



# PATRIOTS

Youth Hockey Association



## NEWSLETTER: December 2023

The holidays are upon us! Hard to believe that the year is almost over! All of our players have been working hard through the first half of the season and we are so very proud of their progress.

## LEAGUE UPDATES

**Locker Room Monitors** - All teams MUST have a parent in the locker rooms, at all times. Locker room monitors must have completed a SafeSport Certified and Background Check. **This is a WAHA mandate** that has become a priority for this season. If teams do not have locker room monitors assigned, they will be in jeopardy of having practices cancelled.

Registration is open for Level 1, Session 2 - Click [HERE](#) to Register.

The link to the OIC webpage has been fixed. You can now find information on the OIC at <https://www.patriotshockey.org/oic>

**Waubesa Cup Weekend** – In partnership with McFarland Youth Hockey, we participated in the first ever Jr Waubesa Cup! Friday Night Mites kicked off the weekend with a meetup of Level 2 and Mites teams. Saturday saw battles between Squirts, Peewees, and Bantams. All this led to the main event, a clash between the JV and Varsity high school teams.

- Patriots won youth game attendance 66 to 16
- McFarland won the non-perishable food drive 318 to 230
- McFarland won the game count 7 to 4



While our kids played hard, the trophy was awarded to McFarland Youth Hockey. We look forward to this epic event in the coming years and taking home the Jr Waubesa Cup Catfish!

## DID YOU KNOW?



Grades before blades is an academic achievement program to recognize the academic accomplishments of youth hockey players off the ice. We will be pulling grades following the end of the semester. We recognize that not all districts have the same end dates, and will take this into consideration. Same for grades, the target is a 3.0 GPA, and will reconfigure for districts that grade on a different scale. Any players who maintain a 3.0 or above will receive a reward in January.

## EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING

**Raffle Tickets** – The annual raffle ticket sale is underway! Families should have received an email with information and instructions. Tickets and money are due back by February 1. If you have any questions, please reach out to [fundraising@patriotshockey.org](mailto:fundraising@patriotshockey.org).

**Holiday Merch Orders are in!** If you opted for pick up at the rink, orders are in the concession stand.

**Seroogy's Chocolate Bars** – Money from the Seroogy's Chocolate Bar sales will be due by January 4<sup>th</sup>. There is a lock box outside of the concession stand where you can drop your funds.

**Dine-Out Fundraisers** – There are only two dine-out events left this season! Tell your friends and family and join us at these locations to support PYHA!

- Culvers on Cottage Grove Rd - 1/19
- Chocolate Shoppe Ice Cream - 2/6

Volunteer and Concessions opportunities have been added to Dibs! We will continue to add more hours through the season, so check back regularly.

## SHOUT-OUTS

Tournament season is underway!

- Squirt C placed second in their Tomah Tournament. This team has worked hard with a rotation of goalies, including two mites. Their dedication and perseverance have paid off!
- PeeWee B placed second in the Fox Valley Winter Classic, an A division tournament!

- Bantam A team took 3rd place at the Onalaska/Holmen tournament. If you know the story behind this team, this is a huge accomplishment!



## QUICK HITS

- It's the middle of the season, so it is a good time to review the Code of Conduct for both players and parents. These can be found in the [handbook](#) and [on the website](#).
- Last month our travel teams participated in a start of the season survey. We received amazing participation in this survey and the board is currently compiling answers. Travel families should look for an email this week with the results.
- Even though it is December, it's time to start thinking about what your skater may want to do over the summer. You can find a collection [of summer skating options on our website](#). As an organization, PYHA does not endorse any specific camps or clinics, but we want families to be aware of opportunities that are out there. *Note, this is not a comprehensive list and is always changing. If you know of area camps/clinics not listed, please let the board know and we can review and add them to the list.*

The next board meeting will be held **Monday, January 8, 2024, at 6 p.m.** at [Oakstone Recreational](#) in Cottage Grove and is open to all members of PYHA. [The minutes from November are now available online.](#)

We always want to hear back from our families. If you have any questions or concerns, you can email them to [PYHABoard@patriotshockey.org](mailto:PYHABoard@patriotshockey.org).

