



NEWSLETTER: July 2024

REGISTRATION

Early registration has closed and Travel Team fees have increased by \$200. In-House (Levels 1-3 and Rec) remain open and unchanged. The registration link remains available on the home page at <https://www.patriotshockey.org>

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.

HELP SUPPORT GAMESHEETS

This season Patriots Youth Hockey will make a full transition to digital scoring using GameSheet. Many associations began the transition last year and we had one of our teams test the platform with great success. GameSheet is user friendly and simple to learn - it was designed by hockey people for hockey people. With this new digital platform, Patriots Youth Hockey is looking for the donation of 2 iPads that can run iOS 12 or newer, this goes all the way back to the iPad Air from 2013. Do you or a business you are associated with have one or two old or new iPads that you'd be willing to donate?

Please contact Liz at pyhatreasurer@gmail.com and she can work with you to make a tax-deductible donation.

OIC UPDATES

The Coaches Application is now open. Anyone interested in being a head coach this season must apply. This includes new and returning coaches. The application can be found on the website or by going here: [2024-2025 Season Coaches Application](#)

All applications are due by July 31. Interviews will be held August 5-7. A-team coaches will be named prior to A-team tryouts. If you have any questions about coaching or the application process, please reach out to hockeydirector@patriotshockey.org.

DRAGONS UPDATES

Region 4 Girls Showdown – There are still spots available for the Region 4 Girls Showdown. All girls in Region 4 are eligible to participate. August 9-11, 2024 at Verona Ice Arena [Register your skater online](#).

Dragons Preseason Pool Party – Celebrate the upcoming season with former, current, and soon to be Dragons! Join us at the Monona Community Pool on Sunday, August 4th from 7 – 9 p.m. Admission is free for Dragons Players, [sign up online](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Annual Patriots Golf Outing – There are a handful of spots left for the Annual Golf Outing. Join us Saturday August 3 at [The Oaks Golf Course](#). Cost is \$115 per golfer or \$460 per foursome with all proceeds going towards ice time fees and player sponsorships. [Register online to golf, or if your swing isn't so good, consider sponsoring!](#)

Taste of Madison - Patriots Youth Hockey will be hosting a Beer Stand at Taste of Madison again this year. We have our same station on MLK Jr Blvd & W Main St. To register, [please use the signup genius link](#) and ALSO complete the sign up required through Taste of Madison that can be found on the sign up genius page. This step must be completed for all volunteers. Credit hours will be applied for the 2024-2025 season once registration is complete and DIBS for the season have been set up.

NECK GUARDS

Beginning August 1st, 2024 - USA Hockey will require all youth skaters to wear neck laceration protection when on the ice. This includes all skaters and on-ice officials under the age of 18. Neck guards and neck-protective shirts are available through Pure Hockey and Amazon. This is considered a personal item and will NOT be provided as rental gear through the association. No skater under the age of 18 will be allowed on the ice without neck protection after August 1st.

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.
- New Travel skaters and families who indicated they need to order new jerseys should watch their inboxes. Instructions on how to select player numbers and the jersey store link will be emailed out soon!
- 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](#).
- Don't forget to keep your skaters active off the ice as well. The OIC has put together summer training guides that can be found on the website: <https://www.patriotshockey.org/summerskills>

Minutes from the previous month's board meetings are always available online, following approval at the most recent meeting. Minutes from the June 2024 meeting will be available soon. The next board meeting will be held **Monday, August 12 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.