



# PATRIOTS

Youth Hockey Association



## NEWSLETTER: December 2024

Happy December! We are about halfway through a busy season and it's a joy seeing all the kids out there having a blast. There have been several tournaments, jamborees, and tons of hockey action on the road and at home. We hope everyone is enjoying the season so far!

As a reminder, **USA Hockey requires that neck guards are worn by all skaters under the age of 18 when on the ice.** Neck guards are treated the same as helmets and this rule will be strictly enforced.

In the interest of reducing the risk of injury the Hockey Equipment Certification Council (HECC) tests and certifies all hockey equipment eligible to be used in USA Hockey sanctioned practices and games. Each helmet has a HECC certifying sticker on the back with a date. The certification expires 6.5 years after the date.

USA hockey and the HECC have notified us that a helmet brand being marketed under the name "Prime" has not gone through certification and is fraudulently applying a HECC sticker to their helmet. These helmets are not eligible to be used for games or practices.

## DID YOU KNOW?

**Five Minute Rule** – If there is a stoppage of play within the last 5 minutes of the scheduled ice time and there is more than 2:59 on the game clock, the game clock is to be set to 2 minutes plus the number of seconds currently on the clock. Both benches must be notified why the clock is being changed. On-ice officials are to make sure that both benches understand this rule before the game begins. It is the responsibility of the on-ice officials to be aware of this situation, but the off-ice officials can assist them with this in the event that the on-ice officials have not noticed the time. If there is a stoppage of play and the scheduled ice time has expired, the game is to be terminated immediately. This rule does not apply in playoffs or tournament games. This rule is in place to keep games on time and allow officials to make their games on time at other rinks.

## DRAGONS REPRESENT

Have you seen the new signage? A big heartfelt thank you goes out to Sun Prairie Ice and Hartmeyer for the new Dragons signs at both locations!

## SHOUT OUTS

Tournament season is off to a strong start!


- Squirt B and Squirt C played in the Tomah Tournament this past weekend. The kids had a blast on and off the ice!
- Pee wee B played hard in Appleton and made the tournament finals!

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



## UPCOMING EVENTS

There is so much fun coming up for the remainder of the season, we cannot wait to share it all with you! Come out and support MG Hockey on Friday, January 10th!! Felix and Fingers Dueling Pianos will be performing, and we will have a great raffle!! You can register here!! <https://forms.gle/b3jEqHmRnWGGQ4EBA>



JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN AND MUSIC!

MG HOCKEY FUNDRAISER EVENT WITH  
*DUELING PIANOS FEATURING FELIX & FINGERS*

OAKSTONE RECREATIONAL  
304 COMMERCE PARKWAY, COTTAGE GROVE, WI 53527

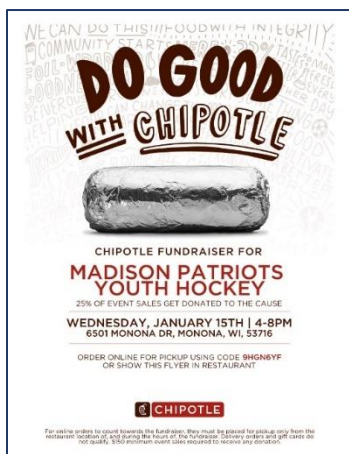
2025  
FRIDAY / 10 / JANUARY

6:30PM - DOORS OPEN - COCKTAIL HOUR  
7:30PM - DUELING PIANO SHOW BEGINS

\$25 COVER @ DOOR  
OF

<https://forms.gle/b3jEqHmRnWGGQ4EBA>

**Waubesa Cup 2025** – The annual tradition continues January 15-18. The storied matchup between MGHS and McFarland HS will take place on Saturday January 18. Prior to that, teams from both organizations face off in a series of games at McFarland Ice and Hartmeyer. Who will take home the signing fish this season? Full schedule will be released soon.



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COMMUNITY FIRST  
FOOD-1

**DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE**

CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR  
**MADISON PATRIOTS YOUTH HOCKEY**

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15TH | 4-8PM  
6501 MONONA DR, MONONA, WI 53716

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE 8HG8NYF  
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT

**CHIPOTLE**

For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location(s) listed during the hours of the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

**Muskellounge Meat Raffle** – What is more Wisconsin than a Meat Raffle, the ultimate fundraiser? Save the date for January 26, 1-3 p.m. when the Muskellounge in Monona is hosting a PYHA Meat Raffle. All the proceeds go to the Patriots and Dragons, so tell your friends because it will be a great time!

### Dine-Out Fundraisers

- 🌮 Chipotle @ Monona Dr – 01/15
- 🍔 Culver's @ Cottage Grove Rd\* – 02/18

As always, please check DIBs regularly for available Volunteer and Concessions opportunities.

*\*Note the changes to the two Culver's locations from previous newsletters.*

**SAVE THE DATE** – The Annual Golf Outing is scheduled for August 3, 2024.

## RAFFLE REMINDER

By now you have received your raffle ticket envelope from your team manager or coach. Some things to note:

- All skaters must sell the exact number of tickets in their envelope to meet their fundraising requirements for this season. Tickets are sold for \$5 each.
- If you are interested in selling over the minimum, your team manager has extra tickets available. For every extra ticket sold, your skater will be entered into a separate drawing to receive a \$100 skater credit.
- Please return your money and tickets in the envelope you were given. We will have several ticket collection nights, where you will receive a written receipt, at the rink the week of January 20th. Exact dates and times TBA.
- You may also return your tickets via the drop box near concessions. You will be sent an e-receipt once received.
- Tickets must be filled out completely in order to be valid.

The drawing will take place on January 30th. If you have any questions about the raffle, please email [fundraising@patriotshockey.org](mailto:fundraising@patriotshockey.org)

## CODE OF CONDUCT

We are almost halfway through the season, so it's a good time to dust off the Code of Conduct and refresh ourselves on PYHA's expectations.

All players, parents, coaches, and volunteers of the Madison Dragons or Madison Patriots under the Patriots Youth Hockey Association (PYHA) and USA Hockey are ambassadors of the Patriots Youth Hockey Association (PYHA) and USA Hockey, both on and off the ice.

We are all committed to conduct ourselves in a positive manner. Whether you are at our home rink or away rink, in the locker room, traveling to tournaments, at a hotel, or at any Patriot/team events. Before a player may participate in the PYHA season, each parent and/or guardian of each player must sign the PYHA Code of Conduct form demonstrating they have read and understand the Code of Conduct, and that the association possesses and will exercise its authority to enforce that code. By signing the Code of Conduct, parents also acknowledge that they will also take responsibility for their guests by removing any of their guests who are violating the spirit of this Code of Conduct.

We encourage everyone to review the Code of Conduct section of the Handbook, found beginning on page 31.



[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, January 13, 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).

