

# AHA NEWSLETTER

## LITTLE DIPPERS 8U BRING HOME THE GOLD IN VEGAS!



## FEBRUARY FRENZY GOING FOR GOLD

February witnessed some remarkable achievements on the ice. From players reaching personal milestones to teams working hard to earn the opportunity to raise a trophy, the month was filled with exciting moments that our program is extremely proud of. Whether it was a goaltender making a jaw-dropping save or a player lighting up the scoreboard, the pursuit of greatness was on full display. We had teams competing all over the state and country representing the blue and gold at the highest level. In each game, our athletes showcased determination, skill, and sportsmanship, embodying the true spirit of AHA. Not all moments ended in victory, but even in defeat there were lessons to be learned and opportunities for growth. As we reflect on the challenges and triumphs of February, we look forward to the continued dedication and success of our program in the months to come.

## NORTH STARS 18U PUNCH THEIR TICKET TO NATIONALS!



Our 18U Tier 2 North Stars won big against their in state rivals in the 2024 18U State Tournament. They outscored their opponents 52-2 over the course of the tournament. The ultimate win came in the State Championship against the highly talented Valley Thunder 18U Tier 2. Despite the Valley Thunder being the #1 team going into the tournament, the North Stars momentum couldn't be slowed when they punched their ticket to Nationals with a 5-2 win for the State Title! They will now represent Alaska at the 2024

# PRESIDENTS DAY CHAMPIONS

## PRESIDENTS' DAY CHAMPIONS - 16B AHA ASTROIDS



## PRESIDENTS' DAY CHAMPIONS - 14A COMETS



Our 2024 25th Annual Presidents' Day Invitational was a huge success this year. One hundred and eleven teams from all over the state came to town to compete for the Presidents' Day trophy! Two of our AHA teams came away with hardware after the weekend. Our 16B AHA Astroids team faced off against our very own AHA Anchors in the championship. The Astroids put together a solid performance from top to bottom to defeat the Anchors 3-0! Our 14A Comets brought home another championship after a hard fought battle against Hockey Club Fairbanks. HCF gave the Comets one of their most challenging games yet, but our Comets found a way to prevail with an exciting 3 to 2 win in overtime! Congratulations to both of our champion teams. Way to utilize your skills and teamwork to earn the ultimate prize at the end of the weekend!



## DIMOND/WEST WINS 3RD STRAIGHT GIRLS STATE TITLE

Dimond/West completed their undefeated season with a 2 to 1 victory over the very talented Chugiak/Eagle River team in the 2024 Girls High School State Championship. Senior Sasha Kleckner opened the scoring in the first period, followed by an assurance goal by Junior Hailey Murray in the 2nd. Freshman Alder Niederer got Chugiak/Eagle River on the board in the 3rd but Junior netminder Siena Lardizabal would shut the door in the final minutes to help Dimond/West win their 3rd straight Girls High School State Championship! Congratulations girls!

## 19U HAYLIE ANZELINI MAKES COLLEGE COMMITMENT



## AHA GOALIE LESSONS FINISH WITH BIG SAVES

Our 2023-2024 goalie clinic season has come to an end. Over the past four months, we've worked with 38 different goaltenders ages 6-18 and worked with over 15 coaches to help them better understand the position! Most importantly, we saw improvement from all of our goalies and can't wait to see our goalies shine between the pipes to finish out their seasons! Thank you to all of our shooters and volunteer coaches who helped make our goalie lessons such a great success!

Congratulations to Haylie Anzelini on making her NCAA College Commitment to Neumann University! Haylie has played her whole youth hockey career under AHA and we can't wait to follow her success when she suits up for the Knights next hockey season!

# 2024 AHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

Get your vote in for next years AHA Board of Directors! AHA is using ranked voting to select 5 Directors from this year's candidate list to serve a 2 year term. Voting ends on March 18th. If you did not receive your ballot, please contact [ahaoffice@anchoragehockey.com](mailto:ahaoffice@anchoragehockey.com). Make your vote count and select the candidate you think will best represent our association on our board!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

AHA EVENTS

MARCH 2024



### NORTH STARS

- 3/7 - 3/10 - 14T2 State Tournament @ BB/DA
- 3/8 - 3/11 - 10U MN/MA State Tournament @ Omalley
- 3/15 - 3/18 - 12U MN/MA State Tournament @ BB/DA
- 3/23 - 14U NS Girls vs Parents @ 11:45am DA



### COMETS REC A

- 3/9 - 12U Comet Girls vs Jr Avs 12B @ 2:00pm DA
- 3/9 - 14U Comet Girls vs Mat-Su 14B @ 3:15pm DA2
- 3/10 - 12A Comets E/B vs Jr Avs @ 12:15pm DA
- 3/15 - 3/18 - 10U A State Tournament in Fairbanks
- 3/15 - 3/18 - 12U A State Tournament in Kenai
- 3/22 - 3/25 - 18U A State Tournament in Palmer



### AHA REC B

- 3/9 - AHA Ice Bears vs AHA Yetis @ 2:15pm DA1
- 3/9 - AHA 14B Rogness vs Mustangs @ 3:00 BB2
- 3/15 - 3/18 - 12U B State Tournament in Homer
- 3/22 - 3/25 - 14U B State Tournament @ Omalley



### LITTLE DIPPERS

- 3/9 - LD Blue Game Day @ 10:30am DA1
- 3/9 - LD White Game Day @ 11:45am DA1
- 3/9 - LD Red Game Day @ 1:00pm DA1



### AHA SPRING LEAGUE

- ALCAN League - Tue & Thu Starting March 26th (5 Weeks)
- Rec League - Mon & Wed Starting April 8th (4 Weeks)
- Ladies Spring Tune Up & Skills - Tuesday evenings starting March 26th (5 Weeks)

### PONYTAIL INVITATIONAL

The 13th Annual Ponytail Invitational will be held April 12-14 in Anchorage. All girls that play hockey in Alaska are invited to participate. This is a fun event to showcase the growth of girls hockey throughout the state and is a true celebration for girls hockey in Alaska!



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