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PATRIOTS

YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER: June 2023

Hello Patriot's families! Once again, we have a lot of information to share with you, so find a comfy spot and settle in.



We had an AMAZING turnout of skaters for the Monona Memorial Day Parade. Thank you to everyone who participated!

GIRLS UPDATES

Strides are being made with the Girls Hockey teams and we are on our way to having a great season! Name submissions have been tallied and there are three options to choose from. [You can visit the girls page of the website to vote.](#) Polling will be open until June 25. Here are the options to choose from:

Madison Dragons - Dragons were a common submission by skaters. Legend and folklore from various cultures around the world depict dragons as powerful and fearsome creatures, symbolizing strength, wisdom, and good fortune.

Madison Falcons - A nod to the [peregrine falcons nesting in the at the MGE generating station on Blount street.](#) Every year, MGE hosts [a live stream](#) for education and entertainment. Falcons are one of the fastest birds on the planet just like our girls are some of the fastest skaters in the region!

Madison Edge – Utilizing the idea of edgework as a new team name encapsulates the cutting-edge nature of their style, symbolizing the sharpness of skills, and the bold spirit that propels these girls to push boundaries and conquer challenges.

As a reminder, we will be hosting a free **Intro to Hockey - Girls** event June 25th 3:15 – 5:00 p.m. at Hartmeyer! Bring your skaters! Spread the word and bring their friends! Gear will be available for use at the event.

The first annual **Region 4 Girls Showdown** will be August 11-13 at the Madison rinks. More details coming soon.

ONLY
Girls
TRY HOCKEY
FOR FREE

JUNE 25TH FROM 3:15-5:00
@ Hartmeyer Ice Arena

Did you know Patriots have All Girls Hockey Teams? Come try hockey with us!
Bring skates or we'll find you some.
Other equipment will be provided.

REGISTER HERE: 

SHARE YOUR LOVE OF HOCKEY WITH FRIENDS!

www.patriotshockey.org

LEAGUE UPDATES

The OIC has been hard at work putting down new flooring in locker rooms 1 & 2 as well as at the player benches. We have a new condenser unit installed and we're excited for the stability this will provide us for seasons to come!

One of the tenets of the Patriots Youth Hockey Association is that "Hockey is for Everyone!" This year, WAHA recognized our efforts and has granted us \$1000 from their *WAHA Try Hockey for Free and More* program! This is huge honor, and we will continue to offer Try Hockey Free events to share our love of the sport and encourage others to give it a shot.

We've added a Summer Skills section to the website! Summer is the time of year when many players are not on the ice as much and can still be a good time to focus on skill development. We focused on three main areas: shooting, stickhandling and general fitness (agility, balance, coordination, and speed). We structured the materials to include videos for the drills and a week-by-week template to focus on different items by week and track progress week to week.

All off-ice training information and tracking can be found here: <https://www.patriotshockey.org/summerskills>

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

We need you, yes YOU to help our league. There are many opportunities to collect your volunteer credits and some of the easiest ones are to become committee members and managers. We are looking for help with the following this upcoming season:

- Age Group Liasons
- Equipment Manager
- Dibs Manager
- Handbook Editors

Email your interest to PYHABoard@patriotshockey.org.

Hockey Officials are a necessary part of hockey, and we need more! If you or someone you know has a whole lot of hockey knowledge and wants to contribute to this amazing sport, consider becoming an official! More information can be found on the [Wisconsin Hockey Officials Association website](#).

REGISTRATION, CAMP ICE, AND PLACEMENTS

League-wide registration will open later this month. It is important to register early this year as we need an accurate count for the purpose of our girl's team development.

Camp Ice and Placements schedule has been set. As a reminder, the OIC will be hosting parent meetings prior to Camp Ice. We will have one in-person and one virtual session. During these sessions, the OIC will go over the schedule, expectations, and answer any parent questions.

- OIC Open Forum – In person September 10, Virtual TBD
- Camp Ice – September 11-22
- Placement Sessions – September 18-22
- Final Placements – October 2

We encourage everyone preparing for placements to read section 7.4 of the [Patriot's Handbook](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Annual Patriots Golf Outing – Saturday August 19 at The Oaks Golf Course

[Registration for the golf outing is open!](#) Cost is \$115 per golfer or \$460 per foursome with all proceeds going towards ice time fees and player sponsorships.

Taste of Madison – We will once again be slinging drinks at the Taste of Madison! This is a huge fundraiser for our organization, and we can't do it without volunteers. [Hours are posted to DIBs](#) and will fill up early, so make sure to sign up and get your volunteer credits out of the way!

If you have suggestions for events that we could/should participate in, please contact the board!

The next board meeting will be held **Monday, July 10 at 6 p.m.** at [Oakstone Recreational](#) in Cottage Grove and is open to all members of PYHA.

