

August 26th, 2024

Subject: Upcoming '24-'25 Season Information

Good evening NHA families!

We have quite a bit of information to share as we approach the start of the 24-25 season - please check NHA's Website and Social Media for up to date information as the season approaches.

Ice Arena Updates will be posted to www.northfieldicearena.org If you would like more information please email arena@northfieldhockey.net to be added to the distribution list for any upcoming communications - information will only be sent to those on this list, not association wide moving forward.

St. Olaf Pre-Season Skates:

Tuesday's Boys Skates: September 10th, 17th 24th

September 10th 6:30 - 7:30 - Peewees 7:45--8:45 - Bantams

September 17th 6:30 - 7:30 - Sr. Mites/U8 7:45--8:45 - Squirts

September 24th 6:30 - 7:30 - Peewees 7:45--8:45 - Bantams

Thursday's Girls Skates: September 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

September 5th 7:15-8:15 - U12 8:30-9:30 - U15

September 12th 7:15-8:15 - U10 8:30-9:30 - U12

September 19th 7:15-8:15 - U12 8:30-9:30 - U15

September 26th 7:15-8:15 - U10 8:30-9:30 - U15

Equipment Update:

Neck Guards:

Reminder that neck guards are REQUIRED for all hockey players for practices and games.

Changes in effect starting the 2025-2026 season:

Starting next season (25-26) all players in squirts, peewees and bantams will wear the Northfield standard gold helmets and maroon breezers as part of their uniform. Breezers can be maroon themselves or a maroon breezer cover can be purchased. Champion Sports in Northfield has all of these options available. This is not required for the 2024-2025 season, but we wanted to give everyone a heads up in case anyone is purchasing a new gear for the upcoming season.

Jersey fitting and number selection will take place during the preseason skates:

Tuesday September 10 5:45-8pm at St. Olaf and Thursday September 12 6:15-8:30 at St. Olaf.

You need to get fitted for a jersey if:

-All first year squirts and U10 players (jersey cost is \$75 for all first time traveling players as NHA helps pay for them)

-Any players that have outgrown their jersey (a new replacement jersey is \$53 each for the boys and \$55 each for the girls or \$106 for boys and \$110 for girls for a home and away set)

*Mini-mites, Sr. Mites, U6, U8 DO NOT need to get fitted for jerseys or choose numbers.

**Edgetek has extended the online apparel store until September 15 in order to accommodate number selection for traveling age players

Rental Equipment:

If your player is planning to use rental equipment, equipment fitting dates are September 10 5:30-7:30pm and

September 14 9-11am. In order to help with wait times, Last names beginning with A-N should come the first hour of each session and O-Z the second hour if possible.

This will be held at the Northfield Ice Arena.

In order to bring home the gear, the \$75 rental fee per player should have been paid online during registration or by bringing a check.

A separate \$200 deposit check per player must be collected (this will be destroyed upon rental return at the conclusion of the rental period)

Rental equipment is geared towards kids ages 9 and younger. Some larger equipment is available but cannot be guaranteed.

Goalies:

Team goalie equipment will be supplied to each Sr. Mite and U8 team and for mini-mites.

Please contact equipment@northfieldhockey.net if your player would like to be a full time goalie during the upcoming season. (If the player has their own goalie gear, no need to email).

Goalies not using shared team goalie gear do not need to pay a rental fee, but a deposit check will be collected.

We have limited goalie gear, but will try our best to help outfit each goalie.

MANDATORY MEETINGS: Please SAVE THE DATE(s):

October 1st at Greenvale Elementary:

- 6:00-6:45pm: Mini Mites/U6
- 6:45-7:30pm: Senior Mites/U8

October 8th at Greenvale Elementary:

- 6:00-6:45pm: Squirts/U10
- 6:45-7:30pm: Pee wees/U12
- 7:30-8:00pm: Bantams/U15

Upcoming Coaches Meeting September 15th 3:00 PM at Flaherty's - anyone who is coaching or who is interested in coaching the 24-25 season should attend this meeting. If you are interested and unable to attend please email coachcoordinator@northfieldhockey.net

Upcoming Jesse James Day's Parade Volunteers Needed

We're excited to invite you to participate in the upcoming Defeat of Jesse James Days (DJJD) parade on Sunday, September 8th! Last year was a fantastic success, and we had a blast. This year, we're looking for both adults and kids to join us in representing the Northfield Hockey Association.

Details:

- **Date:** Sunday, September 8th
- **Line-Up Time:** Around 1:30 PM
- **Parade Start Time:** 2:00 PM

Kids are encouraged to wear their NHA/Royals jersey and rollerblade through the parade while we hand out candy and spread some hockey spirit!

If you and your child(ren) would like to join, please email Rachel at social@northfieldhockey.net with the following details:

- Child(ren)'s name(s)
- Parent information including name, phone number, email and if they will be walking too.

We look forward to another fun-filled event and hope to see many of you there!

If you made it this far - thank you! We know that this is a lot of information, but would like to be mindful of your email as we know this is a busy time for all. If you have any questions on the above please reach out to the respective board member for that question.

Have a great evening!