



PATRIOTS

Youth Hockey Association



NEWSLETTER: July 2025

REGISTRATION

Registration is open but act quickly! Travel Team fees increase by \$200 on July 27 (that's THIS SUNDAY)! The registration link is available on the website at <https://www.patriotshockey.org/registration>.

A-Teams - Any travel player interested in trying out for an A-team must register for A-team tryouts during registration, this includes Goalies.

Skills - As you consider registering your skater for skills sessions, we encourage families to think about whether this type of focused training is the right fit. These sessions are designed to provide skaters with high-energy, intensive skill development—not just extra time on the ice. Our OIC is updating practice plans and working to increase the number of coaches on the ice to raise the level of instruction and engagement. In order to make the most of these sessions, a positive attitude and strong effort are more important than current skill level. We recommend having a conversation with your skater to ensure they are excited and ready to take advantage of the opportunity. If a skater becomes a frequent distraction during sessions, we will reach out to the family to talk through next steps. Please note that refunds will not be issued for removal due to behavioral concerns.

The OIC and Board of Directors are finalizing the schedules for Camp Ice, A-Team Tryouts, and Placements. These dates will be announced soon, so watch your inboxes.

DRAGONS UPDATES

HUGE shoutout to the coaches and Dragons players who joined all the new skaters on ice during last month's Try Hockey For Free event! We had a larger than anticipated turnout of new and returning skaters, it was amazing to see! We're gearing up for another successful Dragons season, and this THFF event just goes to show how hugely important girls' hockey has become for the growth and popularity of girls' sports.



Don't forget! The Region 4 Showdown is August 16th & 17th at Verona Ice Arena. All girls in Region 4 are eligible to participate. Registration closes on July 27 at midnight, if you haven't registered your skater, better get on that! Registration can be found online at <https://veronaice.sportngin.com/register/form/300021158>

THE ANNUAL PATRIOTS GOLF OUTING

Join us THIS Saturday July 26, 2025, at The Oaks Golf Course and support all the amazing players who are participating to help fund ice time fees and player sponsorships. There will be a 50/50, raffle baskets, and games for everyone! Additional details can be found online [HERE](#). There are a few open volunteer spots as well. [Sign up](#) to get a head start on your 2025-2026 Volunteer credits!



TASTE OF MADISON



It's Taste of Madison 2025 and it's DIFFERENT this year so pay close attention before you sign up!!

This year our tent is at Wisconsin Ave/W Mifflin St. and we are required to have "Shift Leads" that have completed Online Safe Alcohol Certification. If you choose to be a Shift Lead, you will be sent the online course information to complete with further instructions.

All volunteers will need to sign up with PYHA in the Sign Up genius **AS WELL AS** with the Taste of Madison using this [link](#). This sign up will NOT allow cancellations. You MUST commit to your spot. See [SIGN UP](#) for more information

AGLS NEEDED

Our Age Level Director is looking for Age Group Liaisons for the upcoming season. The AGLs work to facilitate smooth and efficient communication between parents, team representatives, coaches and the Board. AGLs are assigned to each age level and cannot have a skater at the level they represent. If you are interested in learning more about being an AGL (and earning volunteer credits for the season), reach out to Greg at ald@patriotshockey.org.

QUICK HITS

- The updated PYHA Handbook is now available on the website. You can find it on the home page or in the Organizational Documents section.
- Hartmeyer will have open hockey opportunities throughout the summer when ice is available. These are most often held on Wed. 4:15 – 5:45 p.m. and Fri. 1:15 – 2:45 p.m. Cost is \$6 per player, Goalies in full gear are free. Open Hockey is open to ALL AGES. Watch for updates on Facebook or the MII Open Hockey page on their website.

[Minutes from the previous month's board meetings are available online](#), following approval at the most recent meeting. The next board meeting will be held **Monday, August 18** at **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.

If you are no longer a member of PYHA and would like to be removed from the email list, please visit our [Unsubscribe](#) page for instructions.