

Nonotuck Valley Knights Newsletter

Winter 2026

Team Updates

Learn to Skate and Learn to Play - Nonotuck LTS/LPT program continues to thrive. Each and every week the players are getting more comfortable on the ice. This is one of our biggest years yet with a total of 79 players between LTS/LTP!

Novice - Nonotuck Novice took the ice for the first time starting in January. All of the players have come up through our learn to play program and they are beginning to love the game of hockey.

8U East - 8U East has been playing great hockey and has been improving every week. The kids are having so much fun and learning a lot. They are working great as a team, and supporting each other along the way. They got 1st place in the Holy Name Icebreaker Tournament and 3rd place in The Mites Madness Tournament in Saratoga Springs NY. They are looking forward to finishing off their GSL season and are also playing in the Ludlow tournament and the March Madness tournament in Marlborough, MA.

8U South - We have had steady growth and progress throughout the season. We are looking forward to showcasing how far we have come along at remaining GSL games and the Ludlow Mite Tournament (3/20-3/22).

10U North - (13 - 1 - 3) The team has played very strong up to this point of the season. The final weeks have two games against 2 strong opponents in the division. Development from all players on the team has been noticeable this season, especially in their skating skills and application of learned Hockey systems. Stay tuned... this team has great ability and strong resilience when they get behind. They are a top team in 10U North and having them believe that is important to finish out the season. This team continues to roll into the new year having a record of 8-1-2 since the 1st of the year.

10U East - (18 - 1 - 0) Nonotuck 10U East has put together a strong season so far, highlighted by a championship win at the Ice Breakers Tournament. The team continued to build momentum at the Amherst Freeze Out Tournament, facing tough competition that challenged them and elevated their play. Each game has shown clear growth in skill, confidence, and teamwork across the roster. As the season progresses, the development of every player has been noticeable and exciting to watch. The team now looks ahead to Saratoga next weekend, ready to compete and keep improving.

10U South - (12 - 6 - 2) 10U South has had a solid season so far! We have seen significant growth as individual skaters and they have truly come together to work as a team. They are currently holding 2nd place in the 10U south GSL division and are looking forward to upcoming tournaments in Saratoga, NY and Marlborough, MA!

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12U South - (15 - 2 - 1) Our season started as two separate small teams but was combined into a single large team. Our kids showed great adaptability and camaraderie since this merger. They have become a close knit group of players and support each other consistently. They have shown the ability to "roll with the punches" without complaining even with the hardships that come with having a large team. The team has two tournaments coming up that will showcase their skills. For the rest of the season, the coaching staff foresees our players continuing to support each other, skate hard and end the season with a bang!

14U South - (11 - 3 - 3) Warren has been very good in net and continues to get better. We have the right amount of skill and grit playing in front of him making the team hard to play against. They are all improving in team play as well. As we wind down we will continue to work on puck control, puck movement, playing under pressure and getting more traffic to the net.

18U - (7 - 5) The 18U season was a great success. Backed by the best pair of goaltenders in the league of Coady and Bixby, the team faced some serious competition. The Knights however were always ready, led by a strong defense that fed a potent offense. The team was able to complete the season with a winning record. Season highlights include the game against Amherst where Bresnahan scored 6 goals, with assists from 4 different players. Or the game against Pioneer Valley where we were trailing 3-1 at the end of the first period only to have Donovan have the game of his life scoring 6 goals and an assist! Can't wait until next season. See you all at the skate on March 23th at Fitzpatrick.

Thank you very much to all our coaches, managers, volunteers and parents, who make all this possible!

Past Tournaments

8U South - Lusignan played in the 27th Annual Ice Breaker Tournament Hosted by Holy Name Hockey Association on November 21 -23 at Olympia Ice Center.

10U North - Pauli won the Conner Roberts Memorial Thanksgiving Tournament in St Albans VT on November 28 - 30 at the Collin Perley Sports and Fitness Complex.

14U Souths - Participated in the 31st Annual Newport Christmas Classic in Newport RI, on December 27 - 29, hosted by the Newport Whalers.

8U South and 8U East - Participated in the Mite Madness Tournament in Saratoga Springs NY on Jan 17-18, 2026, hosted by the Saratoga Blue Knights.

10U - All three of our 10U teams participated in the Western Mass Freeze Out Tournament in Amherst MA, on Jan 16 - 19, 2026, hosted by AHA.

14U - January 31 - Deep Freeze Tournament, Waterville Valley NH

Upcoming Tournaments

10U South and East - February 13-15 - Connor LaFrance 10U Tournament, Saratoga Springs, NY

12U S - February 27 - 42nd Annual Lakers Tournament, Worcester Ma

8U E and 8U S - March 20-22, 2nd Annual Mites Madness Tournament, Ludlow MA

10U S, 12U S - March 27 - March Madness Tournament, NESCC, Marlboro Ma

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How well do you know the USA Hockey Rulebook? It is conveniently located online!
 USA Hockey Rules: <https://tinyurl.com/mr39c4ph>

Power skating/skating skills sessions - Power skating took place over the Christmas Break with each team receiving two days of training. A special thank you to Nielsson Arcibal for taking time with the kids and sharing his knowledge.

Dates

Season End Banquet - Saturday April 18th, 6pm, Pilsudski Park, 230 County Rd, Holyoke. Volunteers needed for various positions. Please email Jen at nvhaevents@gmail.com or text 413-250-6458 if you are able to help in any capacity.

Evaluations

Learn To Play & Learn to Skate	8U - Mites Birth years 2018, 2019, & under	10U - Squirts Birth years 2016 and 2017
Programs and registration begin in October 2026	Mon 3/16 @ 6:00 pm Mon 3/30 @ 6:00 pm	Mon 3/16 @ 7:00 pm Mon 3/23 @ 7:00 pm Mon 3/30 @ 7:00 pm
12U - Peewee Birth years 2014 and 2015	14U - Bantam Birth years 2012 and 2013	18U - Midget 2008 - 2011
Thurs 3/19 @ 7:00 pm Thurs 3/26 @ 7:00 pm Thurs 4/2 @ 7:00 pm (Friday 4/3 if needed)	Thurs 3/19 @ 8:00 pm Thurs 3/26 @ 8:00 pm	Skate on 3/23 at 8pm Fitzpatrick Rink for those interested in playing next season.

- All evaluations will take place at Fitzpatrick Ice Rink in Holyoke, MA
- All of our teams are co-ed.
- There is a \$50 non refundable fee to evaluate
- These are not “try outs”. Everyone will get placement on an appropriate team.
- Please visit our website to complete the online registration for the upcoming hockey season. <https://nonotuckvalleyhockey.org>

NVHA Board

The next board meeting will be March 4, 6pm at the Westhampton Fire Department, 48 Stage Rd, Westhampton MA.

Fundraising

Scratch Ticket Raffle:

NVHA recently wrapped up our final fundraiser for the 2025-2026 season. Our annual golf tournament and raffle ticket sale resulted in Nonotuck raising over \$30k. These fundraisers are instrumental to our ability to provide additional skills clinics, tournament entry fees, and rising ice costs for our NVHA youth athletes.

Monetary Donations:

We want to send a thank you to *In The Valley Orthodontics* for recently joining us as a sponsor and their generous support of our organization. If you find yourself needing Orthodontic care, please give them a visit.

As a non-profit organization, donations play a pivotal role in ensuring that we can continue to offer high quality hockey programs and opportunities for our children. Nonotuck relies on and appreciates the generous support of our members, their family members and friends, and our local community. To make a donation today, go to: <https://www.nonotuckvalleyhockey.org/page/show/8581576-donate>

Or you can mail a check made payable to *The Nonotuck Valley Knights Hockey Association*, to:

Nonotuck Valley Knight Hockey Association
Attn: Treasurer
P.O. Box 67 Easthampton, MA 01027

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