



PATRIOTS

Youth Hockey Association



NEWSLETTER: January 2024

Welcome to a whole new year! The teams have been seeing a ton of tournament action. Playdowns are a month away. State in two! Who's ready for the second half of hockey season?!

SAVE THE DATE

This seasons Annual Meeting is fast approaching! Join us at St. Dennis on March 16, 1-3 p.m. This is open to all members of the Patriots organization. There will be activities for the kids and a lot of important information for the parents. Watch your inboxes for more details as we get closer to March!



DID YOU KNOW?

Every year our travel teams go through Playdowns, a series of seeded games to determine who gets to attend the State Tournaments in March. The Patriots are Division 1, Tier C1 along with the Polar Caps, Verona, Waunakee, Sun Prairie, and Middleton. In January, these teams are ranked and then they play each other based on rankings during Playdowns weekend. Playdowns determine who gets to represent their District/Tier at the State Tournament for each age/skill level.

EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING

Raffle Tickets – The annual raffle ticket sale is underway! Families should have received an email with information and instructions. Tickets and money are due back by February 1. The drawing will be held at Hartmeyer on February 5 and broadcast live on Facebook. If you have any questions, please reach out to fundraising@patriotshockey.org.

Dine-Out Fundraisers – One last dine-out fundraiser left, and it's the best one yet. Chocolate Shoppe Ice Cream is supporting PYHA by donating a portion of the sales after 4 p.m. on February 6! This is the Gemini Dr location just off Cottage Grove Rd.

WE NEED YOU NEXT SEASON

There are several positions on the board opening up and we need you! Board members help shape this organization by participating in monthly meetings, planning the season, partnering with the OIC and Director of Hockey, and working directly with our families that make up Patriots Youth Hockey. Watch for future emails on how to submit your application to be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

There are additional positions within the organization that we are still looking for support with. All committee members receive volunteer credit for the hours they put in. Management positions receive additional perks. Please email president@patriotshockey.org with your interest and experience for any of these positions.

- **Registrar** - gather and submit registrations and team information to WAHA and USA Hockey. Gather and manage volunteer requirements. Provide skater number predictions for the following season. Registrar should regularly attend Association Board Meetings.
- **Fundraising committee** – We could use a few more hands to help bring in new fundraising opportunities and help support current ones.
- **Microsoft Exchange** – We need assistance with our service and could really use someone with some knowledge and experience. This would be an advisory role to help us with the system that is already in place.

SHOUT-OUTS

The last two weekends saw a lot of tournament action and our teams were amazing!

- Squirt A placed 3rd in the Cormick Cup all the way up in St. Paul, MN and 1st place in the Prison City Tournament in Waupun
- PeeWee A placed 2nd in the Raider Classic in Hudson, WI AND 1st place in the Tyler Brady Memorial Tournament in Austin MN
- PeeWee B placed 2nd in the Rhinelander Hodag Invitational
- PeeWee C-Red took 1st in Tomah!
- Bantam A came in 3rd place in Rhinelander

If we missed a shout-out, please have your Team Manager or Coach email communications@patriotshockey.org and we will make sure they make it into the next newsletter!



Mites after skating the 2nd Intermission at the Madison Capitols game.

The next board meeting will be held **Monday, February 12, 2024**, at 6 p.m. at [Oakstone Recreational](#) in Cottage Grove and is open to all members of PYHA. [The minutes from December are now available online.](#)

We always want to hear back from our families. If you have any questions or concerns, you can email them to PYHABoard@patriotshockey.org.