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AHA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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2025 TERMINATION DUST INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONS CROWNED



14T2 NORTH STARS | ELLINGWORTH



10U MAJOR NORTH STARS | WISTHOFF



- 18T2 | Team Alaska 16U
- 16T2 | Team Alaska 15O
- 14T2 | AHA North Stars
- 16U Girls | Alaska All Stars 16U
- 14U Girls | HCF 14U
- 12U Major | HCF
- 12U Minor | HCF
- 10U Major | AHA North Stars
- 10U Minor | Alaska Oilers

The hockey season is officially underway when AHA hosts the annual Termination Dust Invitational Tournament.

With a variety of teams traveling all the way to Alaska from the lower 48, the 2025 tournament was another one for the record books. Our North Star and Comet teams represented well and ended the tournament with two top finishes at the 14U and 10 Major levels.

The second weekend had our North Stars teams in **three of four** championship games! Close finishes and great play were seen throughout the weekend. Fans walked away with a great experience from a well-run tournament to start off the season.

Congrats to all the winners on a job well-done!



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AHA TEAM SPOTLIGHT

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10U MAJOR | WISTHOFF



2025 TERMINATION DUST



CHAMPIONS



2025 907 HOCKEY SHOWCASE CHAMPIONS

10U Major standout goaltender, Leo Schuette summarized the season well.

“My favorite game so far this season is when we beat the Oilers 10U Majors 3-2 in a pre-season scrimmage. We were down 2-0 and came back to score 3 straight to win the game. Everyone played well and we gained a lot of confidence and trust as a team. We’ve been playing great ever since and managed to win first place in the first two tournaments of the season at the 907 HKY Showcase and the Termination Dust Invitational.”

Everyone at AHA is excited to watch Leo and the rest of the Wisthoff 10U Major team in their pursuit of excellence throughout the remainder of the 2025/26 hockey season.

For North Stars 10U Major Head Coach Kris Wisthoff, the start to this season has provided a multitude of emotions.

“What a whirlwind the start of this season has been for our team,” said Coach Wisthoff. “We had a couple of early season losses that were setbacks but appear to be nothing more than early season jitters.”

At this point, Coach Kris and his team are feeling confident and have been reeling off both exhibition and tournament game wins with the confidence and skill expected of this group at the start of the season.

Back-to-back tournament weekend wins with the 907 Showcase and the Termination Dust Invitational earlier this month have set the bar high. It has been a true team effort so far with 5 players having 10 or more goals and 10 players with over 10 points!

SEASON STATS

Record: 13-4-1 | Goals For: 103 | Goals Against: 48
Goal Leader: Madden Strickland (19)
Assist Leader: Landon Wigren (11)



ABOVE ALL ELSE, ITS ABOUT THE KIDS.....



GAME TIME!!!



DUCK RACE



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USA HOCKEY RULES CHANGES

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Did you know that USA Hockey changes its rulebook every four years? 2025 kicks off a rule change year and there are some *significant changes* to be aware of as a fan and parent.

AHA Families,

USA Hockey has introduced several updates *effective August 1, 2025*, aimed at improving safety, inclusivity, and game flow. Here are a few of the changes that are now in effect for the next four years:

- **Tag-Up Offsides:** The tag-up offside rule is now in effect for USA Hockey at the youth 15-Only and above and girls 16U and above age classifications. This rule change, which went into effect for the 2025-2029 season, allows these specific age groups to use the tag-up offside, while other levels continue with immediate offside.
- **Roster Flexibility:** Youth tier 1 and girls 19U teams can now dress 22 players (up from 21).
- **Safety First:** Neck laceration protectors are mandatory for players under 18; HECC-certified required by 2026-27.
- **Tech Ban:** Cameras and electronic devices on players during games are prohibited.
- **Penalty Updates:**
 - o Abuse of officials after games = automatic game misconduct.
 - o Kneeing now carries a mandatory misconduct.
- **Game Flow Adjustments:**
 - o Incorrect icing calls restart at center ice.
- **Faceoff Clarifications:** Neutral-zone faceoff if puck played off goal frame; unplayable puck stays in same zone.
- **Kneeing Minor penalty:** A standard 2-minute minor penalty is called for less severe infractions, but the 2025-29 rules *now add a mandatory misconduct to this penalty*.

These changes reinforce USA Hockey's commitment to safety, fairness, and modernized play.

If you have a question on anything officiating related, always feel free to reach out at: alaskahockeyofficials.com/contact-us/

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GIRLS (SKATES) RULE

IT'S SO MUCH FUN THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW THEY ARE LEARNING TO SKATE!



Hi Everyone!

AHA Girl Skates are fun-filled, monthly skates open to girls ages 10 and under across the state. These fun skates are designed to offer girls the opportunity to meet and interact with other girls that they might not get to spend time with otherwise. The skates are managed by me, but with help from older girls players in our Association.

We hope to see you out at the next skate on November 16th from 12:15 to 1:15 pm on DA2. Registration IS REQUIRED, so check out our girls program website to make it happen.

Sincerely,
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WHAT'S COMING UP

IT'S TOURNAMENT TIME IN ALASKA!!!

The Termination Dust is over and now it is time for our Rec Program Tournaments to take center stage!
The Annual Turkey Shootout enters it's 36th year this year and the Annual Winter Fest Tournament turns 5!

36TH ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOTOUT!

November 27-30, 2025

Rinks and Schedules TBD



A tradition unlike any other in Alaska hockey is the Turkey Shootout. AHA staff and volunteers will host the 36th Annual tournament on Thanksgiving weekend and this one is sure to be one to remember.

Over 85 teams from across Alaska will spend the Thanksgiving weekend skating, scoring goals and making saves. Come out and enjoy the fun and cheer on your team or players as they compete for the gold!

WINTER FEST (OUTDOOR) TOURNEY!

December 12-14, 2025

Mulcahy, E 20th & 10th and E Outdoor Rinks



Get out the mittens, jackets, firepits and your cheering voices! The most unique tournament of the year is coming up quickly. AHA is hosting two teams from outside of Alaska this year with visiting teams coming from Portland and Seattle for Winter Fest!

Anchorage Hockey Association will host the Winter Fest Outdoor Hockey Tournament December 12-14, 2025. Games will be played at the Mulcahy Outdoor rinks (outside Ben Boeke), the Park Strip (10th & E) and Tikishla (E. 20th). Local teams may play games during the week in order to fit all the games in.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

UPCOMING EVENTS

36TH ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOTOUT
NOVEMBER 27-30, 2025

WINTERFEST OUTDOOR TOURNAMENT
DECEMBER 12-14, 2025

GIRLS 10 AND UNDER FUN SKATE
NOVEMBER 16, 2025 @ 12:15 PM - DA2

AHA COACHES TRAINING
NOVEMBER 23RD @ 6 PM - AHA TRAINING CENTER

PARENTS NIGHT OUT
NOVEMBER 22ND @ 6 PM - AHA TRAINING CENTER

AHA SKATE-A-THON FUNDRAISER
DECEMBER 7TH, 2025 @ 10:00 AM - UAA

ALASKA STATE SELECTS
DECEMBER 19-21

COACH CERTIFICATION DEADLINE
DECEMBER 15TH

GAMES TO WATCH FOR

10 MINOR NS WEIDNER VS. WETTIN
NOVEMBER 21ST, 2025 | 5:30 PM | DEMPSEY ANDERSON



NORTHSTAR 16 GIRLS VS. ALL STAR 16 GIRLS
NOVEMBER 16TH, 2025 | 10:45 AM | DEMPSEY ANDERSON



14A AVALANCHE VS. 14U COMETS
NOVEMBER 14TH, 2025 | 5:15 PM | KENAI



PENINSULA POWER PLAY TOURNAMENT
NOVEMBER 13-15, 2025 | SOLDOTNA & KENAI



SAFE TRAVELS AND BEST OF LUCK TO OUR COMET
10U, 12U AND 14U TEAMS AS THEY TRAVEL TO
TEST THEIR SKILL ON THE KENAI PENINSULA!



USA Hockey MAGAZINE

TOP USA HOCKEY ARTICLES THIS MONTH

Courtesy of USA Hockey Magazine

THE HALL CALLS

THE USA HOCKEY HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2025 WILL BE INDUCTED DURING A CEREMONY ON DECEMBER 10TH IN ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA. THIS CLASS INCLUDES ALASKA'S OWN SCOTT GOMEZ!!!

GROWING THE GAME

MORE THAN 7,500 CHILDREN ACROSS THE US TRIED HOCKEY ON SEPTEMBER 13TH DURING THE FIRST OF TWO 'TRY HOCKEY FOR FREE' EVENTS TO BE HELD DURING THE 2025-2026 SEASON

KNOT TIME | WHEN KIDS SHOULD LEARN TO TIE THEIR OWN SKATES

HOW TO KNOW WHEN IT IS THE RIGHT TIME TO STOP TYING SKATES FOR YOUR PLAYER AND ADVICE ON HOW TO EMPOWER YOUR PLAYER

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