



PATRIOTS

Youth Hockey Association



NEWSLETTER: February 2024

Can you believe that the season is almost over? Neither can we. It's been a fast season and we are sad to see our skaters go, but excited to see what the summer has to bring! Buckle up for the last few weeks of hockey!

SAVE THE DATE

This season's Annual Meeting is fast approaching! Join us at St. Dennis on March 16, 1-3 p.m. This is open to all members of the Patriots organization. All families in attendance will receive 2 Volunteer credits and ICE CREAM!

- Review the Annual Budget and plans for the 2024-2025 Season
- Vote on new Patriots Board Members
- Skater awards presentations



DID YOU KNOW?

USA Hockey, the governing body for all youth hockey in our area, has voted to approve the requirement of neck laceration protection. This goes into effect on August 1, 2024. All skaters under the age of 18 (including on-ice officials) are required to wear neck protection during practice and games. For more information, visit the [USA Hockey FAQ on their website](#).



STATE TOURNAMENTS

In case you didn't hear the great news, our Pee wee teams and Dragons teams made state this year! You can catch the action in person or on LiveBarn (with a subscription). Additional tournament details can be found on [WAHA's tournament page](#).

PEEWEE A – MARCH 9-10 GREEN BAY

DRAGONS 10U – MARCH 2-3 ARROWHEAD

PEEWEE B – MARCH 9-10 STEVENS POINT

DRAGONS 12U A – MARCH 9-10 RIVER FALLS

PEEWEE C-RED – MARCH 9-10 VERONA

DRAGONS 12U B – MARCH 9-10 WEST SALEM

PEEWEE C-WHITE – MARCH 9-10 ELMBROOK



IMPORTANT UPDATES

Level 1 and Level 2 Awards – Skaters in Levels 1 and 2 won't want to miss these practices: Level 1 on 2/25 and Level 2 on 2/24. They will receive their end of the year awards, a must have for all of our littlest players!

Equipment Turn-in – Any skates who checked out equipment from the Patriots should follow the below schedules for equipment turn-in. Equipment not turned in will result in forfeit of deposit.

- All Level 2 skaters and 2016 & 2017 Mites need to turn their equipment in at the rink on 2/27 from 5-7 p.m.
- 2015 Mites and any Mites participating in the Dubuque Tournament will turn their equipment in at the rink on 3/7 from 5-7 p.m.
- If you have any questions about equipment turn in, please reach out to equipment@patriotshockey.org

2015 Mites Full Ice Practices – All 2015 Mites will be able to participate in full Ice Practices on 2/27, 2/29, 3/5 & 3/7. These practices are intended to give these skaters an introduction to Squirts, which they will be eligible to skate next season. [Group assignments are on the home page](#), please only attend the session your skater's group is assigned.

Kohlman Cup – Registration is open. The Kohlman Cup is a weekend spring tournament for Tier II Pee Wee age players from throughout Wisconsin. Visit kohlmancup.com for more information.

BUILDING UPDATES

- The Ice at Hartmeyer will be coming out on 3/20 for routine maintenance and plans to be back up and running on 6/10.
- You may have noticed some construction behind the building - there are some new apartments going up. Be aware of construction.
- This summer the city plans to complete utility work in front of Hartmeyer and will affect the access road between the parking lot and the building.

WE NEED YOU NEXT SEASON

We are now accepting applications for open board positions for next season. Board member terms will start in April. We have two 1-year terms, and four 3-year terms open on the board. [All applicants should submit their interest online](#). These will be made available to all Annual Meeting attendees for voting on March 16.

There are additional positions within the organization that we are still looking for support with. All committee members receive volunteer credit for the hours they put in. Management positions receive additional perks. Please email president@patriotshockey.org with your interest and experience for any of these positions.

- **Fundraising committee** – We could use a few more hands to help bring in new fundraising opportunities and help support current ones.
- **Equipment Manager** – This role is responsible for the inventory of all equipment and organizing check out/in to Patriots members.
- **Microsoft Exchange** – We need assistance with our service and could really use someone with some knowledge and experience. This would be an advisory role to help us with the system that is already in place.

SHOUT-OUTS

Many of our teams have been traveling for tournaments and bringing home the hardware!

- The 8U Maple Leafs took first place in Rhinelander earlier this month.
- Our 8U All Girls took first place in the Hockey Rocks tournament in Janesville.
- PeeWee C-Red brought home their THIRD 1st place tournament win in DePere!
- Bantam B won the Consolation bracket in Chippewa Falls, bringing home another trophy.



PeeWee C Red with their third tournament trophy this season!

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

The next board meeting will be held **Monday, March 11, 2024, at 6 p.m.** at [Oakstone Recreational](#) in Cottage Grove and is open to all members of PYHA. [The minutes from January are now available online.](#)

We always want to hear back from our families. If you have any questions or concerns, you can email them to PYHABoard@patriotshockey.org.