



PATRIOTS

Youth Hockey Association



NEWSLETTER: September 2023

What a month! We are in the heart of Camp Ice, Placements, and Tryouts. Practices start in just a couple of weeks.

This past weekend, we hosted the Rock the Rink 3v3 Tournament with 31 teams and 11 goalies participating. It was an exciting event and has players pumped for the upcoming season!

It's great having the sounds of hockey fill the rink again!

REGISTRATION, CAMP ICE, AND PLACEMENTS

Camp Ice and Pre-Skates are a week in, and we love seeing our skaters back on the ice.

- A Teams Tryouts, Dragons, and B/C Camp Ice – September 18-22
- Dragons and B/C Final Placements – September 25-30
- A Teams and U10 Dragons Practices Start – September 25
- Mites, U12 Dragons, and B/C Practices Start – October 2
- U6 and Rec Practices Start - October 17 & 18

Be sure to check the full schedule on the website calendar for remaining Tryout and Placement times.

We are also excited to announce the A Team Head Coaches for this season:

Bantam A - Mike Gilbertson

PeeWee A - Christian Forsmo

Squirt A - Chad Normington

The U10 Dragons will only have one team this year, due to numbers, so we are happy to announce that Tara Groth will be their Head Coach.

The U12 Dragons and Travel B/C coaches will be named following placements.

The [PYHA Tryout and Placement Process](#) addendum is now available on the website. This is an important read for all Travel families! We have also updated the [Locker Room Monitoring Policy](#). Any questions about the tryout and placement process or the locker room monitoring policy can be sent to info@patriotshockey.org.

VOLUNTEER AND CONCESSIONS UPDATES

We need volunteers to help hand out equipment next week. Please sign up in [DIBs](#). We've also added concessions shifts for weekends and high school games. At this time, we will not be scheduling concessions shifts during the weekdays until we know we can fill high school and weekends. These are priority shifts that need to be fulfilled. The board will re-evaluate as the season progresses.

All accounts have been updated with concession and volunteer hours from the Summer. Please check DIBs to verify your information is correct. If you have any questions, please email dibs@patriotshockey.org.

We are looking for a new Concessions Operations Manager to take over, starting with the 2024-2025 season. The Concessions Operations Manager will receive all volunteer and concessions credit hours and a \$500 skater credit. We are grateful for all the hard work our current manager, Jackie Julius, has put into this job. She will continue to run concessions through the current season and will be available to train her replacement during this time. If you are interested in this position or would like more information, please reach out to pyhaboard@patriotshockey.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The fundraiser this year will be our Annual Raffle. All families participating in fundraising will be expected to sell raffle tickets. We are planning to get these out earlier in the season, so you have more time to sell. Families will also have the opportunity to earn skater credit this season with an individual chocolate sales fundraiser. More details and information will be provided as we get closer to ordering.

Upcoming Dine-Out Fundraisers – Everyone needs to eat and what better way to help the league make some money than combining food and fundraising! PYHA has partnered with local restaurants for fundraiser days. Tell your friends and family and dine with the Patriots! We have the following already scheduled with more on the way:

- Ian's - 10/18
- Chipotle - 11/7
- Portillos - 12/5
- Culvers - 1/16

APPAREL

[The merch store is open](#). The online store will be open through October 15. Items will be available for shipping/pickup after November 1. If you have any questions, please reach out to the fundraising committee at fundraising@patriotshockey.org.

The socks for the Dragons team are now available at Suter's Gold Medal Sports.

BUILDING UPDATES

Hartmeyer now has an AED Machine generously donated by the [BeLikeTommy Project](#). An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is an important tool to have on hand at all sports facilities, including those primarily used for youth sports. A huge thanks to Kristen Reitzell for making this happen to support our rink.

MEET THE PYHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mike Taylor

Mike Taylor is currently in his second-year term on the board. He played for the Patriots from Squirts to Bantam and was the goalie for MG Varsity Hockey from 97-00. Mike has served as a two-time U6 coordinator, Assistant Mite Coordinator and will now be the Mite Coordinator for the 23-24 season. Mike's son, Kahwai is a 2nd year Mite and has been skating with the Patriots since he was 4 years old. Mike's passion is coaching the game he's loved since he was 3 years old living in Ontario, Canada. A philosophy of having fun and commitment to hard work on ice with the goal of building kids up, getting the most of out of their abilities, and implementing a team first attitude. Professionally, Mike works as an Account Executive for Adobe's North American Distributor in Education. Mike's happy place is being at Hartmeyer, learning new things from coaches, and watching kids play the game they love.

Bekie Timmons

Bekie Timmons has been a part of the Patriots since her son was 4 years old and he is now entering his last year in the organization as a second year Bantam. She has been on the board for 5 years and sat as the secretary for the past 3. It has been a wonderful time within the Patriots organization, and she is looking forward to passing the torch to the next wave of young hockey families.

The next board meeting will be held **Monday, October 9 at 6 p.m.** at [Oakstone Recreational](#) in Cottage Grove and is open to all members of PYHA.

We always want to hear back from our families. If you have any questions or concerns, you can email them to PYHABoard@patriotshockey.org.

Are you no longer a member of the Patriots Organization and would like to unsubscribe to emails? Our emails are sent out to anyone who has a Sports Engine profile associated with our league. There are two options to stop receiving emails from PYHA:

1. Remove Patriots Youth Hockey Association from your Sports Engine profile:
<https://help.sportsengine.com/en/articles/6304798-how-to-remove-my-profile-from-an-organization>
2. Unsubscribe from notifications and emails in your Sports Engine profile:
<https://help.sportsengine.com/en/articles/6304397-how-to-unsubscribe-from-organizational-notifications-and-emails>