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NEW MILWAUKEE AREA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION ESTABLISHED
Milwaukee Blaze To Serve Youth in Milwaukee, New Berlin and West Allis

Milwaukee, June 9, 2016 – A new hockey association serving youth in the Milwaukee, New Berlin and West Allis areas was announced today. The new group, The Milwaukee Area Youth Hockey Association (MAYHA), was formerly part of the Pettit National Ice Center and has restructured to be an independent 501(c)3 organization. The new parent-led group plans to operate under the name **Milwaukee Blaze Hockey**.

Todd Gehrmann, President of the Milwaukee Blaze said, “We are excited to be our own independent organization with an excellent USA Hockey-trained coaching staff while still being able to be affiliated with such a strong brand as the Pettit. We will continue to rent ice and be based at the National Hockey Center and continue to serve hockey players from mini-mites (age 4) all the way through high school.”

The organization expects to serve student athletes during the regular hockey season, which runs from September until March and will offer additional development programs throughout the year. “We look forward to developing our programs and seeking sponsors so we can serve even more area youth,” said Gehrmann.

Youth need not know fundamental hockey skills to join the organization as they will be taught during practices. In fact, skating school clinics will be held at the Pettit all summer long for those that wish to either learn beginning skating or hone their skating skills prior to the season.

MAYHA will also offer a summer scrimmage program until the season begins – see the Blaze website for details. Families interested in registering for the 2016/17 season can visit milwaukeeblazehockey.com.

About the Milwaukee Blaze/Milwaukee Youth Hockey Association

The Milwaukee Youth Hockey Association is an independent 501(c)3 organization that promotes hockey development and manages youth hockey teams at all levels. The Milwaukee Blaze has created a program that allows players to get professional training and mentoring from great coaches. Each player will be guaranteed ample ice time, several practices and 1-2 games minimum per week and jamborees/tournaments throughout the season. For more information, visit www.milwaukeeblazehockey.com.