



PATRIOTS

Youth Hockey Association



NEWSLETTER: March 2025

It's bittersweet, but the 2025-2026 season has come to an end. The last stop of the season is the Annual Meeting in just two weeks. We look forward to seeing everyone back on the ice in the fall.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting is April 11, 2026, at St. Dennis Gymnasium from 1-3 p.m. This is open to all members of the Patriots Youth Hockey Association. Members were emailed the list of Board Candidates summaries. Board members will be voted on at the Annual Meeting. If you have any questions or would like additional information on the Board of Directors and voting policy/procedure, please review the By-Laws found here: <https://www.patriotshockey.org/policies>

OPEN VOLUNTEER POSITIONS FOR NEXT SEASON

The organization has several volunteer manager positions open for the 2026-2027 season. These positions fulfill all volunteer requirements for the season. A few of these are two-year commitments. If you have any questions, please reach out to the

Golf Outing Coordinator

Every summer PYHA hosts the Annual Golf Outing at The Oaks to benefit our scholarship programs. This is an important fundraising event that benefits families who would not otherwise be able to participate in youth hockey. We're looking for an organized volunteer to help plan and run the event in late summer. This role involves coordinating event details, helping with registration and scheduling, and working with other volunteers, sponsors, and the golf course staff to make sure everything runs smoothly. If you enjoy event planning, teamwork, and supporting a great cause, this is a fun way to get involved and make an impact. If you are interested, please email your qualifications to president@patriotshockey.org.

Microsoft Coordinator

Are you experienced with Microsoft Active Directory? Do you know the ins-and-outs of managing an organization? The Board of Directors is seeking a **Microsoft 365 Account Coordinator** to help us maintain and support our infrastructure. We use a free Microsoft 365 nonprofit account and need a tech-savvy volunteer to help manage users, security settings, and access.

Key Responsibilities:

- Administer Microsoft 365 Accounts, Licensing, and Entra ID for user management, and access control.
- Help set up and manage security groups, roles, and permissions.
- Ensure smooth onboarding/offboarding processes for volunteers and team members.
- Support basic technical troubleshooting and policy updates.

If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please email your qualifications to president@patriotshockey.org.

Age Group Liaisons (AGLs)

We're currently seeking four dedicated volunteers to serve as Age Group Liaisons (AGLs) for the upcoming season—one for each age level: Mite, Squirt, Peewee, and Bantam. AGL's CANNOT have a child who is a skater at that age level (i.e..Bantam parent is the Bantam AGL).

What is an AGL?

AGLs are the vital link between our families and team leadership. You will work closely with team managers, coaches, and the Age Level Director (ALD) to ensure smooth and efficient communication between parents, team

representatives, coaches, and the Board of Directors. Additionally, AGLs will work with the Ice Scheduler and Treasurer to schedule games and tournaments prior to the start of the season.

Your Role Includes:

- Team scheduling within our region for state eligibility
- Acting as a communication bridge between families and coaches/managers
- Assisting in conflict management and fostering resolution
- Collaborating with the ALD to share feedback and insights
- Maintaining a neutral, supportive presence

Who Should Apply?

Parents/guardians with great communication skills, a level-headed approach, and a desire to create a supportive, inclusive team culture. This role requires a high level of integrity and confidentiality when dealing with issues that are brought up. If you are interested in becoming an AGL, please email a short summary of your interest and relevant experience to president@patriotshockey.org. AGLs will receive volunteer credit for the season based on time and commitment to the role.

EVENTS

- We will once again march in the Monona Memorial Day Parade on May 25. Mark your calendars and get out those roller blades!
- This year's Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for July 25, 2026.

SHOUT OUTS

This season we had the honor of hosting the WAHA Girls U14 A State Tournament. It was a brilliant weekend of hockey, and a huge success thanks to our tournament organizers. We're told the jewelry making pop-up was a hit! Thank you to everyone who showed up to support the best U14 A teams in the state; we could not have done this without the support of the tournament organizers and member volunteers.

The U8-White Penguins closed out their season in the Beaver Brawl hockey tournament in Beaver Dam. While they weren't playing for Gold like the Men's US Olympic team, they played like they were Olympians and represented the Patriots by bringing just as much excitement, heart, determination, and team camaraderie.



The Squirt C team ended their season with a third-place win in Rhinelander! They played hard and overcame a big loss on Saturday to bring home a trophy on Sunday! A solid end to a great season for these players!

[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, May 11, 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.