

Free Shooting Mats & 10,000 Pucks Challenge

To All -

WAYHA has received a donation of 300+ plastic hockey shooting mats to help our players continue developing their shooting and small area stickhandling skills during the hockey offseason. The shooting mats are available for every youth hockey player in our association. The mats are intended to be picked up by youth hockey families for use at home and do not need to be returned at a later date. There will also be one free puck per skater available, online resources to help demonstrate proper hockey shooting techniques, and brief in-person training session on how to use the shooting mats during pick-up. Pick up date for the shooting mats and puck will be **June 10th from 8am to noon**.

Along with the free shooting mats, pucks, and training resources, WAYHA will be implementing an offseason 10,000 Pucks Challenge for players of all ages and skill levels. The goal of the 10,000 Pucks Challenge is for each player to shoot 10,000 hockey pucks over the offseason to help increase shot speed, quickness, and accuracy.

The challenge will start on June 1st and end on October 1st. Players must shoot a total of 10,000 pucks over this time period. Shots must be documented on www.hockeyshare.com/10k website (further instructions below). Goalies are encouraged to use their goalie stick and goalie gloves as much as practical for their age and ability, but not required. Only dry land shots contribute towards your total shots count. Note, players do not need to use a shooting mat for your shots to count but it will be helpful. Shot entries must be reviewed and verified by a parent, legal guardian, coach, or adult family member. A printable shot tracking PDF is attached to this email and can be used to track shots prior to uploading them to the shot tracking website.

10,000 Puck Challenge Rewards:

- Each player that signs up for the challenge will receive a free WAYHA sticker at the end of the challenge
- All players that track at least **5,000 shots** will earn:
 - Free WAYHA sticker for registering
 - Name on 5,000 puck Wall of Fame plaque to be displayed at the rink!
- All players that track **10,000 shots** will earn:
 - Free WAYHA sticker for registering
 - Free 10,000 Puck Challenge helmet sticker!
 - A free 10,000 Pucks Challenge T-shirt to wear proudly around the rink!
 - Must be earned and cannot be bought!
 - Shirt size must be added to the end of the players name when registering online
 - Name on 10,000 Puck Challenge Wall of Fame plaque to be displayed at the rink!
 - One entry into **GRAND PRIZE** drawing for a new hockey stick!
 - Players choice of new hockey stick (\$200 value or less)

- Must meet/exceed 10,000 shots to be eligible for drawing

Please note:

A) This is 100% optional participation. If your player chooses not to participate, it will not hinder any decisions made on their tryout/play time next season, this is solely for player development & fun!

B) If you do not have the tools at home to complete this challenge, we suggest using a buddy system or contacting the WAYHA board for potential assistance.

How to Participate (PLAYERS):

Follow the steps below to participate in the 10,000 Pucks Challenge.

- Register with www.hockeyshare.com (or log in for existing members)
- Find your team that you will be participating on in the 2023-2024 season under WAYHA Association (ex. WAYHA All Squirts).
- Fill out your player profile (example below)
 - Player First Name: John
 - Player Last Name: Doe - Youth M
- Shoot your pucks... log your shots!

How to Create Player Profiles:

<https://www.hockeyshare.com/10k/instructions.php>

A PDF shot tracking form is also attached to this email. This form can be printed and used to track shots before entering them onto the [hockeyshare.com/10k](http://www.hockeyshare.com/10k) website. Note, only the shots recorded on [hockeyshare.com/10k](http://www.hockeyshare.com/10k) will count towards your goal of 10,000 shots.

Check back soon to www.winonahockey.com for a 10k Pucks challenge link with all of the information provided in this email and additional links to training videos.

Note: Do NOT create new teams, If you can't find our association please reach out to the WAYHA board for direction.

Good Luck Shooters!