



AHA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



"It's about the kids. It's about teaching: Character, Teamwork, Skills, and Fun!"



NORTH STARS SHINE BRIGHT IN CHICAGO

The 14U North Stars shined bright in November, capturing the CCM Invite Chicago Championship in a thrilling display of skill and determination. 32 teams from across the country participated in the tournament, and the North Stars rose to the top. Their relentless effort and teamwork were on full display throughout the weekend, culminating in David Kala-De La Cruz being named tournament MVP for his outstanding performance. Congratulations to all of our players and coaches!

COMETS SHOOT FOR GREATNESS DOWN ON THE PENINSULA

14A ANCHORAGE COMETS

12A ANCHORAGE COMETS BROADY



Our AHA teams had a strong showing at the 2024 Peninsula Power Play tournament this year. The 14A Comets claimed the championship title with a commanding 5-2 victory over Homer, showcasing their skill and teamwork throughout the competition. Meanwhile, the 12A Comets Broady team earned a hard-fought silver medal after an intense final matchup against the Jr. Avs. Both teams demonstrated exceptional effort and sportsmanship, making their association and families proud with their outstanding performances.

14U GIRLS NORTH STARS



35TH ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOTOUT

The 35th Annual Turkey Shootout Tournament was our biggest and most exciting yet! With 92 teams participating and over 200 games played across multiple facilities, this year's event was a true celebration of hockey. Highlights included the 14U Girls North Stars claiming the 14B Division Championship with a win over our 14B Smith team and the 14A Comets taking home the 14A Championship with a 4-2 victory against Hockey Club Fairbanks.

14A ANCHORAGE COMETS



We extend our heartfelt thanks to our tournament directors, officials, volunteer clock and score attendants, and all the families who made this tournament unforgettable. Your dedication and support continue to make the Turkey Shootout a highlight of the season!

DICKS SPORTING GOODS FOUNDATION FUELS THE FUTURE OF ALASKA GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

Alaska Girls High School Hockey recently received a tremendous boost thanks to a \$100,000 donation from the Dick's Sporting Goods Foundation. This generous support will play a critical role in keeping the program thriving by covering essential costs such as equipment, ice time, and referee fees. The Anchorage Hockey Association plans to strategically utilize the grant over the next 4-5 years, ensuring the longevity and sustainability of girls high school hockey in Alaska. This partnership demonstrates Dick's Sporting Goods Foundation's commitment to empowering young female athletes and fostering opportunities for growth and development in the sport. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Dick's Sporting Goods Foundation for their unwavering support and investment in the future of girls hockey in Alaska!



ODR: HOCKEY'S ROOTS



As winter settles in, our outdoor rinks and frozen ponds are ready for players to lace up their skates and embrace the magic of outdoor hockey. Playing outside takes our athletes back to the roots of the sport, where imagination fuels creativity, and the game is played in its purest form. Outdoor hockey provides an unstructured environment for players to develop their skills, hone their instincts, and deepen their love for the game. Whether it's a pick-up game with friends or solo time working on stickhandling, the ODR offers endless opportunities for growth and fun. If you capture any great moments on the outdoor rinks this season, we'd love to see them! Share your photos, and we'll feature them in our next newsletter. Let's celebrate the joy of hockey under the open sky!

THANKFUL FOR OUR AHA COACHES



As we reflect on what we're grateful for this season, our coaches are at the top of the list. They are the backbone of our association, dedicating countless hours to guiding our youth and shaping the future of our program. Their impact goes far beyond the rink, as they instill life lessons in discipline, teamwork, and perseverance, setting our players up for success both on and off the ice. Thank you to all of our coaches for your unwavering commitment, passion, and mentorship - you make a difference everyday.




AHA BOARD MEMBER ELECTION

The Anchorage Hockey Association is gearing up for its upcoming board election, and we're looking for passionate individuals ready to make a difference in our hockey community. Serving on the AHA board is a unique opportunity to help shape the future of our program, ensuring it continues to operate at the highest level and builds a strong foundation for long-term success. If you've ever considered running for a board position, now is the time! Anyone interested in running for the AHA board should send an email to our Office Manager, Laura Higgins, at anchoragehockeyoffice@gmail.com by February 10, 2025.

AHA VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH: JASON MARTIN

This month, we proudly recognize Jason Martin as our Volunteer of the Month! A dedicated coach for years, Jason currently leads our 12B Arctic Knights and serves as a reliable goalie coach for our Rec program. His commitment doesn't stop there - Jason is a regular at AHA Goalie Clinics and even suits up as goalie for teams in need during practices. His passion and selflessness exemplify the true spirit of our hockey community. Thank you, Jason, for your unwavering dedication to our players and our program!



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Google Review

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Great organization that clearly cares about the kids. Wonderful coaches who are willing to give their time and talents to ensure our kids are having fun and developing their skills.

Jason Harrell
Hockey Parent



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SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE AS A MEMBER OF AHA!

We want to hear from you! If you've had a great experience with the Anchorage Hockey Association, we'd love for you to share it by leaving us a Google review. Your feedback helps showcase what makes AHA special and allows others to see the positive impact our program has on players, families, and our community. Thank you for being a valued part of our hockey family and helping us continue to grow!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Anchorage North Stars Program

- 12/7 - 10U Wigren vs Blue Devils - 8:15AM @ BB2
- 12/7 - 19U Girls vs Team AK 16 Girls - 9:45AM @ BB2
- 12/7 - 10U Trupp vs Valley Thunder - 3:15PM @ DA2
- 12/8 - NS 16U vs AK Wolves - 3:00PM @ DA2
- 12/13 - 12U Heisten vs Attack HC - 7:00PM @ Bellingham
- 12/20 - Alaska Player Development Selects Camp

Anchorage Comets Rec A Program

- 12/7 - 14U Girls vs Pioneers - 10:30AM @ Palmer
- 12/7 - 10U Girls vs Raiders - 12:30PM @ DA2
- 12/12 - 14U vs Drillers - 5:30PM @ Mulcahy
- 12/14 - 12U Gastrock vs KPHA - 8:00AM @ Mulcahy
- 12/14 - 12U Broady vs Delta Huskies - 8:30AM @ Mulcahy
- 12/29 - 12U Broady vs Mustangs - 11:45AM @ MAC

AHA Rec B Program

- 12/7 - 10U Sparks vs Drillers - 12:45PM @ DA2
- 12/7 - 18U Simpson vs Rams - 2:00PM @ DA2
- 12/13 - 14U Boquist/Sillers vs Nikiski - 12:00PM @ Mulcahy
- 12/14 - 10U Raiders vs Nikiski - 9:00AM @ Tikishla
- 12/21 - 14U Smith vs Mustangs - 9:15AM @ BB1
- 12/21 10U Sparks vs 10U Welch - 12:45PM @ DA2

AHA Little Dippers Mite Program

- 12/7 - LD Red 1 vs Oilers - 10:30AM @ Omalley Blue
- 12/7 - LD Red 2 vs LD Red 1 - 11:40AM @ Omalley Blue
- 12/8 - LD Red 1 vs MAHA - 2:45PM @ Omalley Blue
- 12/9 - LD 6U Practice - 6:30PM @ Dimond Center
- 12/17 - LD 8U White Practice - 6:30PM @ DA2
- 12/17 - LD 8U Blue Practice - 5:45PM @ DA1

AHA Seapups Learn to Skate/Play Program

- 12/7 - Seapups East LTS - 12:15PM @ UAA
- 12/7 - Seapups East LTP - 1:00PM @ UAA
- 12/9 - Seapups South LTS - 5:00PM @ Dimond Center
- 12/9 - Seapups South LTP - 5:45PM @ Dimond Center
- 12/13 - UAA Family Fun Night - 7:00PM @ UAA

Alaska Girls High School Hockey

- 12/13 - Girls HS JV Game - 4:30PM @ DA1
- 12/13 - Service/East vs South/Bartlett - 5:45PM @ DA1
- 12/13 - Dimond/West vs Wasilla/Houston - 7:15PM @ Menard
- 12/13 - Palmer/Colony vs Chugiak/Eagle River - 7:15PM @ DA1
- 12/20 - Service/East vs Palmer Colony - 6:45PM @ MTA



DECEMBER 8TH @ UAA



DECEMBER 13TH - 15TH
@ MULCAHY, 10TH & E, &
TIKISHLA ICE RINKS



DECEMBER 13TH - 15TH
SULLIVAN ARENA

