



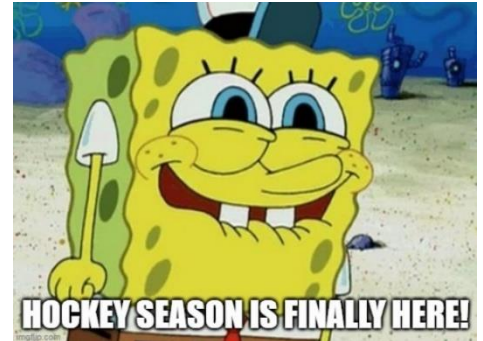
PATRIOTS

Youth Hockey Association



NEWSLETTER: October 2024

Welcome back to hockey season, we're happy to see all our kids back on the ice! The board, coaches, managers, and volunteers have been working hard to prepare for another fantastic season of youth hockey.



Volunteers Needed

Age Group Liaisons

We are still in need of AGLs for Bantams and Peewees. The AGL's primary function will be to act as a communication conduit between parents, the team, the coach, and the Patriots' Board of Directors. AGLs are individuals who are not coaches and who do not hold a position on the Patriots' Board or On Ice Committee, nor does their spouse/partner. They cannot be an AGL for an age group in which they have a player. The purpose of the AGL is to provide an informal and comfortable outlet for parents to bring comments or concerns to the Board. The AGL role will fulfill volunteer requirements for the season. If you are interested in being an AGL, contact the Age Group Liaisons Director (ALD), Greg Fawver at ald@patriotshockey.org

Social Media Support

Do you have a creative spirit, quick wit, and love of social media? We could use your help on our Social Media team. We need someone to support the organization by updating social media including upcoming events, current happenings such as tournament updates and photos, and other youth hockey related items. If you are interested, please contact communications@patriotshockey.org.

Retention & Recruitment Coordinator

The Retention & Recruitment Coordinator is responsible for helping to administer PYHA surveys and supporting recruitment efforts. This role will be to register for and organize events such as Parades and *Try Hockey for Free* dates. If interested, please reach out to Lindsay at lindsayschleis@gmail.com.

Jr. Waubesa Cup Event Coordinator

The events committee is looking for someone to help organize this year's Jr. Waubesa Cup. Some responsibilities include liaising with McFarland Youth Hockey events planners, organizing raffles and prizes, league communication, and creative ways to engage both associations for the event. If you are interested in being the Jr. Waubesa Cup Coordinator, please reach out to events@patriotshockey.org.

SUBLIMATED BLANKETS AND GARMET BAGS

The team store for Dragons and Patriots sublimated blankets and garment bags is now open. It will only be open for 1 week, October 15-22. You can make your purchase by going to: <https://www.warminghouseblanketco.com/team-stores>

On the site:

1. Go to Team Stores in the top menu
2. Select Madison Patriots/Dragons
3. Enter the password: victory2025

There are multiple designs for blankets and garment bags. If you would like to pick up your order at the rink, choose team/bulk order (free).

Once the store closes, turnaround time is about 5 weeks, due to the fact they are all custom orders.






Please email any questions to fundraising@patriotshockey.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jr. Waubesa Cup – Save the date for the Jr. Waubesa Cup! The Jr. Waubesa Cup is held in conjunction with the Waubesa Cup, the annual match-up of McFarland vs. Monona-Grove. This year's activities will be hosted by McFarland Ice on January 17th and Hartmeyer on January 18th. Details are coming soon!



Upcoming Dine-Out Fundraisers – Everyone needs to eat and what better way to help the league make some money than combining food and fundraising! PYHA has partnered with local restaurants for fundraiser days. Tell your friends and family and dine with the Patriots!

-  Ian's Pizza @ Garver – 10/23
-  Culver's @ Cottage Grove* – 11/12
-  Jersey Mike's @ East Towne – 12/9 - 12/11
-  Chipotle – 01/15
-  Culver's @ Cottage Grove Rd* – 02/18

As always, please check DIBs regularly for available Volunteer and Concessions opportunities.

**Note the changes to the two Culver's locations from previous newsletters.*

SAVE THE DATE – The Annual Golf Outing is scheduled for August 3, 2024.

JERSEYS AND EQUIPMENT

Practice jerseys for travel skaters have been distributed, except for Dragons 14U which will be arriving soon. Goalies will not get a reversible practice jersey. If your skater has not gotten their practice jersey, please let your coach or team manager know and they will get one for you. We ask that skaters wear their practice jerseys to ALL practices. Any practice jersey not returned at the end of the season will result in a \$50 charge to the skater's account.

If you ordered Travel Jerseys during the first round (the August deadline) they are arriving this weekend. Jersey's will be distributed out to your Team Managers within the week, so watch for their communication on how to pick them up. If you ordered a travel jersey in the second round and need a jersey for upcoming games/tournaments, your Team Manager can assist you with getting a borrowed jersey.

If you have an in-house skater that needs equipment yet, please email equipment@patriotshockey.org.



Goalie Clinics start October 23, 7-8 p.m. at Hartmeyer. Clinics are led by former Badger Shane Connelly, who brings engaging drills and a wealth of knowledge to the ice. All full and part time goalies are encouraged to attend! Goalie clinics will be held on Wednesday nights at Hartmeyer, check the calendar for the schedule.

Please remember that there are many groups sharing Hartmeyer's ice. This season the Patriots host 12 travel teams and four in-house programs. We share the ice with MGHS, Navigators, adult leagues, figure skaters, and MII skating school. Securing Ice time has become a challenge throughout Southern Wisconsin and is not unique to PYHA. We try to maximize the ice we have access to and schedule times that are best suited to each age level. Our ask is that families be respectful of this very difficult and challenging process.

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, November 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 PYHABoard@patriotshockey.org.