



# PATRIOTS

Youth Hockey Association



## NEWSLETTER: October 2023

We are in full swing! Practices for Travel Teams and Mites are scheduled through October. Our skaters are working hard, and our board, volunteers, and coaches are prepping up some big things for this season.

## VOLUNTEER AND CONCESSIONS HELP

We have several roles open withing the organization and we need your help! If you have any interest in the positions listed below, please reach out the appropriate contact. They will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

### On Ice Committee Members

The On Ice Committee (OIC) is looking for a few new members. The OIC works with on-ice issues and policies such as team placement, ice schedule, coaching positions, and player/coach discipline. OIC members are voted on and approved by the PYHA Board based on their hockey experience and are selected so that different age groups are represented. If you are interested in applying, please email the Director of Hockey, Dan Groth at [hockeydirector@patriotshockey.org](mailto:hockeydirector@patriotshockey.org).

### Age Group Liaisons

The AGL's primary function will be to act as a communication conduit between parents, the team, the coach, and the Patriots' Board of Directors. The AGL will be included on team email distribution lists for their assigned age group, which cannot be an age group in which they have a child participant. The coaching staff will be advised to include the AGL on all communications including any "incident" related issues or communications (involving players or parents). AGLs are individuals who are not coaches and who do not hold a position on the Patriots' Board or On Ice Committee, nor does their spouse/partner. The purpose of the AGL is to provide an informal and comfortable outlet for parents to bring comments or concerns to the Board. Contact the Age Group Liaisons Director (ALD), Greg Fawver at [ald@patriotshockey.org](mailto:ald@patriotshockey.org)

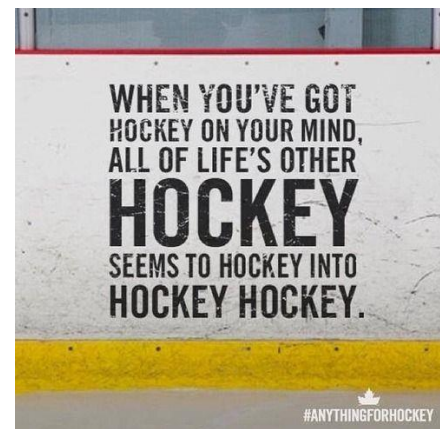
### Concessions Operations Manager

We are looking for a new Concessions Operations Manager to take over, starting with the 2024-2025 season. The Concessions Operations Manager will receive all volunteer and concessions credit hours and a \$500 skater credit. We are grateful for all the hard work our current manager, Jackie Julius, has put into this job. She will continue to run concessions through the current season and will be available to train her replacement during this time. If you are interested in this position or would like more information, please reach out to [pyhaboard@patriotshockey.org](mailto:pyhaboard@patriotshockey.org).

## ICE TIME

We have fielded a lot of questions in regards to the 45 minute practices last season and if they will continue through this year. They may not be ideal, but the OIC and our coaches are making the best of the ice time that is available to us. We are trying hard to ensure these practices are evenly distributed to all and hope to offset them with some longer ice times we found at nearby rinks.

There are a many groups sharing Hartmeyer's ice, including all our teams, 2 high school teams, adult leagues, figure skaters, and MII skating school. These groups have also struggled with ice time and several have generously traded hours with us so that we can get ice time that best suites the ages of our skaters. Please know we are shuffling and juggling the best we can.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

There's nothing better than delicious chocolates and hockey, and when they are combined, it's a winning combination! We will be doing the Seroogy's Chocolate bar fundraiser again. This is an OPTIONAL fundraiser, and any money your family raises will go directly to your INDIVIDUAL skater fees. Selling 1 box (48 bars) of chocolate bars at \$2 each could result in as much as \$48 per box sold of skater credit. Boxes will be ready to be picked up at Hartmeyer's concession stand shortly before Thanksgiving. Money will be **due by January 4th** to give you prime selling through the holidays. Forms must be submitted by SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22. Please see the attached form [here](#) for more information and to place your orders.

**Upcoming Dine-Out Fundraisers** – Everyone needs to eat and what better way to help the league make some money than combining food and fundraising! PYHA has partnered with local restaurants for fundraiser days. Tell your friends and family and dine with the Patriots! We have the following already scheduled with more on the way:

- Chipotle - 11/7
- Culver's-CG - 11/14
- Portillos - 12/5
- Culver's-CGR - 1/16
- Chocolate Shoppe – 2/6

As always, please check DIBs regularly for available Volunteer and Concessions opportunities.

**SAVE THE DATE** – The Annual Golf Outing is scheduled for August 3, 2024.

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## PRACTICE JERSEYS AND EQUIPMENT

Practice jerseys have been distributed. If you don't have one, please let your coach know and your coach will be given a jersey for the skater. We ask that kids wear their practice jerseys to ALL practices. Any practice jersey not returned at the end of the season will result in a \$50 charge to the skater's account.

If your skater is checking out equipment this season and has not gotten it yet, please email [equipment@patriotshockey.org](mailto:equipment@patriotshockey.org).

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## ORGANIZATION UPDATES

We have Awards from the 2022-2023 Season that have not been picked up by skaters or their families. If you have not gotten your medals from last season, please stop by the Concessions stand during their open hours. If you are not sure what the current concessions hours are, you can check DIBs. We will have the awards available for pickup until December 1. After that date they will be repurposed or donated.

There is a new [Team Managers Playbook](#) now available on the website. We'd like to give a loud shoutout to Jackie Bernstein, Eric Jimieson, and Tina Rettler-Pagel for putting this together. Their work on this document is a benefit to current and future Team Managers and we appreciate their effort.

The next board meeting will be held **Monday, November 13** at **6 p.m.** at [Oakstone Recreational](#) in Cottage Grove and is open to all members of PYHA. [The minutes from August and September 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).

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Are you no longer a member of the Patriots Organization and would like to unsubscribe to emails? Our emails are sent out to anyone who has a Sports Engine profile associated with our league. There are two options to stop receiving emails from PYHA:

1. Remove Patriots Youth Hockey Association from your Sports Engine profile:  
<https://help.sportsengine.com/en/articles/6304798-how-to-remove-my-profile-from-an-organization>
2. Unsubscribe from notifications and emails in your Sports Engine profile:  
<https://help.sportsengine.com/en/articles/6304397-how-to-unsubscribe-from-organizational-notifications-and-emails>