



PATRIOTS

Youth Hockey Association



NEWSLETTER: December 2025

There is a lot going on in and around the rink as we hit the halfway point of the season! It's been quiet for the last couple of months, so buckle in because there's a lot of stuff coming at you in this newsletter!

We are beginning to see an increase in traffic on the road between Hartmeyer and the parking lot. Be vigilant as the road is being extended into the new apartment buildings going up behind the rink. We've reached out for additional lighting or other resources to bring attention to the pedestrian traffic from the rink to the lot.

DID YOU KNOW?

Game Duties are Different than Volunteering Efforts

Mid-season Reminder, to underscore the differences on game day duties and volunteering efforts. As a 100% volunteer run organization, we count on volunteers in everything we do (e.g. Board Members, Coaches, Team Managers, Locker Room Monitors, Fundraising efforts, Committee Members, etc.). Volunteer roles are uniquely different from "game day duties" (e.g. penalty box, game sheet, scoreboard) which are to be completed by all families of the team.

Game day duties directly benefit all our kids and are necessary for a safe, fun, and enjoyable game day experience. So, regardless of how your family chooses to volunteer for PYHA your family is expected to sign up and support game day duties. Each family should proactively do your part to support your child and the other families on the team; reach out to manager if you haven't yet done so. Alternatively, Managers are empowered to assign game day duties if families aren't signing up to balance the effort.

SEEKING NEW HOCKEY DIRECTOR FOR NEXT SEASON

PYHA is seeking a new Director of Hockey (DoH). Dan Groth, after countless years of involvement with PYHA and several most recently as Director of Hockey, is retiring from the role. The Board thanks Dan for his tremendous support and future help during the transition.

The DoH leads our On Ice Committee and actively works with the PYHA Board and other governing bodies such as WAHA/USA Hockey with regard to skater and coaching matters (e.g. skater development, coaching oversight, rostering administration). The role is open to skater guardians and non-guardians and is compensated. Those interested in learning more and or applying should reach out to President@patriotshockey.org after reviewing the qualifications below.

- Current USA Hockey Coaching Certification - Level 4 or higher
- Head Coaching Experience at Mites through Bantam age levels (or above)
- Extensive experience with operating age-appropriate hockey skills sessions/clinics from Mites through Bantams
- Knowledge of ADM Model and ability to establish age-appropriate skills development programs
- SafeSport certified and pass the associated Background Check necessary to work/volunteer with PYHA youth
- Organized and posses good interpersonal communication skills including email and MS Office tools
- Able to lead groups of volunteers and liaise with outside organizations (e.g. WAHA, USA Hockey, and other associations)
- Must be eligible to work in the US

SHOUT OUTS

We've already had several teams participate in tournaments around the state! Congratulations to the following teams on your accomplishments in your first tournaments of the season!

- Squirt B took home Gold in the Talkin' Turkey Showdown in Austin, MN, and the Hodag Invitational in Rhinelander!
- Bantam C took third place in their tournament in Antigo!



- Dragons U12 had a hard fought weekend at the Badger State Games and brought home the 2nd Place trophy!
- Dragons U14A won the Northwoods Knockout in Eagle River!

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!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Calling ALL Future S.C. Navigators Hockey Players and Families!

All future Mite, Squirt, Pee Wee, and Bantam Navigator Hockey players are invited to join the High School team for the next Navigator's Youth Hockey Night on January 6, 2026 at DeForest Yards Legacy 20 Arena. This is an exciting opportunity for future Navigators to experience a JV and Varsity game, along with a unique opportunity to **skate out and join the Navigators for the National Anthem**.

Find all of the important details and register HERE: [South Central Navigators Youth Night, Jan 6th](#)

All participating youth players will receive a Navigators Hockey T-Shirt!

All students that attend one of the Navigator's Hockey Co-op participating schools (DeForest, Madison East, Madison LaFollette, Lodi, Poynette, Pardeeville, and Lake Mills) will get into the game for free!

MG HS Dueling Pianos

Mark your calendars! On January 10th, 2026, The Monona Grove Hockey Boosters will host an unforgettable evening featuring Felix & Fingers Dueling Pianos at Oakstone in Cottage Grove. Come for the music, stay for the fun and even enter to win some great prizes!



Dine-Out Fundraisers

- Noodles - Monona 01/14/2026 4-8
- Culvers - CGR 02/10/2026 5-8

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE RAFFLE COORDINATOR

My name is Jackie Scola-Bernstein and I coordinate the raffle for the Patriots. I have two players in the organization (Peewee and Bantam) so I'm around the rink quite a bit. Please let me know if you have any questions about the raffle, selling your tickets, or turning them in.

Raffle tickets have been distributed to your team coach or manager. If you have not received your ticket envelope, please let me know right away. I can help to chase it down. If you have multiple skaters in the organization, you are only responsible for selling tickets for your oldest skater.

Some important information to note:

All skaters must sell the following number of tickets in their envelope to meet their fundraising requirements for this season. Tickets are sold for \$5 each

- Cross Ice/U6/Level 2 - \$50 (10 tickets)
- Mites - \$100 (20 tickets)
- Rec - \$50 (10 tickets)
- Travel (Squirt, Peewee, Bantam) - \$150 (30 tickets)

If you are interested in selling over the minimum, your team manager/coach received a number of extra tickets. If you sell over the minimum requirement, 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. **Each ticket needs to be filled out legibly and in its entirety to be valid.** Each envelope must have the minimum amount of money required for your skater.

We will have several ticket collection nights at Hartmeyer, where you can hand your envelope to a member of the fundraising committee and receive a receipt via email. This will take place the week of January 18th. Exact dates and times TBA.

You may also return your tickets via the drop box near concessions. You will be sent an electronic receipt once received.

Failure to sell any portion of your committed amount of tickets will result in that amount plus an additional \$50 billed to your account.

The drawing will take place on January 29th. If you have any questions about the raffle, please email fundraising@patriotshockey.org or you can email me directly at jackiescolabernstein@gmail.com.

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 12, 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 Info@patriotshockey.org.