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# Northfield Hockey Association

## slapshot

September 2015



### Inaugural Defeat of Jesse James Days Tournament

The Northfield Hockey Association is proud to present a new tournament that will showcase our association during the Defeat of Jesse James Days. NHA Board President Chris Sorenson says "We are very excited about this pre-season tournament, as we are hoping to demonstrate to the City of Northfield the positive impact that such a tournament can have on the City, in terms of bringing teams, their coaches, and their fans to Northfield early in the season." Our U12 team will be joined by Apple Valley, Farmington, Hastings, Lakeville and Prior Lake in what will be sure to be a great season kick-off. Games begin at 4 pm on Friday, with our own Northfield team hosting Hastings. The concession stand will be open, and vendors are being lined up to get you situated with your hockey fan gear before the season starts. Flyers from participating vendors are on the back page.

[View the full bracket and schedule](#)

### Open Board Position

The Board of Directors has an opening for a Tournament Director. The Tournament Director is responsible for overseeing the coordination of all home tournaments including, but not limited to,

- Work with Program Director, Team Coaches and Ice Chair to define the home tournament dates and formats
- Register home tournaments with Minnesota Hockey and USA Hockey as necessary.
- Advertising and soliciting teams
- Work with the Referee Coordinator to secure tournament officials.
- Contract appropriate emergency medical personnel for attendance at the tournament.
- Order all awards, programs, and other collateral for home tournaments.
- Recognize and coordinate any tournament sponsor activity.
- Maintain primary responsibility for all tournament activity
- Work with host team manager to schedule parent volunteers
- Oversee the operation of the tournament, being readily available to answer questions and to resolve issues.
- Create and monitor the tournament schedule, adjusting as appropriate.
- Ensure games are conducted according to the tournament rules, making judgment decisions as necessary

If you are interested in serving as the Tournament Director, please contact [Chris Sorenson](#).



Keep up to date with all things NHA on social media!  
Click on the buttons for a direct link to our pages.



### Pre-Season Clinic Opportunity

Due to the later than normal start of the season (a change we are working in this year to allow for adequate ice time at the end of the season) there will be some optional pre-season clinic offerings from 9/20 through 10/3 run by the high school coaches. Participation in these clinics is not required, and will not have an impact on any skater's tryout process. They are simply being offered as an option for those families who would prefer to get on the ice before the official season begins. Cost is \$50 per player. Registration information will be posted on the NHA website soon - the schedule has already been posted. Please contact [Sean Goldsworthy](#) for more information, or with questions.

**Practice schedules through October are posted on the NHA website!**

### DIBS Sessions Open for DJJD Weekend

Get a head start on your volunteer requirements for the upcoming season - a limited number of DIBS are still available in the concession stand and Bingo on Bridge Square.

### Upcoming Dates

In-person registration: September 27  
First day of practice: October 4  
Squirt/PeeWee/Bantam Tryouts: October 22-25  
District play begins: November 1  
Try Hockey Free: November 7



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If your child enjoys their time on the ice, sign up for one of our programs below, and keep the equipment!

- [NHA Regular Season](#) (best for kids ages 4-7 and older kids who already know how to skate, runs approximately late October to early March). Registration is open.

- ~ Mites (kids born after 7/1/2008) pay \$50 for the entire season.
- ~ New players at all other levels pay \$100 for their first season.

~ For more information about our program, visit our [New Player Information](#) page.

- [Learn to Play Hockey class](#) through Community Services under **Youth Recreation** (best for kids who have never skated before). If your child completes the Learn to Play Hockey class and wants to join NHA for the regular season, they will have the opportunity to register at that time.

If your child does not wish to sign up for an organized hockey program after the First Stride Event, simply leave the equipment at the rink in the receptacle provided. Nothing further to do!

**To Register, visit [Total Hockey First Stride](#) and click on the Northfield Hockey link.**

If you have any questions about this event, please contact [Dawn Patterson](#) for more information.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - experienced players who would like to assist with this event, please contact Dawn Patterson directly.

**Registration is [LIVE!](#)**

## Season Opener Puck-Drop and Registration Event

Join us for our **Season Puck Drop Event** Sunday, September 27 at 3:30pm. There will be an Open Skate at Northfield Arena with skate rental available, on-site registration, and NHA folks on hand to answer questions.

## Learn to Play Hockey

Northfield Hockey is partnering with Community Services this fall to offer Learn to Play Hockey! This six week class is geared toward kids ages 4-10 interested in hockey and begins on October 4. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

## What Do You Want to See in the Slapshot?

This is *your* newsletter. What information do you want to hear about? Do you have suggestions for articles? Pictures you want to share? Email [Jennifer Kluzak](#) with your suggestions!



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Go through [this link](#) and a percentage of your purchases are donated back to the association - it's that easy!

## For The Record...

The Board of Directors of Northfield Hockey Association meets on the third Monday of each month. At each meeting the financial records of the association are available to review by the members of the association. All members are invited to attend. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, September 21, 6:30 pm at 1700 Cannon Road. If you would like to be added to the agenda please contact [Chris Sorenson](#).



**Congratulations to NHA U8 player Ashlynn Paukert for being selected as a Defeat of Jesse James Days Junior Ambassador!**



## Thank You to our 2014-2015 Season Sponsors!



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### Season Sponsorships

If you or your business is interested in sponsoring the NHA this season, contact [Dan Shimota](#). Season and team sponsorships, arena dasher boards and tournament sponsorships are available.

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DJJD tournament

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- Discount if hockey socks are provided: \$3/pair



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