



## NEWSLETTER: May 2024

### FROM THE BOARD

Registration for the 2024-2025 season will be opening SOON. Due to increased numbers and interest in both coed and all girls travel teams, registration will open AND close in early summer. It is important for families to register as early as possible so the PYHA Board can plan the number of teams at each level this year, as well as avoid a late registration fee. Keep an eye out for an email in the next few weeks.

The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Patriots Youth Hockey Association is this season! The board is planning events to celebrate this momentous occasion and we need your help. If you or anyone you know has PYHA memorabilia, we would like to display it throughout the season. All items borrowed for display will be returned following the end of the regular season. Please reach out to [info@patriotshockey.org](mailto:info@patriotshockey.org) for more information on how you can help us this season!

### DID YOU KNOW

Beginning August 1st, 2024 - USA Hockey will require all youth skaters to wear neck laceration protection when on the ice. This includes all skaters and on-ice officials under the age of 18. Neck guards and neckprotect shirts are available through Pure Hockey and Amazon. This is considered a personal item and will NOT be provided as rental gear through the association. No skater under the age of 18 will be allowed on the ice without neck protection after August 1st.

### QUICK HITS

The organization has several committees that will be looking for new volunteers this season. Please watch for upcoming communications, detailing the various committees and who to contact to join. Committee membership and time spent will count toward volunteer credits. New Volunteer and Concessions hours have been posted to [DIBS](#).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monona Memorial Day Parade** – All Patriots and Dragons skaters are invited to participate in the Monona Memorial Day Parade. The organization will provide banners, flyers, and candy. Skaters can wear rollerblades, but sticks are not allowed. Anyone skating must wear a helmet. The parade runs from Monona-Grove High School to Sennett Middle School, 5/27 10 a.m. – Noon. Details about where and when to meet will be provided later this week. If you would like to participate, [please sign up online](#) so that we can provide 1 hour of volunteer credit to all participating families!

**Region 4 Girls Showdown** – Registration is now open! The Region 4 Showdown is August 9-11 at Verona Ice Arena. All girls in Region 4 are eligible to participate. Register your skater online here: <https://veronaice.sportngin.com/register/form/982206531>



## Try Hockey For FREE

SATURDAY JUNE 22 @ 9:30-11:30  
(ON ICE 10-11)

#### No Experience Necessary

This is the perfect opportunity to bring your friends to the rink and let them try hockey before making a commitment to play.

#### Gear Provided

We will provide gear for on-ice drills. You just need to bring skates if you have them. We'll try to share some if you don't.

#### Open to All Kids 14 & Under

We will have helpers on the ice. Anyone is welcome on the ice, a helmet is required for adults if assisting a child. We will be available to answer questions regarding Patriots and the 2024-2025 hockey season.

Hartmeyer Ice Arena  
[patriotshockey.org](http://patriotshockey.org)



**Intro to Hockey** – We will be hosting an Intro to Hockey event on June 22, 10 – 11 a.m. at Hartmeyer. If you know anyone interested in trying hockey, this event is free to introduce them to this awesome sport! Volunteer opportunities for this event are posted to DIBS.

**The Annual Patriots Golf Outing** – [Registration for the golf outing is open](#) and filling up! Join us Saturday August 3 at [The Oaks Golf Course](#). Cost is \$115 per golfer or \$460 per foursome with all proceeds going towards ice time fees and player sponsorships. If you want to become a sponsor for the event, check the registration link to see how you can have your business listed on a hole or shout-out during the event!

**Taste of Madison** - Patriots Youth Hockey will be hosting a Beer Stand at Taste of Madison again this year. We have our same station on MLK Jr Blvd & W Main St. To register, [please use the signup genius link](#) and ALSO complete the sign up required thru Taste of Madison that can be found on the sign up genius page. This step must be completed for all volunteers. Credit hours will be applied for the 2024-2025 season once registration is complete and DIBS for the season have been set up.

Minutes from the previous month's board meetings are always available online, following approval at the most recent meeting. [Minutes from the April 2024 meeting are now available online](#). The next board meeting will be held **Monday, June 10 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](mailto:PYHABoard@patriotshockey.org).

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