



THE OFFICIAL HOME OF THE

PATRIOTS

YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER: July 2023

Hello Patriot's families! There's still a lot of summer left, and we hope you are making the most of it! We also have some amazing skating opportunities coming up for our players and fun for the adults as well.

GIRLS UPDATES

The votes are in, and we are excited to introduce the Madison Dragons girl's hockey team! With the introduction of the Dragons, we're hosting the **Region 4 Girls Showdown** August 11-13. [Registration is now open](#). All participants 8U-14U will register as individuals and be placed on teams before the tournament. Players will receive a game jersey and are guaranteed to play 3 games. All games are full ice 5 on 5 plus goalies.

All interested families are invited to an informational meeting **next week**.

What: Girls Hockey Parent/Player Meeting

Where: Sun Prairie Ice Arena board room (parents), Sun Prairie Ice Arena lobby (players)

When: Wednesday, July 26th, 6-7 pm

Who: parents of girls' hockey players as well as their players

Join us in a parent meeting to discuss the landscape of girls' hockey and how it is changing in Wisconsin while the players bond in some fun off ice activities! Hope to see you there!

Finally, we will be hosting another free **Girls' Intro to Hockey** event August 27th more details coming soon.



UPCOMING EVENTS

The Annual Patriots Golf Outing – Saturday August 19 at The Oaks Golf Course

[There are still some spots left, so if you were thinking about registering, now is the time!](#) Cost is \$115 per golfer or \$460 per foursome with all proceeds going towards ice time fees and player sponsorships.

Registration closes August 11.

We need your donations for raffle prizes. We're asking every family to donate just \$5 (or more if you're feeling generous!). You can Venmo #Patriots-YouthHockey or drop a check in the mail to PYHA, PO Box 7822 Madison 53707. If you prefer to donate an item for the raffle you can reach out to fundraising@patriotshockey.org for additional information.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
DIVISIONS

MITES BANTAM SQUIRTS GOALIES
PEEWEE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS U15 ADULTS

(6 player teams)
\$240 / Team (max 8 teams per level)
\$100 / Adult Teams • \$25 / Goalie

3 Games Guaranteed
Format: 1 Goalie - Take Back
2 - 15 Minute Periods

Register Here!



FUNDRAISER FOR LOCKER ROOM IMPROVEMENTS

HARTMEYER ICE ARENA
1834 Commercial Avenue Madison, WI

Register online at
patriotshockey.org/3v3

Rock the Rink 3v3 Tournament

It's time to rock the rink, September 16 & 17. Start putting those teams together, [registration is open for the 3v3 tournament](#).

Register as a team of up to six players, all teams will play a minimum of three games. Goalies register separately. More information can be found on the website at <https://www.patriotshockey.org/3v3>.

Taste of Madison – We will once again be slinging drinks at the Taste of Madison! This is a huge fundraiser for our organization, and we can't do it without volunteers. [Hours are posted to DIBs](#) and will fill up early, so make sure to sign up and get your volunteer credits out of the way!

The next board meeting will be held **Monday, August 14 at 6 p.m.** at [Oakstone Recreational](#) in Cottage Grove and is open to all members of PYHA.

LEAGUE UPDATES

We have updated the league mission statement:

Share and promote the lifelong gift of hockey. Model respect, fairness, and sportsmanship while developing youth skaters of different skill levels. Provide our skaters and family members alike with good I.C.E. (Inclusivity, Communication, Equity).

Inclusivity. PHYA offers a variety of programs for everyone cognizant of cost and commitment.

Communication. Communication and transparency are important to us; we are committed to assessing regularly and working to constantly improve.

Equity. PHYA offers development options for a variety of skill levels, ambitions, and aspirations.

REGISTRATION, CAMP ICE, AND PLACEMENTS

Registration for the 2023-2024 season is now open! Please register early as this helps us determine the number of teams we can plan for and begin scheduling tournaments early! Registration closes on August 28th, so do not delay.

Note: If you want to pay by check or PayPal, please use the code **OFFLINE** at checkout.

Camp Ice and Placements schedule has been set. As a reminder, the OIC will be hosting parent meetings prior to Camp Ice. We will have one in-person and one virtual session. During these sessions, the OIC will go over the schedule, expectations, and answer any parent questions.

- OIC Open Forum – In person September 10, Virtual TBD
- Camp Ice – September 11-22
- Placement Sessions – September 18-22
- Final Placements – October 2

We encourage everyone preparing for placements to read section 7.4 of the [Patriot's Handbook](#).

MEET THE PYHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

David Gauder – President

David and his family joined the Patriots in 2017 and the PHYA Board in 2023. He lives in Monona with his wife, Brianne, and 2 kids: Jackson 11 (will be a first year Peewee) and Zoey 9 (who retired from competitive hockey at the age of 7). David wasn't lucky enough to be involved with the sport as a kid but plays adult hockey a few times a week in addition to volunteering to make up for lost time. As a family they enjoy traveling and when not on or by frozen water they spend countless hours with friends on lake Monona fishing, boating, skiing, and jet skiing.

Chad Normington

Chad is in his second 3-year term on the Madison Patriots' board. Professionally he is the Project Manager for Sims Exteriors and Remodeling, but his true passion is hockey. Chad started skating at the age of 3 and played for the Patriots and then Monona Grove HS and still plays in the old man league on Monday nights. Chad has two Patriots players, Cole is a second year Squirt and Zoey is a second year Mite. You can always find Chad at the rink, either coaching or coordinating rink improvements.

Blythe Robbins

Blythe is starting her first year as a PYHA Board member. Professionally, Blythe is a Business Analyst in web development, building websites and services for the State of Wisconsin. Introduced to hockey late in life, she picked up quickly due to her husband and son's passion for the sport. Edwin will be a second-year mite this coming season and husband Trevor will be a second-year coach. Outside of hockey, the family has a love of Baseball attending many Mallards and Brewers games each season. Nerds at heart, they spend a lot of time playing board games, video games, and enjoying all things pop-culture.

Lindsey Schleis

Lindsay has been a part of the Patriots family since her son started skating at the late age of 9. Watching the incredible grit and courage it took to fall and get back up and observing the coaches by his side encouraging him to not give up, the entire family was instantly hooked on a sport we knew nothing about. This is her 4th year on the board and serves as the liaison between PYHA and MII. In her professional career she is VP of Business Development for a US manufacturer. You can find her and her husband Jeff on the water when they are not running their 3 children to a rink, gym, field, or pool! Their oldest son Cole will be a second-year bantam, and their youngest daughter Izzy will be a second-year mite.