U will split into two teams.
- 14U
 - 24 players registered. There will be two teams. One at T3 and one at T4 (no T5 at 14U)
- 18U
 - Coach Bill Goodhue
 - Looking to get started in early October

Season Practice Schedule

- Learn To Skate
 - Saturday's 8:30-9:30am (Starting October 19th)
- 8U
 - Tuesday 5:45-6:45
 - Thursday 5:45-6:45 (combine with 10U on weeks with Wednesday HS games)
- 10U
 - Tuesday 6:45-7:45
 - Thursday 6:45-7:45 (combine with 8U at 5:45 on weeks with Wednesday HS games)
- 12U
 - Monday 5:45-6:45
 - Wednesday 5:45-6:45 (On Wednesdays with HS games move to Thurs 7pm with 14U)
- 14U
 - Monday 7:00-8:00
 - Wednesday 7:00-8:00 (On Wednesdays with HS games move to Thurs 7pm with 12U)
- 18U
 - Tues/Thurs 8:15PM Until High School starts

State Level Changes This Year

- Statewide Tiering
 - T5 introduced last year as a way help to produce teams competitive at the regional level.
 - Seemed to be successful (e.g. our 12U T3 team was competitive with other New England T3 teams at the regional tournament).
 - However, VSAHA sort of moved away from allowing choice of Tier this year and implemented a “Starting Tier” for each organization based on historic registration numbers.
 - LAYHA was assigned Tier 3 as a starting point for all age groups. We’ll have to see where we are at in early December.

LAYHA Website

- SportsEngine
 - Download the App and keep track of your team(s) schedules
 - Communicate with coaches
 - Please mark down ahead of time if your player is/isn't going to be available for a game
- LAYHA.org
 - LAYHA store on the right side of the main page. **Go there to buy game socks.**
- Working on adding lots of important information to the tabs on our page
 - Player Safety Tab
 - SafeSport
 - Concussion Protocol
 - About LAYHA tab
 - Code of Conduct
 - Players/Coaches/Parents
 - Parent Information Tab
 - What to expect
 - Team Placement
 - Locker Room Policy

Concussion Protocol

- Important to ensure player safety
 - Research is showing head injuries that aren't allowed to heal appropriately can follow a person for the rest of their life.
- Check the LAYHA website for helpful links and information
- Signs up outside the locker rooms at the arena
- Players with a suspected concussion may only return to play after a “Return to Play” form has been completed

Player Expectations



- Have Fun!
- Players need full equipment
 - Skates
 - Shin pads
 - Two sets of Socks
 - Practice socks
 - Game socks (see website for ordering)
 - Shoulder pads
 - Elbow Pads
 - Neck Guard (**Required at all times for all players and officials 18 and under**)
 - Pants
 - Protective cup
 - Helmet
 - Gloves
 - Mouth guard (**Required 12U and up** but encouraged at all levels)
 - Practice jersey
- Affordable Equipment Available at the arena shop

Player Expectations

- Play hard
- Sportsmanship
- Respect
- Arrive on time
 - Typically at least 30 minutes ahead of practice/game time
 - Let someone know if are going to be late for a game
- Expected to travel to away games
- **HAVE FUN!!!**

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Parents

- Encourage players
- Sportsmanship
- Support officials
 - Officials are human and can't catch everything. Blaming officials for losses does not help build stronger players or teams.
- It is not all about winning. Encourage learning skills and the winning on it's own.
- Volunteers!!!

Volunteers

- Register with USA Hockey (follow links under “Registration” via the LAYHA website)
- Team assistants
 - USA Hockey is requiring a locker room monitor for each team this year. We’ll need people to step up.
- Background check and SafeSport
 - Keep kids safe and understand the structure that USA Hockey (and youth sports in general) are emphasizing
- Scoreboard + Scoresheet operators (don’t need background/Safesport)
 - We can’t have games without you. Game sheets are going digital this year which may make it easier for those that may want to do it.
- Become an Official (referee).
 - This year is the time to do as the requirements to enter are as low as they will ever be.
- LAYHA Board
 - We have an opening on the board
 - Great group that keeps this excellent organization running

Thank You for Coming!

- Break up into age groups and introduce coaches and some expectations for the year

