

THE WILDCAT WRAP AROUND



NEWSLETTER

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Where The Wildcats Are

Check out where the Wildcats are this weekend. Go Wildcats!!

[Saturday](#)

[Sunday](#)

Playdown Weekend

2025 Playdown Reminders - Please Read [Here](#)

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What are Playdowns?

Every year, travel teams (U-10 and up) go through Playdowns, a series of seeded games to determine who gets to attend the State Tournaments (end of February through early March based on age level/group). WYHA is part of Region 4 and is a Division 1 program along with the Madison Patriots, West Polar Caps, Verona, Sun Prairie and Middleton. Playdowns determine who gets to represent WAHA Region 4, at their level, at the State Tournament. Playdowns this year are scheduled for January 31-February 2, 2025.

Hosting State at the Ice Pond! March 8-9, 2025

This year WYHA is hosting the Pee wee C2 State Tournament, and we need your support! We are looking for basket raffle items and more from *everyone* in our association! Please stay tuned for more information and please reach out to Chris

with any questions. (tournaments@wildcathockey.org) It is an honour to be able to host a state tournament and to showcase our organization and the Ice Pond.

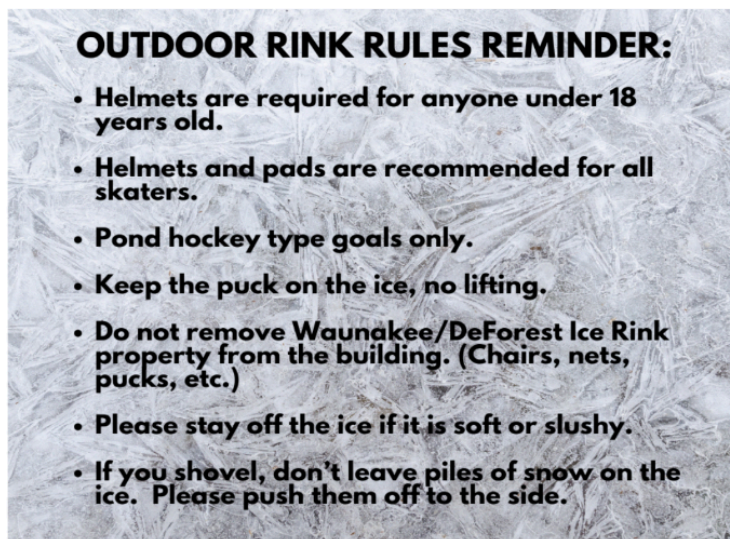
PICK UP NOTES FROM THE ICE POND

Working Gamesheet?

Thank you to our volunteers who are working gamesheet and using the iPads to score our games. Please remember that the app is designed to count **shots on goal**, not saves. This is opposite of the paper score sheets. The app is designed to do all of the calculations for us. This can be done in real time, or reconciled between periods. We've seen several games where shot totals are reversed because the volunteer is counting saves instead of total shots.

Outdoor Rink at the Ice Pond

Is open and ready to use!! Hoping to see parents and kids buzzing around out there! We will be working on volunteers to help resurface the ice- stay tuned!



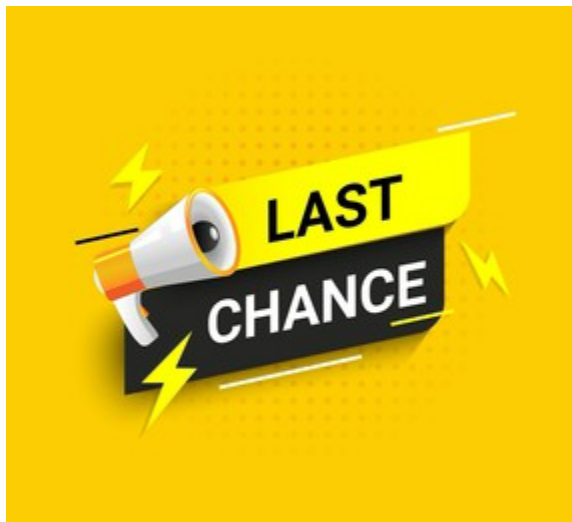
Playdowns and Payments:

We received confirmation that playdown brackets, seedings, and matchups are now set for 1/31-2/2. The ALD's and coaches will be in touch with your schedules very soon. It's an exciting time for the association as I believe that every team earned either a 1 or 2 seed, putting us in a great position to be well represented at State! Here's to a great month of prep!

As a reminder, the final auto-payments are scheduled to draw 2/15 with any unfilled volunteer hours being charged on 3/15. Only skaters in good financial standing with payments up to date with a valid card or payment on Crossbar are allowed to participate in playdowns and subsequently in State. Please take a moment to ensure that your payment methods are up to date prior to the end of day Tuesday so everyone remains eligible to skate and contribute at the end of the month.

Please feel free to reach out to me directly with questions or concerns.

Thanks all and Go 'Cats!



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Last Call for Wildcats Apparel Orders

As the hockey season comes to a close, we wanted to thank all of you for being supporting customers throughout the season!

The Wildcat apparel store will be closing for the off-season after January 31, with final orders completed around February 14.

Please visit the apparel store for any last-minute items:

<https://wildcathockey24.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

*Note: Hockey socks will be available for purchase during the off-season. Either stop by the store to purchase or contact Trending Now if needing them shipped.

Stay tuned for any updates off-season and see you back in August/September!

Apparel Directors,

Corrin Maier and Michelle Mueller

Your Wildcat pictures are READY for ordering!

Text the code WYHA2425se to the phone number 90738

or visit <https://my.photoday.com/g/WYHA2425se>

A few things to note:

When you log into your gallery, you have a few options to search for your players. Using Face Find, age groups or you can dig through over 2k to find your skater. Face Find is the quickest, by far. Simply upload a photo of your kiddo and the software will do the digging for you!

Erin Chicoine

(If you have a Coaches picture, they are in the skate room behind the door on the bookshelf!!)

Summer Hockey at the Ice Pond

The Ice Pond has worked with Wildcat Youth Hockey coaches to develop three Spring programs. Registration for these programs is now open, enrollment is limited, so sign up early. See Fliers attached to email. [Click here for website](#)

Camp offerings-Hockey EDU ~ Boys and Girls only opportunities:

Coach Claudia Kepler with Hockey EDU will be hosting spring and summer camps in the Madison Area. Her camps focus on teaching the most efficient and effective hockey techniques used in the game today for skills, skating, and hockey IQ development. Coach Claudia takes pride in creating a learning environment that is fun, educational, creative, and challenging for skaters of all ages and levels.

Hockey EDU's camps, clinics, and small groups are designed to optimize your skaters' learning environment on the ice. Camps and clinics have a group number of 13-20 skaters, while small

groups can have a range of 4-12 skaters. Hockey EDU's training environment allows players to receive more feedback and repetitions on each drill to build better confidence and skill.

Coach Claudia Kepler is a Wisconsin Badger and Ohio State Buckeye Hockey alumni, a previous NCAA division I coach for Syracuse University, and previous professional hockey player in the PHF, Women's KHL, and SDHL. She is excited to share all the skills, techniques, and training philosophies that she has learned throughout her time in the game and around the world. To learn more about Coach Claudia, please visit the [Hockey EDU](http://HockeyEDU.webiste) website.

Below are the current camp offerings Hockey EDU has for the up and coming spring and summer season.

Spring Scoring Sessions: April 7th - May 12th

www.eduhockey.com/scoringsessions

Mondays @ Madison Ice Arena - Studio Rink

5:00pm - 6:00pm Squirt/U10

6:10pm - 7:10 pm Pee wee/U12

7:20pm - 8:20pm Bantam/U14 & Highschool

Private Small Group Bookings April 8th - May 14th

www.eduhockey.com/spring

Tuesdays & Wednesdays @ Madison Ice Arena - Studio Rink

Slots available for booking: 6 week session package (once a week for 6 weeks)

4:30pm - 5:30pm

5:40pm - 6:40pm

6:50pm - 7:50pm

Summer 2025:

Girls Elite Training X Total Athlete Performance June 17th - August 14th

www.eduhockey.com/girlselitecamp

Tuesday & Thursdays @ The Ice Pond - Waunakee, WI

7:00am - 8:00am Girls WIAA High School

8:10am - 9:10am Girls NCAA U19AAA & AA & U16AAA

9:20am - 10:20am Girls U16AA & U14AAA

10:30am - 11:30am Girls U14AA & U12AAA & U12 YOUTH

Total Athlete Performance off ice training package available for purchase:

9:30am - 11:00am - TAP Windsor Location (Girls HS/Girls NCAA, U19, U16)

11:00am - 12:30pm - TAP Windsor Location (Girls U16/U14)

Boys Elite Training X Total Athlete Performance June 17th - August 14th

www.eduhockey.com/boyselite

Tuesday & Thursday @ The Ice Pond - Waunakee, WI

11:40am - 12:40pm Boys Pee wee B, Pee wee B, Squirt A

12:50pm - 1:50pm Boys Bantam & HS

Total Athlete Performance off ice training package available for purchase:

11:00am - 12:30pm - TAP Windsor Location (Boys Bantam/HS)

Power Skating:

Claggett Power Skating:

Spots are limited as the size of each camp will be capped depending on age and level of the camp. **Registration opens FRIDAY JANUARY 17th at 9 AM online at www.Acpowerskate.com**. Please register your player based on the team they played on last season and birth year accordingly. If you have questions regarding which camp is the right fit please always feel free to contact me.

Please let me know if you have any further questions. I look forward to a fun summer filled with skating development for all age groups. Thanks and see you at the rink soon,

Amy Claggett Claggettpowerskatingacademy@gmail.com www.Acpowerskate.com

Outstanding Wildcat Player of the Week

I want to nominate Braxton Van Ooyen as an outstanding player. I coach him on the Squirt C1 team. He had 9 goals this weekend, 5 of which helped the team comeback from a 3-5 deficit against Elmbrook to win 6-5. He had another 4 goals against Dubuque today to help us win the game.

He has a great work ethic and a very positive attitude. He even goes to the outside rink at centennial park to practice more on his own. He is an absolute pleasure to coach. Coach Melanie Schmitt

Send in nominations of outstanding players, on and off the ice!

Bantam C - 1st Place

Wildcat Bantam C team took 1st place this past weekend at the Glacier King Tournament in the Dells. Way to go Wildcats!



Squirt B

Wildcat Squirt B team won their tournament in River Falls!! Congrats to the players!



Region 4 Boys Hockey Kohlman Cup

[Boys Link](#)

REGION 4

Tuesday March 11 -

2012's: 7:00-8:15pm @ Verona (NHL Rink)

2013's: 5:30-6:45pm @ Verona (NHL Rink)

Region 4 Girls Hockey Kohlman Cup

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Registration for [tryouts](#) for this year's Kohlman Cup is open! Region 4 Girls Tryouts will be:

Tuesday March 11 -

2012's: 7:00-8:15pm @ Verona (NHL Rink)

2013's: 5:30-6:45pm @ Verona (NHL Rink)

The Kohlman Cup is limited exclusively to Tier II Pee Wee Players. It will allow the top Pee Wee/12U age level players in Wisconsin to test themselves against the best Tier II players in each WAHA region. Any player from a local Tier II organization is encouraged to tryout for the Kohlman Cup.

We hope to have another strong showing out of Region 4 for our girls this year and hope that you can share info with girls in your association who are birth year 2012 and 2013 and encourage them to [register for tryouts](#)!

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions!

Thanks,

Becky

Becky Hildebrandt

WAHA 8U/10U Girls Hockey Coordinator

South Central WEHL Co-GM and Coach

Girls Hockey:

The Dragons will be hosting an informational girl's hockey meeting at Sun Prairie Ice Arena on Saturday, February 8th, 2025, at 9:30 am. This is open to all mites aging up to travel hockey and any family interested in learning more about the Madison Dragons girl's hockey opportunities for the following year. There will be ice breakers, donuts and sign making with Bantam age Dragons while parents attend an informational meeting. Meeting will include a timeline for registration, FAQs, opportunity to ask questions and sharing any dates for GTHFF/THFF at Hartmeyer and SP. The girls will then form a fan tunnel for the 10U Dragons as they take the ice at 10:30 am. Families are invited to watch the game and cheer on the Dragons!!

Newsletter items

Need something put in the newsletter or on Facebook? **Email** Lisa at secreatry@wildcathockey.org

Coaches, ALD's, Managers send pictures and explanations of your team at tournaments, team building activities or other accomplishments throughout the season. We would love to showcase all our teams!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Playdowns

Jan. 31st- Feb. 2nd

State Tournaments Dates

[Link](#)

WYHA Board Meeting, Thursday, February 20, 2025

Board Meetings are held every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Any member is welcome to attend. There is a member open forum at the beginning of each meeting — send your open forum topic to the Secretary & President prior to the meeting.

Referee Incentive:

Any organizational member shall receive a reimbursement for equipment, training and fees up to \$250 when signing up for the first year as a referee. The member must work at least 5 games and send their receipts to the WYHA Treasurer. Email Todd Swenson to add your name to our list of inhouse refs!

pastpresident@wildcathockey.org

Links:

WHOA

WHOA How to Become an Official:

<https://www.wihoa.org/how-to-become-an-official.html>

Registration Instructions

<https://www.wihoa.org/registration-instructions.html>

Seminar Schedule:

<https://www.wihoa.org/seminars.html>

USA Hockey

USA Hockey Program Registration

<https://www.usahockey.com/officiatingprogramregistration>