

2025 WAYHA Goalie Assistance Program

WAYHA's Goalie Assistance Program is designed to support families and encourage young skaters to try the goalie position by providing access to properly fitted, high-quality equipment and financial relief through scholarship. Since goalies are essential to forming full teams, WAYHA is committed to making the position more accessible through registration scholarships and gear allowances.

WAYHA's Goalie Assistance Program helps families by offering:

1. **Goalie Scholarship**
 2. **Goalie Equipment Allowance**
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1. Goalie Scholarship

- **Who qualifies?**
 - 12U/PeeWee or 15U/Bantam skaters
 - Must either:
 - Have played goalie in a game last season **OR**
 - Attended a goalie camp or training in the offseason
 - Must complete the season as a goalie
 - Must attend end-of-season equipment inventory
 - **Scholarship provides fee reimbursement:**
 - Covers **WAYHA registration fee only** (not USA Hockey)
 - Paid out at the **end of the season**
 - **Apply online @ winonahockey.com**
 - **Deadline to apply:** October 31
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2. What is the Goalie Equipment Allowance?

WAYHA supports youth goalies by covering the cost of properly fitted, high-quality gear each season.

- ✓ Up to **\$1,500** per season for **12U/PeeWee**
 - ✓ Up to **\$1,800** per season for **15U/Bantam**
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Where to Buy Gear

All gear **must be purchased from:**

Sports HQ

1201 Broadway Ave S, Suite 20, Rochester, MN 55904

(Calling ahead recommended to confirm eligibility)

-  **No reimbursements** for purchases made at other stores or online.
-  **Sports HQ bills WAYHA directly.**

 **How to Use the Program**

1. **Apply for a Goalie Scholarship on the WAYHA website.**
Once approved, your goalie’s name will be sent to Sports HQ.
2. **Coordinate with WAYHA.**
Before shopping, contact the **WAYHA Equipment Manager** to plan your visit.
3. **Visit Sports HQ.**
 - Call ahead to confirm eligibility.
 - Staff will help you select approved gear.
 - Purchases must stay **within your season limit.**
 - WAYHA is billed—**goalies pay nothing under the allowable limit.**

 **Allowable Gear List**

Acceptable protective gear:	Not Acceptable (consumables and personal equipment):
Helmet	Stick
Dangler	Tape
Throat and clavicle protector	Mouth Guard
Chest protector	Base Layers/ Undergarments
Catch glove and Blocker	Helmet Paint and Decals
Skates	Goalie Bags
Breezers	Goalie Jock/ Jill
Knee protectors	Skate Laces
Leg pads	Etc.

Important Rules



- **No split payments.**
 - Example: a \$150 piece of equipment cannot be purchased with \$50 from the WAYHA account and \$100 from the family
- **Only gear needed for the current season should be purchased.**
- **All funds do not need to be spent.**
- **Deadline to use allowance: February 1**

Equipment Ownership & Return

- Gear bought through the program is **owned by WAYHA.**
- Must be returned:
 - At the end of the season
 - Or when leaving the program
 - Gear may be purchased at end of a goalie's career in WAYHA for a depreciated cost (see Equipment Manager for more details)

Inventory Requirements

To stay eligible and receive fee relief, goalies **must attend both inventory checks:**

-  **Beginning of Season** (*check in and gear swap*)
-  **End of Season** (*mandatory for registration fee relief*)

All WAYHA-owned gear must be physically presented at both to check condition.

Questions?

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WAYHA is proud to support our goalies!

Thank you for helping us build strong teams at every level.