



PATRIOTS

Youth Hockey Association



NEWSLETTER: November 2023

It's really hockey season now! Our skaters have put in the work, and we are seeing it in some great games to start the season. We even had our first tournament win of the year with the PeeWee C team taking first place at the Fox Valley Fall Classic Tournament in Appleton! It's an exciting time of year and we have a lot of info to share with everyone.

LEAGUE UPDATES

Player Neck Guards - We have received many inquiries regarding Neck Guards following the tragic passing of professional hockey player Adam Johnson. The Patriots Youth Hockey Association will be following [the guidance of USA Hockey](#). USA Hockey continues to recommend that all players wear a neck laceration protector that covers as much of the neck area as possible, in addition to cut-resistant socks, sleeves or undergarments.

TAP - Patriots will not be running TAP through the association this year. If families are interested in off-ice strength/agility training, use the Patriots link to register: [TAP: Madison Patriots 23/24](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

We recognize that being a Goalie can be a huge commitment. We are dedicated to supporting our Goalies and their families, so that our players can be the best at what they do. The Patriots Youth Hockey Association offers both financial and gear support for families who have players interested in playing the position of Goalie. Please reach out to the board if you have any questions or would like more information on how to tap into the resources available.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING

Seroogy's Chocolate Bars – You should have received an email on Saturday about picking up the orders. Money from the Seroogy's Chocolate Bar sales will be due by January 4th to give you prime selling through the holidays. If you have not gotten the email or have questions, please contact fundraising@patriotshockey.org.

Skater Photos - Photo make-up day is November 28 from 5 – 6 p.m. If your skater was unable to make their originally scheduled time, this will be their last opportunity for pictures.

Waubesa Cup Weekend - The Jr Waubesa Cup will take place December 15 & 16. Saturday, December 16 is Family Night at Hartmeyer featuring Monona-Grove HS vs. McFarland HS! Watch the website, social media, and emails for additional information as we get closer to the event.

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:

- Portillo's - 12/5
- Culvers on Cottage Grove Rd - 1/19
- Chocolate Shoppe Ice Cream - 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.

QUICK HITS

- If you have not yet picked up your Awards from the 2022-2023 Season, please stop by the Concessions stand during their open hours. We will have the awards available for pickup until December 1. After that date they will be repurposed or donated.
- Give the gift of PYHA merchandise for the holidays! [The Apparel Store is open!](#) Place your orders through December 3. They can be directly shipped to your home or picked up at the rink around December 18.
- If you have a Squirt, PeeWee, or Bantam skater and have not yet taken the [Post Placement Survey](#), please do so soon! This input will greatly help the board evaluate and begin planning for next season.

The next board meeting will be held **Monday, December 11 at 6 p.m.** at [Oakstone Recreational](#) in Cottage Grove and is open to all members of PYHA. [The minutes from October 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.