

FUNDRAISING INFORMATION

FUNDRAISING is necessary to keep player registration fees low. A Fundraising Committee will make recommendations to the Board as to what major fundraising events they would like to hold. Your active involvement on the Committee or in support of their efforts is essential.

SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS. Each player is offered 10 tickets to sell at \$10 each. Prizes are determined by the NAHA Board. Tickets are distributed in early November and collected by the end of December with the drawing held at a Norwich Hockey home game in January.

PLAYER SPONSOR. Your player can approach a local business about sponsoring them for \$100. Our website will post all sponsor names with an active link to their website. You can have more than one sponsor.

OFF SET FEES! The raffle tickets and player sponsors are not mandatory fundraisers. However, they are a great way to offset the cost of your player(s) registration fees. If you choose not to participate in these fundraising activities, it will increase your out-of-pocket expense.

DINNER, DANCE, & SILENT AUCTION. Is there a better way to wrap up the hockey season? Each spring NAHA hosts an adult only community dinner, dance, & silent auction. Not only is this a fun event for family and friends, it's one of NAHA's largest fundraisers.

LABOR DAY BOOTH. Each year NAHA participates in the annual Northfield Labor Day Festival. This event helps promote NAHA as well as provide another fundraising opportunity. Our involvement varies from year-to-year; be sure to check us out!

**LET'S GO
NAHA!**

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**NORTHFIELD AMATEUR
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2018-2019
SEASON INFORMATION**

*CREATING SKILLED HOCKEY
PLAYERS FOR 47 YEARS!*

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ABOUT NAHA

For 47 years, since 1971, Northfield Amateur Hockey Association (NAHA) has provided the youth of Northfield and its surrounding towns an opportunity to play youth hockey in a fun and safe environment. Not only do we have one of the best rinks in New England, and Norwich as our home ice, but we also have some of the lowest player registration fees in the state.



Youth Hockey Levels

Learn to Play Hockey - Coed ages 4 and up. Start learning to skate using support aides, progress to skating without support and then with a hockey stick. Once proficient in skating the skater can move on to House Mite level. Weekends only.

Mite - Coed ages 8 and under. This is entry level hockey. Children will be placed by coaches based on ability into either House Mite or Travel Mite. Travel Mite generally practice twice during the week and will have a game and a practice on weekends. House Mites will generally skate only on weekends. Travel is usually within one hour of Northfield. Games are cross-ice 3-on-3 play with or without goalies.

Squirt - Coed ages 9-10. Games are full ice, 5-on-5 play. Traveling distance increases at this level. Practices will be twice during the week with games and/or practices both days on weekends.

Peewee - Ages 11-12. Travel is statewide. Game and practice commitments are the same as for Squirt level. Weekends will generally contain two games. There is no checking at Peewee level hockey.

Bantam - Ages 13-14. Open ice checking gets introduced at this level. Travel is statewide. Practices are most often twice a week and two games per weekend. High school freshman on the high school hockey team roster may still participate at the Bantam level taking game and practice schedules into consideration.

What will youth hockey bring out in your child? Through the NAHA program, you will find the friendships your child will make, the responsibility and teamwork they will learn, the strength they will build and the fun they will have, will be well worth the time and money invested.

COMMON HOCKEY MYTHS

Myth # 1 Ice hockey costs a fortune to get started. FALSE! One can get started for around \$160, not "thousands of dollars" There are starter kits available and NAHA offers some used equipment.

Myth # 2 Ice hockey games are played at ungodly hours. FALSE! Learn-to-play hockey programs and Mite level are conducted most often between 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. Games at higher levels are played 7:00 am - 6:00 pm, with few exceptions.

Myth # 3 The team has to travel several hours for game. FALSE! Most games are at facilities located within 30-60 and a couple 90 plus minutes away.

Myth # 4 Hockey is too violent and risky for injury. FALSE! Body checking is not permitted at the Mite, Squirt, Peewee, or Girls levels. There is less physical contact permitted in hockey at the younger ages than football and lacrosse. Of course there is always a risk of injury in hockey like any contact sport.

BIRTH YEARS & PLAYER LEVELS

YEAR BORN	PLAYING LEVEL
2004 - 2005	BANTAM
2006 - 2007	PEEWEE
2008 - 2009	SQUIRT
2010 - 2013	MITE
2014 or Younger *	LEARN TO SKATE / LEARN TO PLAY HOCKEY

**Parents with skater(s) 3 years old or younger must have at least one parent registered with USA Hockey to assist your skater(s) on the ice with instruction. Level 1 coaching certification is required.*

REGISTRATION & FUNDRAISING

Team	Reg Fee	Fundraising Required
Jan-Feb Learn to Skate	\$30	No Fundraising
Learn to Skate (full season) / Learn to Play Hockey	\$50	\$100 per player not to exceed \$300 per family
Mite	\$200	
Squirt	\$375	
Peewee	\$400	
Bantam	\$425	
Goalies (Squirt & above)	\$200	

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

1. Three or more skaters in the program the fee for youngest third skater and beyond is \$25.00 each.
2. NAHA players also playing at the high school level must pay the entire NAHA registration and fundraising fees.
3. There is a \$45 USA Hockey registration fee (\$40 USA Hockey + \$5 VT Hockey Assoc.) for each player age 7 and up, not included in NAHA fees above.
4. Parents with skaters participating in games will be required to work the penalty box and/or run the game clock. The team schedule will be coordinated by the team parent. Both tasks are very simple to learn and perform. The game clock can be learned during a practice.