



PATRIOTS

Youth Hockey Association

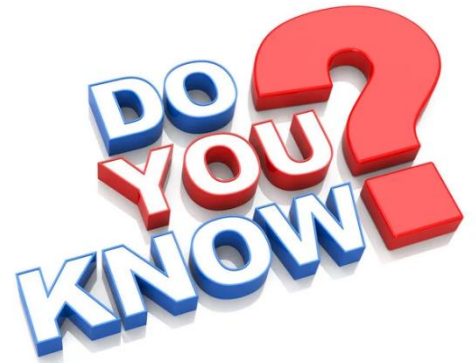


NEWSLETTER: January 2025

How is it already a new year! And the season is half over? Time flies when everyone is having fun!

WHAT ARE PLAYDOWNS?

Every year travel teams go through Playdowns, a series of seeded games to determine who gets to attend the State Tournaments (end of February / early March based on age level/group). PYHA is in WAHA Region 4. The Patriots are a Division 1, Single A program along with the Madison West Polar Caps, Verona, Waunakee, Sun Prairie, Middleton. The Dragons are classified under Gold, Silver and Bronze (10U and 12U) or A/B (14U). In January, these teams (plus Sauk/Whitecaps for Dragons) are seeded and then they play each other based on rankings during Playdowns weekend. Playdowns determine who gets to represent WAHA Region 4 at their level at the State Tournament. Playdowns this year are scheduled for January 31-February 2.



DRAGONS REPRESENT

The Dragons will be hosting an informational girl's hockey meeting at Sun Prairie Ice Arena on Saturday, February 8th, 2025, at 9:30 am. This is open to all mites aging up to travel hockey and any family interested in learning more about the Madison Dragons girl's hockey opportunities for the following year. There will be ice breakers, donuts and sign making with Bantam age Dragons while parents attend an informational meeting. Meeting will include a timeline for registration, FAQs, opportunity to ask questions and sharing any dates for GTHFF/THFF at Hartmeyer and SP. The girls will then form a fan tunnel for the 10U Dragons as they take the ice at 10:30 am. Families are invited to watch the game and cheer on the Dragons!!

CALLING ALL FUTURE BOARD AND OIC MEMBERS

The Board of Directors and On Ice Committees (OIC) will be looking for new members for the 2025-2026 season.

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. They are expected to attend the monthly board meetings, participate-in and support association activities, and be ambassadors of PYHA and Youth Hockey. Board members are not required to complete concession or volunteer hours but are often called on to fill in the gaps. Board members serve for three years and are voted in by membership at the Annual Meeting.

The OIC works with on-ice issues and policies such as team placement, ice schedule, coaching positions, and player/coach discipline. OIC members are voted on and approved by the PYHA Board based on their hockey experience and are selected so that different age groups are represented.

Watch for future emails on how to submit your application for either of these volunteer opportunities.

RAFFLE REMINDER

Raffle Tickets are due!



- All skaters must sell the exact number of tickets in their envelope to meet their fundraising requirements for this season. Tickets are sold for \$5 each.
- Please return your money and tickets in the envelope you were given. We will have two ticket collection nights on January 21 and 23 at Hartmeyer from 5-9pm. You will receive an electronic receipt within 1 week of turning in your envelope.
- You may also return your tickets via the drop box near concessions. You will be sent an e-receipt once received.
- Tickets must be filled out completely in order to be valid.

The drawing will take place on January 30th. If you have any questions about the raffle, please email fundraising@patriotshockey.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Muskellounge Meat Raffle – What is more Wisconsin than a Meat Raffle, the ultimate fundraiser? Join us this Sunday, January 26, 1-3 p.m. at the Muskellounge in Monona. All the proceeds go to the Patriots and Dragons, so tell your friends because it will be a great time!

Dine-Out Fundraisers

🍔 Culver's @ Cottage Grove Rd – 02/18

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

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

SHOUT OUTS

- Pee wee A is having an amazing season! They brought home a Tournament win in Superior and continue to dominate Region 4!
- Squirt A were the Consolation bracket winners in Wausau a couple weekend ago.
- Pee wee B took 3rd place in their Tournament Appleton!
- Squirt B also came home with a third place win in the Sheboygan tournament!
- Madison Dragons 14U B team too second place in the Raider Classic Tournament in Hudson, WI!

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!



QUICK HITS

- This year PYHA is hosting the Pee wee B State Tournament, and we need your support! We are looking for silent auction donation items! If you have items to donate, or business connections that can support the tournament, please reach out to fundraising@patriotshockey.org.
- The annual meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, March 23 at St. Dennis. Additional details will be coming soon but mark those calendars!
- Last week, the City Council voted to approve the Madison Ice Arena Resolution. With this approval, ownership of Hartmeyer Arena will transfer to the East Madison Ice Collective (EMIC). Thank you to everyone who showed up at the council meeting or contacted their Alders and the Mayor in support of this resolution!

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, February 10, 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.