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YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER: August 2023



[Registration closes this WEEK!](#) If you have not already registered your players, do so soon, or be charged a late fee. Additional details are below.

The [2023-2024 Handbook](#) is now available online. We encourage all families to read through the handbook carefully as there have been a lot of updates. This is our source document for all the rules, regulations, and expectations of membership with PYHA. If you have any questions, please reach out to the board at PYHABoard@patriotshockey.org.

The On Ice Committee (OIC) is looking for new members. The OIC works with on-ice issues and policies such as team placement, ice schedule, coaching positions, and player/coach discipline. OIC members are voted on and approved by the PYHA Board based on their hockey experience and are selected so that different age groups are represented. If you are interested in applying, please email the Director of Hockey, Dan Groth at hockeydirector@patriotshockey.org.

It was the perfect weekend for the annual Golf Outing. We had an awesome turnout of 106 golfers and 21-hole sponsors. Congratulations to Liz Payne's team who won with a -18 and to Rich Willing who won \$250 from the 50/50. A hearty THANK YOU to all the volunteers and attendees who helped make it one of our biggest fundraising events!

DRAGONS UPDATES

The first annual Region 4 Showdown tournament was held August 11 - 13, 2023. We had a total of 67 players participate, mostly from region 4: Sauk Prairie, Waunakee, Sun, Prairie, Madison Patriots, Madison Polar Caps, Madison Mavericks, Verona, Janesville, Beloit, Monroe, Baraboo, and Reedsburg. We also had participants from Fond du Lac, Elmbrook and Rockford! We had two divisions with three teams each; 8U/10U and 12U/14U, and 7 different goalies participated. It was a full weekend of fast paced girls' hockey! We are excited to see the tournament grow in the coming years!

We will be hosting another free *Intro to Hockey - Girl's* event August 27, 5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. at Hartmeyer! Bring your skaters! This is a great last-minute opportunity to introduce new skaters to the Madison Dragons.

Join us!

GIRLS TRY HOCKEY FOR FREE

Hartmeyer Ice Arena
1834 Commercial Ave
Madison, WI 53704
AUGUST 27, 2023
5:15 PM - 6:15 PM

Come try girls hockey, one of the fastest growing sports! And consider joining our girls only hockey teams!

Register here

Sponsored by the Patriots Youth Hockey Association
<https://www.patriotshockey.org>

CALLING ALL COACHES

The coaching application is open. If you or your friends with hockey experience (they don't even need to have kids in the program) are interested in coaching this season, please complete the [application online!](#) We are looking for coaches at all levels.

APPAREL

[The merch store is open for business.](#) 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. Team Jersey's will be available to order following the close of registration. The online store will be open for ONE WEEK. Watch for incoming emails with additional details and a link to the store.

REGISTRATION, CAMP ICE, AND PLACEMENTS

In case you didn't catch it earlier, registration for the 2023-2024 closes on **AUGUST 27!** That's just five days away! If you've been putting it off, now is the time to get it done. All registrations received after the 27th will have a late fee. [Register online now.](#)

Note: If you want to pay by check or PayPal, please use the code **OFFLINE** at checkout.

Camp Ice and Placements schedule has been set. The OIC will be hosting parent meetings prior to Camp Ice. We will have one in-person and one virtual session. During these sessions, the OIC will go over the schedule, expectations, and answer any parent questions.

- OIC Open Forum – In person September 10, Virtual TBD
- Camp Ice – September 11-22
- Placement Sessions – September 18-22
- Final Placements – October 2

While updating the 2023-2024 Handbook, we have decided to give more attention to team evaluations and placement processes. Please watch for the new addendum that will be sent out to the league prior to the parent’s forum.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DIBS, DIBS, DIBS – There are a lot of open volunteer opportunities in dibs right now! If you want to get your requirements done early, now is the time! [Visit DIBS to claim your hours.](#)

Rock the Rink 3v3 – It’s time to rock the rink, September 16 & 17. There is still time to [registrater teams for the 3v3 tournament.](#) Teams can have up to six players and will play a minimum of three games. Goalies register separately. More information can be found on the website at <https://www.patriotshockey.org/3v3>. **We also need donations for raffle items.** You can donate items, gift cards, or cold hard cash (or electronic money works to). Reach out to the fundraising committee with your donation items by emailing fundraising@patriotshockey.org.

Taste of Madison – We will once again be slinging drinks at the Taste of Madison! This is a huge fundraiser for our organization, and we can’t do it without volunteers. [Hours are posted to DIBs](#) and will fill up early, so make sure to sign up and get your volunteer credits out of the way!

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
- Culvers - 1/16

Patriots Hockey 3v3 TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

DIVISIONS

MITES	BANTAM	SQUIRTS	GOALIES
PEEWEE	HIGH SCHOOL	GIRLS U15	ADULTS

(6 player teams)
 \$240 / Team (max 8 teams per level)
 \$100 / Adult Teams + \$25 / Goalie

3 Games Guaranteed
 Format: 1 Goalie - Take Back
 2 - 15 Minute Periods

Register Here!

FUNDRAISER FOR LOCKER ROOM IMPROVEMENTS

HARTMEYER ICE ARENA
 1834 Commercial Avenue Madison, WI

Register online at patriotshockey.org/3v3

MEET THE PYHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Greg Fawver

Greg is starting his first one-year term on the PYHA Board. Greg is a 22-year veteran of the Wisconsin Army National Guard. His full-time duties are an Aviation Maintenance Officer and Maintenance Test Pilot on UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters in West Bend and has a part time role as a mission pilot in the VIP fixed wing flight detachment based in Madison. So, he gets the best of both worlds flying helicopters and airplanes. Greg is married to Amanda and has two kids in the Patriots. His son Kaden will be a first year Peewee, and his daughter Isla, will be a second-year mite. Greg’s experience with hockey consists of only playing on the ponds at Vilas and Elver park. Having watched his kids grow with the Patriots, it has been extremely rewarding, seeing their eyes light up when they get a goal, or just the smile they have as they skate by the stands and see their parents cheering in the stands.

Aaron Palmer

Aaron is starting his first year on the PYHA Board. His family has been part of the Patriots organization since 2018. He and his wife, Erinn, have three children. Zoey is a first year Bantam, Maxwell is a first year PeeWee, and Payten is a first year Squirt. Professionally, he is President of an Independent Telephone and Internet provider in Illinois.

Liz Payne

Liz is in her 11th Season as a Patriots hockey parent, and this is her 3rd year on the Board. Along with the Treasurer position, she used to run the concession stand and has been on the fundraising/apparel committee for many years. Liz loved playing hockey with the boys growing up and knew her own kids would play someday. To play it safe, she married a Canadian so there would be no arguments about the sport. Her husband, Lee, is the Level 1 Coordinator for PYHA. Liz loves to be actively involved in making each season a success for not only the teams her own boys have played in, but for all ages from start to moving beyond youth hockey. She loves being the Team Manager and is always happy to answer any questions for new families on how to navigate the sport, the rinks and more. Liz’s oldest son will be playing his second season of hockey for Monona Grove High School as a sophomore and her second/youngest is starting his second year in Level 2. She looks forward to many more seasons with the association and continuing to grow this great sport!

Minutes from the previous month’s board meetings are always available online, following approval at the most recent meeting. [Minutes from the July meeting are now online.](#) The next board meeting will be held **Monday, September 11 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.