

2025-2026 NUSE Hockey Information Sheet

Welcome to the New Ulm Sleepy Eye Hockey Association!

This flyer outlines common questions. If you don't find the answer to your question, visit the NUSE Website and click the "Ask a Hockey Parent" button or use the "Contact Us" to reach out to a Board Member or Committee Member.

Volunteer Hours

Working volunteer hours are one of the many ways that NUSE Hockey can keep registration costs low. Volunteer obligations are based on the oldest player in the family and their level of play. Volunteer events are fun and a great way to meet other hockey families, learn about the hockey program, and build community!

Level of Play	Volunteer Hour Requirement
New Families (8U - Bantam)	5 hours (<i>concession stand only</i>)
Returning 4U	12 hours
Returning 8U Youth/8U Girls	20 hours
Returning Squirt/10U and Up	36 hours

Sign up for shifts in the DIBS program, on the NUSE website. Shifts range from the concession stand in New Ulm or Sleepy Eye, Bar Bingo in Sleepy Eye, Golf Tournament, Team Rep, Tournament Coordinator, Pasta Meal, Kraut Dinner, Hockey Day, etc.

To claim a shift, go to the NUSE Website, **log in** to SportsEngine, find the active season, and **click** on the shift(s) you would like to claim. Fill in the athlete's name, the person who is working the hours, and their email and phone number.

Volunteer Hours FAQs

- 1. I'm having trouble finding time to work my volunteer hours.** If the parent/guardian is unable to work the hours, consider asking a grandparent, an aunt or uncle, a cousin, a friend, a neighbor, another hockey family, etc. Anyone can work your volunteer hours on behalf of your athlete, as long as they are 16 years of age.
- 2. What to do when I arrive for my shift?** When you arrive at your assignment there will be a sign-in sheet or book – there is also "how to" information if needed (*no one is born knowing how to run the popcorn machine!*). Sign in and log your hours. Keep your own individual record of the places, dates, and times your family worked in case there is a discrepancy. **All volunteer hour requirements need to be completed by March 31, 2026.** Volunteer hours worked between 04/01/25 to 03/31/26 count towards the 2025-2026 season.
- 3. What to do when I can't work the shift I signed up for?** Find a replacement worker. This is a volunteer organization so if you sign up for a DIBS shift, you are responsible. If you don't show up, our organization is impacted. If you do not fulfill your hour's obligations by the end of the season you will be billed for remaining hours at \$40 an hour. Remember number 1 above, anyone can work your volunteer hours on behalf of your athlete, as long as they are 16 years of age.
- 4. What doesn't count as volunteer hours?** Squirt/10U and older families are required to do things that do not fulfill volunteer hours. This includes, but is not limited to: Locker Room Monitoring, Minor Officiating (i.e. scoreboard/music, penalty boxes, scorekeeper), and working your team's home tournament (unless Tournament Coordinator). Parent Reps will develop a schedule that balances the work across the team and has a rotation. Must be 18 years of age to minor officiate.
- 5. What happens when I don't work all of/any of the hours required?** Your volunteer check for the full hours, future dated April 1, 2026, and submitted at Parent Drop-in will be held and not cashed until the end of the season. At the end of the season, if your family has completed their hours, the check will be shredded. If you have not fulfilled all of/any of the required hours, checks will be cashed to cover missing hours at the rate of \$40 per hour.

Board and Policies

Board of Directors: Use the "Contact Us" on the website to see a listing of board members, how to contact a Board member, review the meeting minutes, and upcoming meeting dates and location.

Policies and Safe Sport: These can be found under the "Home" dropdown on the website. Many questions can be answered by referring to the Policy Manual, By-Laws, and Code-of-Conduct documents. Safe Sport information, handbook, and the reporting link are also found here.

Weather: Winter weather is expected during hockey season, please refresh yourself with the Weather Reminder found on the "Policies & Safe Sport" page under the "Home" dropdown on the website.

Communication

Association communication: Through email, the website (*check it regularly!*), and our Facebook page (*LIKE us!*). We send emails and update the website regularly throughout the season. Emails provide general association information and any announcements for all families.

If you aren't getting our emails:

1. Check your spam folder, and mark us as a safe sender
2. Be sure your email address is set up with your athlete. Refer to the SportsEngine help page for assistance:
<https://newulm.pucksystems2.com/se-help>
3. Reach out to nusecommunications@gmail.com to troubleshoot.

Team communication: Beyond the association-level communication, every team will have a Team Representative. This individual will be your contact person throughout the season for your team-specific items. Any questions about your team should go to the Team Rep or Head Coach. Your team will communicate with you through the SportsEngine chat and/or email.

Calendar

The Calendar on the NUSE website lists all practices and each team page will list their team practices, games, and tournament schedule.

The Association Events link on the homepage shows all practices, all games, and association events in one glance.

- **4U** practice at the Sleepy Eye Arena, begins mid-November.
- **8U (Level 1, 2 & 3)** practice at the New Ulm Civic Center. Preseason begins September 6. Regular season begins mid-October. Game days on Sunday. Level 1 & 2 Game days start December 28 and occur every 3 weeks. Level 3 Game days start November 23 and occur every other week. Level 2 and 3 will each have a home jamboree and attend one away jamboree. *8U that reside in the Sleepy Eye community or surrounding communities, will have the opportunity to practice in New Ulm or in Sleepy Eye.*
- **8U (Level 4)** practice at the New Ulm Civic Center and at the Sleepy Eye Arena. Preseason begins September 6. Regular season begins mid-October. Skills nights are held on Monday. Sleepy Eye practices occur every Tuesday. Game days on Sunday. Game days will start November 23 and occur every other week. Full-ice games will begin in January, likely in Sleepy Eye. Will have one home jamboree and attend 2-3 away jamborees and/or have full-ice games.
- **10U/Squirt, 12U/Peewee & Bantam** practice at the New Ulm Civic Center and at the Sleepy Eye Arena. Preseason begins September 5. Tryouts begin early October. Regular season begins mid-October. Skills nights are held on Monday. Each level should plan for 3 tournaments. Depending on the success of the season, regional and state tournaments may be added. 10U/Squirt can plan on playing 30-35 games, 12U/Peewee playing 35-40 games, and Bantams playing 40-45 games.

Fundraising

These opportunities are one of the many ways to help fund our program and keep registration costs and fees low for families. We encourage our families to promote and support these events.

Calendar Fundraiser (Runnings Gun Raffle): Each family will pick up and sign out at least 10 calendars. Calendars sell for \$40 each. During the fall/early winter, there will be opportunities to turn in the calendar stubs and money collected. (*First-year families are not required to sell calendars, but are welcome to help sell!*) Winners are posted on the website, under Raffle Calendars. Winners will present the voucher at Runnings in New Ulm. Calendar sales run through the middle of January 2026.

Meal tickets: Each family will sell at least 10 tickets in total. Tickets are \$14.00 each and paid for upfront. (*First-year families are not required to sell meal tickets, but are welcome to help sell!*)

Pasta Meal – Sleepy Eye Servicemen's Club

Friday, October 17, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sauerkraut and Landjaeger Dinner – New Ulm St. Mary's Church

Sunday, March 15, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Other events: Hockey Day (January), Golf Tournament (July), Sleepy Eye Bar Bingo (year-round), and Bar Pull Tabs at the New Ulm B & L bar (year-round).



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