

ABOUT NAHA

FUNDRAISING is necessary to keep player registration fees low. A Fundraising Committee will make recommendations to the Board as to what major fundraising events they would like to hold. Your active involvement on the Committee or in support of their efforts is very necessary.

SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS. Each player is offered 10 tickets to sell at \$10 each. Prizes are determined by the NAHA Board. Tickets are distributed in early November and collected by the end of December with the drawing held at a Norwich Hockey home game in January.

PLAYER SPONSOR.

Your player can approach a local business about sponsoring them for \$100. Our website will post all sponsor names with a active link to their website. You can have more than one sponsor.



COMMUNITY DANCE & SILENT AUCTION.

NAHA will be hosting an adult only community dance with a live band offering food, fun and prizes for a fee. We tried this last year for the first time and it was a great success.

NORTHFIELD HOCKEY ALLIANCE GOLF CLASSIC.

NAHA has partnered with the Northfield High School Boy's and Girl's Hockey teams to host an 18 hole scramble tournament including green fees, cart, lunch and great prizes. Players of any skill level and hole sponsors welcomed! Grab your clubs and join in the fun for a great cause. Volunteers are needed to solicit sponsors and help plan and execute this important and fun fundraiser.

OFF SET FEES! The raffle tickets and player sponsors are not mandatory fundraisers. However, they are a great way to offset the cost of your player's registration. If you choose not to participate in these fundraising activities, it will increase your out-of-pocket expense.

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SEASON INFORMATION

CREATING SKILLED HOCKEY
PLAYERS FOR 46 YEARS!

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FUNDRAISING INFORMATION

For 46 years, since 1971, Northfield Amateur Hockey Association (NAHA) has provided the youth of Northfield and it's surrounding towns an opportunity to play youth hockey in a fun and safe environment. Not only do we have one of the best rinks in New England, and Norwich as our home ice, but we also have some of the lowest player registration fees in the state.

YOUTH HOCKEY LEVELS

Learn-to-Skate/Play Hockey - Coed ages 4 and up.

Start learning to skate using the support aides, progress to skating without support and then with a hockey stick. Once proficient in skating the skater can move on to House Mite level. Week-ends only.



Mite - Coed ages 8 and under. This is entry level hockey. Children will be placed by coaches based on ability into either House Mite or Travel Mite. Travel Mite generally practice twice during the week and will have a game and a practice on weekends. House Mites will generally skate only on weekends. Travel is usually within one hour of Northfield. Games are cross-ice 3-on-3 play with or without goalies.

Squirt - Coed ages 9-10. Games are full ice, 5-on-5 play. Traveling distance increases at this level. Practices will be twice during the week with games and/or practices both days on weekends.

Peewee - Ages 11-12. Travel is statewide. Game and practice will be twice during the week with games and/or practices both days on weekends. There is no checking at Peewee level hockey.

Girls U12 - Ages 9-12. Travel is statewide. Practices are most often twice a week and two games per week-end. There is no checking in girls hockey.

Bantam - Ages 13-14. Open ice checking gets introduced at this level. Travel is statewide. Practices are most often twice a week and two games per weekend. Nine graders on the high school hockey team roster may still participate at the Bantam level taking game and practice schedules into consideration.

What will youth hockey bring out in your child?

Through the NAHA program, you will find that the friendships your child will make, the responsibility and teamwork they will learn, the strength they will build and the fun they will have, will be well worth the time and money invested.

COMMON HOCKEY MYTHS

Myth #1 - Ice hockey costs a fortune to get started.

FALSE! One can get started for around \$160, not "thousands of dollars" There are starter kits available for low fee and NAHA offers some used equipment for free.

Myth #2 - Hockey games are played at ungodly hours.

FALSE! Learn-to-play hockey programs and Mite level are conducted most often between 8:00-3:00 pm. Games at higher levels are played 7:00 am -6:00 pm, with few exceptions.

Myth #3 - The team has to travel several hours for game.

FALSE! Most games are at facilities located within 30-60 and a couple 90 plus min away.

Myth #4 - Hockey is too violent and risky for injury.

FALSE! Body checking is not permitted at the Mite, Squirt, Peewee or Girls levels. There is less physical contact permitted in hockey at the younger ages than football and lacrosse. Of course there is always a risk of injury in hockey like any contact sport.

BIRTH YEARS & PLAYER LEVELS

| YEAR BORN | PLAYING LEVEL |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| 2003 - 2004 | BANTAM |
| 2005 - 2006 | PEEWEE / U12 GIRLS |
| 2007 - 2008 | SQUIRT |
| 2009 - 2012 | MITE |
| 2013 or Younger * | LEARN-TO-SKATE / PLAY HOCKEY |

* Parents with skater(s) three years old or younger must have at least one parent registered with USA Hockey to assist your skater(s) on the ice with instruction. Coaching certification is not required.

REGISTRATION & FUNDRAISING

| Team | Reg Fee | Fundraising Required |
|------------------------------|---------|---|
| Jan-Feb Learn-to-Skate | \$30 | No Fundraising |
| Learn-to-Skate / Play Hockey | \$50 | \$100 Max |
| Mite | \$200 | \$100 / skater (\$200 max)* |
| Squirt | \$375 | \$200 / skater or \$300 max for two or more skaters squirt level and above. |
| Peewee | \$400 | |
| U12 Girls | \$400 | |
| Bantam | \$425 | |

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

* Max fundraising at Mite level is \$200 for two/more players at Mite/Learn-to-Skate levels and \$300 at Squirt level and above.

1. NAHA registration fees are waived for goalies Squirt level and above.

2. Three or more skaters in the program the fee for youngest third skater and beyond is \$25 each.

3. NAHA players also playing at the high school level must pay the entire NAHA registration and fundraising fees.

4. There is a \$45 USA Hockey registration fee (\$40 USA Hockey + \$5 VT Hockey Assoc.) for each player age 7 and up, not included in NAHA fees above.

5. Parents with skaters playing games are required to work the penalty box and/or run the game clock. The parent schedule will be coordinated by the team parent. Both tasks are very simple to learn and perform.