

Monthly Newsletter

WYHA



June 2024



Here's what has happened in the last few months and what's to come!

Welcome to the Waterloo Youth Hockey Association June newsletter! We are thrilled to share the latest developments in our mission to make a positive impact on our organization.

Our team has been working diligently behind the scenes to ensure a seamless season. Through many conversations and decisions, we've made significant progress, and we hope this newsletter provides you with some insight into these efforts.

Recently, we successfully created and posted two new positions for the 2024-2025 season: Coaching Director and Development Coach. We believe that splitting the on-ice and off-ice duties between these roles will allow each individual to focus more effectively on their respective areas.

We also have several important dates and reminders to share with you. You'll find key events and dates noted in the box on the right-hand side of this page, along with additional details about each event throughout the rest of this newsletter.

Finally, we want to remind everyone that the mission of the WYHA is to help young individuals develop as athletes, leaders, and members of the community through a competitive hockey program that emphasizes excellence, commitment, discipline, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

Together, we can make a real difference in the lives of the kids who are part of this organization. Thank you for your continued support!

Enjoy this month's newsletter!

WYHA board members

Important Dates

New coaching positions
Apply by June 28

Sturgis parade
June 29

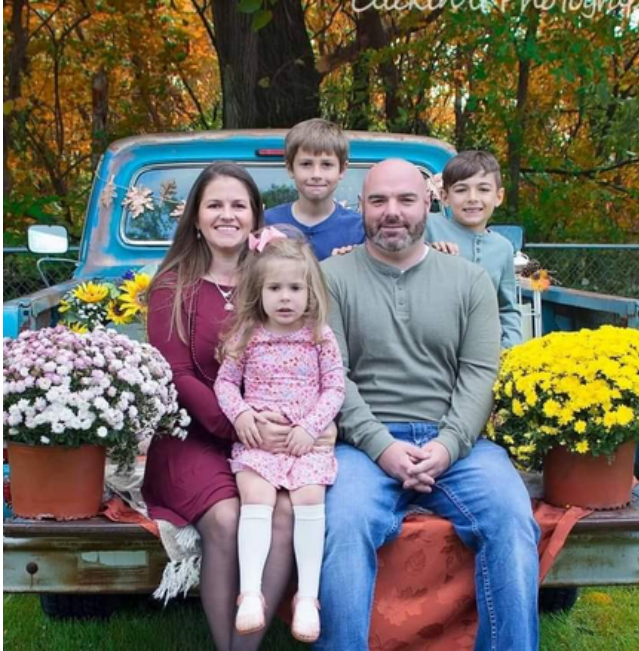
Warriors registration closes
August 1

Neck guards required
August 1

PDC Camp
August 12 - 15

Summer ice
Week of August 19

Try hockey for free
September
(tentative)



Board Member Spotlight President - Trent Duniven

Hi! I grew up in southeastern Wisconsin where I was very active in competitive soccer. I moved to Cedar Falls in order to pursue a teaching degree at UNI. From there, I never left. I have worked and coached with the Waterloo Schools since January 2013. I have been highly active in youth soccer by coaching many teams ranging from the rec to the competitive level for different programs in the area. My wife and I are raising our three kids ages 10, 8, and 4 who are all active in a wide range of athletics with hockey being their favorite of course.

I joined the Board in order to provide open, honest and transparent communication to all stakeholders. I hope to use my knowledge of competitive youth sports as well as my high school coaching experience to take a common sense approach in my decision making. I full-heartedly believe there is so much untapped potential in the WYHA and hope to be able to bring new opportunities to Waterloo for the players and families in the future. Some of my goals include increasing the number of participants in our house league program, maximizing the efficiency of Young Arena to include more home games, as well as retaining at least 90% of our participants each year. I look forward to working with the membership and working together to make the WYHA a sought after organization within the Cedar Valley and surrounding areas!



Get registered for travel hockey!

Registration for the 2024-2025 travel hockey season is now open! This is an exciting opportunity for young athletes to develop their skills, compete at a higher level, and create lasting memories.

Visit our website at wyha.org to sign up. Make sure to complete the registration as soon as possible.

Warriors registration closes August 1!



June 29 2024

Sturgis Falls Parade

Join us for the upcoming Sturgis Falls Parade! Let's work together to make this a memorable experience for our kids! Here are the details:

- Date: June 29th 2024
- Time: 10am
- Parade begins at 8th and Clay Street and will end on 5th and Franklin Street.

Hockey Info Highlights



AUGUST 12-15, 2024

A hockey camp designed and run by former professional hockey player and current Assistant Coach of the Waterloo Black Hawks (USHL), Brett Olson.

[Register here](#) today to secure your spot!



Try Hockey for FREE!

We're excited to announce that we're tentatively planning a **Try Hockey for Free event this September!**

This is a fantastic opportunity for kids of all ages to hit the ice and experience the thrill of hockey without any cost. Whether your child is a complete beginner or has some skating experience, this event is perfect for everyone!



Summer Ice

WEEK OF AUGUST 19, 2024

Join us for another session of summer ice this August! It's a great opportunity for the kids to get ready for the upcoming hockey season.

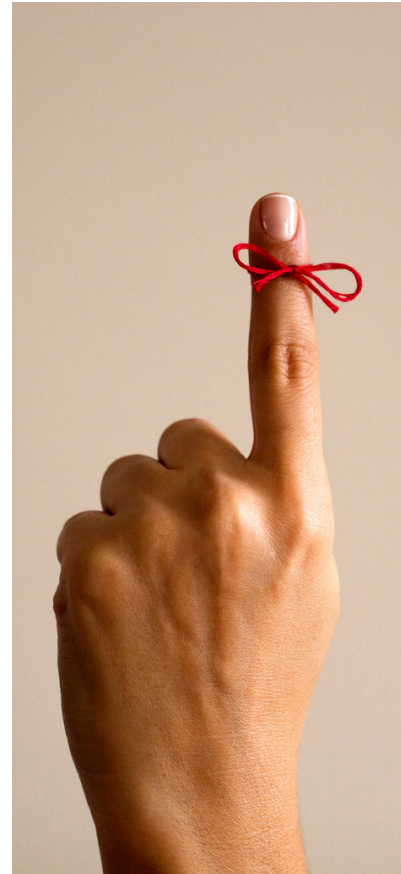
More details will be coming soon - **make sure you are registered by August 1 to participate!**



Follow us on Facebook

Join our hockey community on Facebook to stay up-to-date with all the latest news, events, and exciting updates from our team! Click the Like button [here](#) if you haven't already!

Help Us Grow: Please remember to like and share our posts with your friends and family. Your support helps us reach more hockey enthusiasts and build a stronger community!



Neck guards will be required August 1

Neck guards will be mandatory for all youth hockey players going forward. This new safety measure is designed to provide extra protection and ensure the well-being of our young athletes on the ice.

Why Neck Guards? Neck guards help protect against potential injuries from pucks, sticks, and other on-ice impacts.

Where to Buy: Neck guards can be purchased at most sporting goods stores and online. Make sure to choose a guard that meets the safety standards.

JOIN OUR TEAM

We are now accepting applications for Coaching Director and Development Coach through June 28th!

The **Coaching Director** is responsible for designing and coordinating tryouts, implementing association policies, and defining team division levels (Mite - U14) with the Development Coach. They serve on the Development Committee, attend Board meetings, and advocate for USA Hockey ADM. Key duties include developing skill roadmaps, collaborating with coaches on plans, providing coach development, ensuring compliance with all regulations, and building a parent education program. They must complete all necessary certifications and undergo a background investigation.

The **Development Coach** oversees on-ice tryouts, contributes to team selection decisions, and implements USA Hockey ADM principles for on and off-ice development. They review practices and game footage to identify areas for improvement, teach necessary skills, and provide feedback to players. With a commitment to player development, they lead on-ice sessions, collaborate on training plans, and maintain training aids. Compliance with all regulations and completion of required certifications is essential.



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