



PATRIOTS

Youth Hockey Association



NEWSLETTER: January 2025

The holidays are over and we're leaning into the second half of the season!

EMIC UPDATES

Operational control of Hartmeyer has been transitioned to EMIC as of January 16! Please welcome Matt Baumgartner as he takes over management of the building. You will begin to see improvements in and out. EMIC received a very generous individual donation for a NEW ZAMBONI! That's right, Hartmeyer is retiring the beast that has served us well for years. We will have a loaner Zamboni for the next few months prior to delivery of our beautiful new machine this fall!

RAFFLE REMINDER

Raffle Tickets are due! Please return your money and tickets in the envelope you were given. Each envelope must have the minimum amount of money required for your skater. Failure to sell any portion of your committed amount of tickets will result in that amount plus an additional \$50 billed to your account.

- All skaters must sell the exact number of tickets in their envelope to meet their fundraising requirements for this season.
- You can return your envelope at any time to the fundraising dropbox located right by concessions. You will be sent an e-receipt once received. The last pick up from the fundraising dropbox will be January 28 at 7 pm.
 - **Please do not give your tickets to a concession worker.**
- Tickets must be filled out completely in order to be valid.

The drawing will take place on January 29, 2026 at 7 pm via Facebook Live. If you have any questions about the raffle, please email fundraising@patriotshockey.org.



CALLING ALL FUTURE BOARD AND OIC MEMBERS

There are several positions on the board opening up and we need you! Board members help shape this organization by participating in monthly meetings, planning the season, partnering with the OIC and Director of Hockey, and working directly with our families that make up Patriots Youth Hockey.

If you are interested in a position on the Board of Directors, please complete the [online application](#). The deadline for completed applications is March 11. Candidates' information will be communicated to the organization by March 25. New Board Members will be voted on by organization membership at the Annual Meeting on April 12. Members running for a position are not required to be in attendance but are highly encouraged to.

The On Ice Committee (OIC) is looking to fill a few members turning over next year. We are looking for dedicated individuals who are passionate about youth hockey and are committed to enhancing the experience for our players. Your involvement in this committee will contribute to the development and improvement of our program.

If you are interested in joining the On-Ice Committee, please email Hockeydirector@patriotshockey.org with a brief statement addressing the points mentioned above. New OIC members will be screened by the Director of Hockey and approved by the PYHA Board of Directors early next fiscal year.

SEEKING NEW HOCKEY DIRECTOR FOR NEXT SEASON

PYHA is seeking a new Director of Hockey (DoH). Dan Groth, after countless years of involvement with PYHA and several most recently as Director of Hockey, is retiring from the role. The Board thanks Dan for his tremendous support and future help during the transition.

The DoH leads our On Ice Committee and actively works with the PYHA Board and other governing bodies such as WAHA/USA Hockey with regard to skater and coaching matters (e.g. skater development, coaching oversight, rostering administration). The role is open to skater guardians and non-guardians and is compensated. Those interested in learning more and or applying should reach out to President@patriotshockey.org after reviewing the qualifications below.

- Current USA Hockey Coaching Certification - Level 4 or higher
- Head Coaching Experience at Mites through Bantam age levels (or above)
- Extensive experience with operating age-appropriate hockey skills sessions/clinics from Mites through Bantams
- Knowledge of ADM Model and ability to establish age-appropriate skills development programs
- SafeSport certified and passed the associated Background Check necessary to work/volunteer with PYHA youth
- Organized and possess good interpersonal communication skills including email and MS Office tools
- Able to lead groups of volunteers and liaise with outside organizations (e.g. WAHA, USA Hockey, and other associations)

OPEN VOLUNTEER POSITIONS FOR NEXT SEASON

The organization has several volunteer manager positions open for the 2026-2027 season. These positions fulfill all volunteer requirements for the season. A few of these are two-year commitments. If you have any questions, please reach out to the

Ice & Concessions Scheduler (Two Year Term)

Once ice is procured for the season, write and manage practice and game schedules for all PYHA teams, including concessions schedules. Experience with scheduling, block time management and Microsoft Excel/Teams, along with timely communication is a plus. Position will not only write and manage ice times but will enter all practices and concession shifts into SportsEngine. Scheduler will follow guidelines set by association needs through the Ice Scheduling Document. If interested, please email your interest to Liz at pyhatreasurer@patriotshockey.org.

Level 1 Intro to Hockey Coordinator

This position requires some hockey knowledge including the ability to skate, and the desire to teach and motivate our newest skaters. Open to either inside the organization or outside individuals! The Level 1 skaters typically are between the ages of 4-8 with little to no experience. Practices are once a week on Sundays at noon. Two sessions of 8 practices from November to March 1.

Responsibilities include using the principles of the American Development Model (ADM) to rotate players through small group stations to learn specific skills such as skating with proper technique/balance, stopping, tight turns and moving with the puck. This is a FUN level where we share our love of the game and get kids interested! Interested candidates should email their interest and qualifications to hockeydirector@patriotshockey.org.

Jersey Coordinator (Two Year Term)

Work with jersey supplier to create and open jersey orders. Project jersey needs for younger levels and manage jersey number assignments for Travel families (managed by birth year and legacy families). This position requires someone with good communication and organization skills (Microsoft Excel). The volunteering effort is concentrated during the late summer and early fall. If interested, please email your interest to Liz at pyhatreasurer@patriotshockey.org.

Microsoft Coordinator

Are you experienced with Microsoft Active Directory? Do you know the ins-and-outs of managing an organization? The Board of Directors is seeking a **Microsoft 365 Account Coordinator** to help us maintain and support our infrastructure. We use a free Microsoft 365 nonprofit account and need a tech-savvy volunteer to help manage users, security settings, and access.

Key Responsibilities:

- Administer Microsoft 365 Accounts, Licensing, and Entra ID for user management, and access control.
- Help set up and manage security groups, roles, and permissions.
- Ensure smooth onboarding/offboarding processes for volunteers and team members.
- Support basic technical troubleshooting and policy updates.

If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please email your qualifications to president@patriotshockey.org.

Golf Outing Coordinator

Every summer PYHA hosts the Annual Golf Outing at The Oaks to benefit our scholarship programs. This is an important fundraising event that benefits families who would not otherwise be able to participate in youth hockey. We're looking for an organized volunteer to help plan and run the event in late summer. This role involves coordinating event details, helping with registration and scheduling, and working with other volunteers, sponsors, and the golf course staff to make sure everything runs smoothly. If you enjoy event planning, teamwork, and supporting a great cause, this is a fun way to get involved and make an impact. If you are interested, please email your qualifications to president@patriotshockey.org.

Memorial Day Coordinator

Help us kick off the season with our first parade appearance of the summer! The Board is looking for someone to lead the coordination of our participation in the Monona Memorial Day Parade. This position requires someone with solid communication and organization skills. The ideal candidate will assist the Treasurer with organization of parade materials, verifying participation of PYHA volunteers, distribution of fliers and candy, and motivating our skaters in an exciting parade experience! If interested, please email your interest to Liz at pyhatreasurer@patriotshockey.org.

Age Group Liaisons (AGLs)

We're currently seeking four dedicated volunteers to serve as Age Group Liaisons (AGLs) for the upcoming season—one for each age level: Mite, Squirt, Peewee, and Bantam. AGL's CANNOT have a child who is a skater at that age level (ie. Bantam parent is the Bantam AGL).

What's an AGL?

AGLs are the vital link between our families and team leadership. You'll work closely with team managers, coaches, and the Age Level Director (ALD) to ensure smooth and efficient communication between parents, team representatives, coaches, and the Board of Directors.

Your Role Includes:

- Acting as a communication bridge between families and coaches/managers
- Assisting in conflict management and fostering resolution
- Collaborating with the ALD to share feedback and insights
- Maintaining a neutral, supportive presence

Who Should Apply?

Parents/guardians with great communication skills, a level-headed approach, and a desire to create a supportive, inclusive team culture. This role requires a high level of integrity and confidentiality when dealing with issues that are brought up. If you are interested in becoming an AGL, please email a short summary of your interest and relevant experience to president@patriotshockey.org. AGLs will receive volunteer credit for the season based on time and commitment to the role.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2026 at St. Dennis. This is open to all members of the Patriots Youth Hockey Association. Enjoy ICE CREAM and participate in discussions on:

- The Association annual budget, priorities, and plans
- New PYHA Board Member voting
- Ice Cream!



SHOUT OUTS

December and January were busy months for our travel teams!

- Mites/U8, White - Penguins participated in and took 2nd place in the Mite Madness Tournament in Waupaca. The skaters had so much fun and were so proud to bring home a trophy along w/their core memories made!
- First place champions Pee wee C dominated in Hayward last month, earning a hard-fought trophy to bring home to Hartmeyer!
- Squirt B took 3rd place in Wausau at the beginning of January in the Wausau Badger State Games Youth Hockey Tournament!



- Bantam C 1st place Chippewa. We battled some tough Minnesota teams in the Chippewa Tournament and went undefeated for the championship!
- Squirt C came home with a trophy and many bags of potatoes following their 3rd place finish in Antigo last weekend!
- Bantam B closed out the 2026 Badger State Games as Consolation Bracket champions!

If we missed a shout-out, please have your Team Manager or Coach email communications@patriotshockey.org and we will be sure that they make it into the next newsletter!



[Minutes](#) from the previous month's board meetings will be available online following approval during the most recent meeting. The next board meeting will be held **Monday, February 9, 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 Info@patriotshockey.org.