



BOWIE HOCKEY CLUB

2025 X 2026 SEASON GUIDE





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ABOUT US

VISION

To be a leading youth hockey organization that inspires young athletes to achieve their full potential, both in hockey and in life. We envision a community where every player feels valued, empowered, and motivated to pursue excellence, creating a legacy of sportsmanship, teamwork, and love for the game.

MISSION

To foster a love for the game of hockey in youth of all ages by providing a supportive, inclusive environment where players can develop their skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship. We aim to promote healthy competition, lifelong friendships, and a passion for the sport while emphasizing personal growth both on and off the ice. The BHC encourages all youth, regardless of gender, national origin, disability, race, or religious orientation, to participate in ice hockey.

MORE INFO



Home Page

www.bowiehockey.org



Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/BowieHockey/>



Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/bowiehockey/#>





BOWIE HOCKEY CLUB

2024 - 2025

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Bill Schmidt



Vice-President
William Palmer



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Sarah Cohen



Membership | Registrar
Wendy Bernard



Special Events | Social Media
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Girls Hockey Director
Derek Rabold



Webmaster
Stanley Helocwicz



Equipment Manager
Dan Kunath



Hockey Director
Will Durkee



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Elizabeth Curran



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Scheduler
Mary Smith



SafeSport
Kevin Conover



Diversity Coordinator
Open Position

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BOWIE HOCKEY CLUB

Introducing
BOWIE HOCKEY CLUB

**WILL
DURKEE**

HOCKEY DIRECTOR

"This game has given me incredible memories and shaped who I am. I was lucky to have amazing coaches like Ken St. Louis, Dave Quader, Dave Gould, Seaton, Russo, Rabold—the list goes on. They helped me grow as a player and a person. Coming back to Bowie was my way of giving back, and never did I expect to be asked to be Hockey Director. I'll work hard to grow the club, build a family culture, and create a place where players want to play, develop, and succeed together."



Will's journey with Bowie Hockey Club began in 1995, starting in the squirts and peewee rec system before becoming team captain of Bowie's top Bantam and Midget travel teams. His talent and dedication earned him all-state honors and set the foundation for a lifelong passion for the game.

While attending Virginia Military Institute, Will didn't just play hockey, he helped to grow the sport. In 2004, he founded VMI's first-ever ACHA collegiate hockey club, a program that continues to thrive today. Since 2012, Will has been coaching at all levels, from beginners to top-tier high school teams. Most notably, he helped lead Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School to a state runner-up finish in 2020 and a state championship in 2021. He has experience as a combined team coach, power skating instructor, and skills development coach. He's even played every position, including goalie, and spent time as a referee, putting some of Bowies own in the penalty box.

This season, Will returned to Bowie Hockey Club as an assistant coach for the U12 Gold team, returning his deep passion for the game to where it all started.

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Welcome home, Coach Will! Let's make next season unforgettable! As you help to steer the Bowie Hockey Club into a new era!

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2024-2025 SEASON RECAP



CHAMPIONS

- 8U Gold: Charleston Fall Classic
- 14U Black: Lake Effect Veteran's Day Showcase
- 12U Gold: Buffalo River Classic
- 14U Gold: Defender Thanksgiving Classic
- 10U Gold: Cleveland Rock 'N Roll Cup
- 10U Gold: Palmetto President's Puck
- 8U Black: Mite Beach Bash
- 8U Gold: Capital Showdown
- 12U Red: Capital Showdown



FINALISTS

- 10U Red: Crabtown Showdown
- 16U Gold: Crabtown Showdown
- 12U Gold: CAN/AM Annapolis
- 14U Gold: CAN/AM Annapolis
- 8U Gold: Defender Mites Madness
- 12U Black: Cleveland Rock 'N Roll Cup
- 16U Gold: Smashville Showdown
- 12U Black: Capital Showdown
- 10U Gold: Congressional Cup Spring Classic



10U GOLD
PALMETTO STATE
PRESIDENTS PUCK CHAMPIONS



PLAYOFFS

- 10U Red
- 14U Red (#1 seed)



- PLAYOFFS
- 14U Gold



- PLAYOFFS
- 14U Gold



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LEARN TO PLAY

FUTURE BRUINS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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FUTURE BRUINS PROGRAM MISSION

The Future Bruins Instructional program clinics are designed primarily for players who want to start playing ice hockey. Players ages 4-18 are welcome. Please keep in mind that players aged 4-6 should have some basic skating instruction before participating (please email Coach Schmidt at the link below if you are unsure if your child is ready for the program). Future Bruins Prospects emphasizes hockey skating skills and stick handling with an introduction to the game of ice hockey in the latter part of the program. The sessions are 60 minutes and are usually held on Sundays.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

First-time participants are eligible for a one-time FREE clinic (approximately 8 one-hour sessions). Once a player has completed their first free clinic, the fee is \$160 plus processing fee. Full payment via credit card or bank account is required at registration. Space is limited. USA Hockey Registration is required of all skaters.

- Regular session cost \$160 plus Online Processing Fee (rookies -- first time participants -- are FREE for their first session contact us for the discount code!)
- USA Hockey Registration required, to register go to www.usahockey.com
- Players must not be registered in a hockey program with another rink or club.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

- Shoulder pads Hockey pants
- Hockey skates Hockey helmet with cage
- Hockey gloves Hockey stick
- Elbow pads Shin guards
- Neck Guards
- *Loaner equipment may be available*





LEARN TO PLAY

FUTURE BRUINS PROGRAM FAQ

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What if I have never skated before?

Never skated before? No Problem, the [Bowie Ice Arena](#) has an excellent Learn to Skate program where you can progress through skating lessons and be advanced to a team when you are ready. If you eventually wish to play hockey, then join the Instructional/Learn to Play program.

Am I going to be an aggravation to more advanced players on the ice?

Absolutely not! We welcome everyone and you will see that our teams and skating programs have a wide range of skill levels on the ice. You will fit right in. We work hard to help make everyone better and you will find the more skilled players very willing to help you. You will get better much faster than you anticipate.

How do I know when I have progressed enough to advance to league play?

Your skating instructors will advise when they think you are ready to advance to a team. Once you learn the basics, you will be introduced to a coach to have you progress to a team. Your fees will even be pro-rated to correspond to when you join the team!

What are the costs associated with hockey?

While hockey is sometimes viewed as an expensive sport, we do everything we can to keep the costs of hockey affordable for our membership. As our membership grows the costs for all participants' decreases. You will have season fees that cover the cost of your lessons or team fees that cover the costs of your practices and games. Lesson fees average about \$160 per 8-week session for the Instructional/Learn to Play Program and team fees can range from \$800-\$3400 per player.

How do I learn the basic rules of ice hockey?

Your membership with USA Hockey is required, but includes a terrific rulebook to help jump start your knowledge of the rules of Ice Hockey. In addition, your instructors and coaches will be reviewing all the necessary rules as a part of the practice plans.

What can I do on my own to begin learning the basics of skating and the game of hockey?

Our instructional/learn to play season begins in early July and our travel program begins in late August and our recreational program begins in late September and if you want to get started prior to then we encourage you to visit the Bowie Ice Arena. They have open skating, drop in hockey and other events you can participate in. Also review www.usahockey.com for an overview of the game and resources to get you started.



RECREATIONAL PROGRAM

RECREATIONAL PROGRAM MISSION

To teach kids the fundamentals of ice hockey in a recreational environment; to foster a spirit of sportsmanship and fair play; to provide a setting where learning about the game of hockey is fun and safe; and to promote affordable youth hockey opportunities in the metro area. The Recreational program is also designed to assure equal opportunity to participate and to assure even competition of players at the same level. Games are scheduled throughout the season against other clubs in the Capital Corridor Hockey League (CCHL) that have "Recreational" programs. No Tryouts are required. Players of all skill levels are welcome.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

There are five age classifications, which are all co-ed: 8U House League (4yr - 8yr), 10U (9yr - 10yr) , 12U (11yr - 12yr), 14U (13yr - 14yr), 18U (15yr - 18yr). Please see the next page for descriptions of each age group program.

Our Recreational program will begin in late September and end in late February or early March. The 10U thru 18U level players will have one practice and one to two games per week. There will be one (1) or two (2) games per week, on either Saturday or Sunday. Along with a weekly hour-long practice. All practices are 60-minute sessions and games are 80 minutes.

Registration for returning members will open in early May, and for new members on June 1. Only returning members may register from early May - May 31. If returning members fail to register before May 31, their place in the club cannot be guaranteed.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

Helmet with face mask | Mouth Guard | Shoulder Pads | Elbow Pads | Hockey Gloves | Shin Guards | Hockey Pants | Hockey Skates | Hockey Socks | Hockey Stick | Neck Guard





RECREATIONAL PROGRAM

6U/8U MITE HOUSE

This program will focus on more intensive skating and skill development while offering the parents an easier schedule for practices and games.

FUN FACTS

- FUN- hockey should be made as fun for the player as possible.
- The program will focus on a 3-to-1 practice to games ratio.
- The kids should love to come to the rink whether it is for practice or for a game.
- Skating skills will be the emphasis with puck skills secondary.
- Kids should be kept active as much as possible by dividing into small groups and running separate drills.
- Practice ice should be run like a clinic environment. Players will be split up into groups and will work in stations.

10U -12U REC HOCKEY

This division is for 9-to12-year old boys and girls. The Recreational program will practice once per week and play 12 league games and a few non-league games throughout the season. A minimum of six games will be played at Bowie Ice Arena. Our Recreational teams play in the Capital Corridor Hockey League. This league stresses fun, recreation, development of skills, and good sportsmanship. Games have three 12-15-minute periods with stop time and players will normally change during the play.

OBJECTIVES

- Enjoyable introduction and experience in ice hockey
- Provide a healthy atmosphere for fun and learning
- Introduce the concept of games and the fun in playing hockey
- Development of communication at the player's level of learning
- Encourage the players to enjoy, learn and continue to play hockey
- Develop qualities important to hockey: quickness, agility, coordination, balance, strength and flexibility

14U -18U REC HOCKEY

This division is for 13-to-18y-year old boys and girls. The Recreational program will practice once per week and play approximately 12 league games and a few non-league games throughout the season. A minimum of six games will be played at Bowie Ice Arena. Our Recreational teams play in the Capital Corridor Hockey League. This league stresses fun, recreation, development of skills, and good sportsmanship. Games have three 15-minute periods with stop time and players will normally change during the play.

OBJECTIVES

- Provide a healthy atmosphere for fun and development
- Increased competition designed to expand existing skills
- Development of communication at the player's level of learning
- Stress the importance of modern American hockey – fast, combined action of individuals and groups (Flow Concepts)
- Stress the importance of the educational development of the individual as a whole—socially, physically and mentally
- Enjoyable and rewarding experiences in ice hockey that will encourage continued participation





TRAVEL PROGRAM

TIER II TRAVEL HOCKEY PROGRAM OVERVIEW

TEAM FORMATION

BHC teams compete in the **Capital Beltway Hockey League (CBHL)**, which is part of the **Potomac Valley Amateur Hockey Association (PVAHA)**, our local USA Hockey affiliate. Some teams may also choose to participate in the **Eastern Junior Elite Prospects League (EJEPL)**. Travel teams play in a highly structured league environment, as well as participate in non-league games against other USA Hockey-sanctioned teams and compete in invitational tournaments across the Eastern U.S. and Canada, following USA Hockey policies.

A / AA LEVEL TEAMS CRITERIA

These teams are designed to be highly competitive and strive for success in CBHL division titles, playoffs, and tournaments. Selection Criteria:

- Roster includes the best available players in each age bracket
- Playing time is based on performance, attendance, and discipline (not equal distribution)
- Emphasis on game preparation rather than basic skills development
- Players must demonstrate high commitment to team activities
- Strong attitude, work ethic, and teamwork are required

B LEVEL TEAMS CRITERIA

B-level teams provide a competitive experience while focusing on skill development and team play concepts.

- Teams compete at a level suited to their collective ability
- Players with less experience or adaptability in their age bracket are selected for this level
- Equal playing time is prioritized, except for attendance, discipline, or game situations at the coach's discretion
- Focus on developing fundamental skills, understanding rules, and team play concepts
- Players should maintain a consistent commitment to team activities and demonstrate a positive attitude





TRAVEL PROGRAM

TIER II TRAVEL HOCKEY PROGRAM OVERVIEW

PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for tryouts and selection:

- Players must be registered with BHC and USA Hockey
- All outstanding financial obligations to BHC or any other USA Hockey association must be fully paid before tryouts
- Players must follow all registration and fee payment policies
- If required, releases from a player's previous club must be submitted to BHC before team acceptance
- Players not selected for a travel team may opt to register for the Recreational Program

TRYOUT AND SELECTION PROCESS

Players are selected through a structured tryout process, and attendance at all scheduled sessions is strongly encouraged.

If a player cannot attend tryouts, they must:

- Notify the BHC Hockey Director and BHC President in writing
- Provide an explanation and express their intent to play for the club
- Request an evaluation by the Team Head Coach when possible
- Final team selections are made by the head coach, as well as independent evaluators and staff. Roster spots are not guaranteed, and all roster changes will adhere to league rules.

For more information or to register for tryouts, visit bowiehockey.org





TRAVEL PROGRAM

COACHING PROFILES



Sam Bowles

Sam started his hockey career at the Bowie Hockey Club and is happy to be back and able to share his knowledge of the game with the next generation. Sam went on to play for the Washington Little Capitals, then headed off to play hockey at The Hotchkiss School in Connecticut followed by a year of junior hockey with the Boston Jr. Bruins. Sam played 4 years of Division 1 NCAA hockey at Union College where he served as team captain his Senior year. After graduation, Sam played 6 years of minor league hockey between the CHL and SPHL. Sam coached the Bowie 8U Black team this year as well as the Crofton High School hockey team which he helped found in 2021.

8U GOLD



Jay Herford

We are pleased to announce that the 8U Black head coach for the 2025-2026 season will be Jay Herford! Jay is a Level 2 hockey coach and was an assistant coach with the 8U Gold team this past season. He also is a Bronze level certified coach and played professional soccer. After playing, Jay coached soccer collegiately at Johns Hopkins University. We're excited to have him on the ice and behind the bench to help grow our 8U Black team!

8U BLACK



Will Durkee

Will's journey with Bowie Hockey Club began in 1995, starting in the squirts and peewee rec system before becoming team captain of Bowie's top Bantam and Midget travel teams. His talent and dedication earned him all-state honors and set the foundation for a lifelong passion for the game. Will has been coaching at all levels, from beginners to top-tier high school teams. Most notably, he helped lead Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School to a state runner-up finish in 2020 and a state championship in 2021. He has experience as a combined team coach, power skating instructor, and skills development coach.

10U GOLD



Andy Donaty

Coach Donaty played for Bowie Hockey Club from Squirt's through Bantam's from 1990 through 1995. He went to play Varsity hockey at DeMatha Catholic High School from 1995 through 1998 and continued his hockey career at Rider University from 1998 through 2000. Andy has coached 8 different teams at Bowie Hockey over the years and is father to Brooks (12), Callen (10) and husband to Erin.

12U GOLD



TRAVEL PROGRAM

COACHING PROFILES



JD Garner

Bowie Hockey Club is excited to announce that JD Garner will be the coach for this year's 12U Black team. JD brings six years of coaching experience to the club, and is currently a level 4 coach. JD is also a Level 2 referee. Please welcome JD Garner!

12U BLACK



Jeff Ross

Bowie Hockey Club is excited to announce that the 14U Gold Head Coach for the 2025-2026 season will be Jeff Ross. Jeff is a Level 4 coach and has been coaching for about six seasons as assistant and head coach. Jeff also coaches with Crofton Middle School and shares his passion for teaching and motivating his players. Please welcome Jeff Ross!

14U GOLD



Andy Roberts

Bowie Hockey Club is excited to announce that the head coach for the Bowie 16/19U Girls team for the 2025-2026 season will be Andy Roberts. Andy is a Level 4 coach and was head coach for the Girls team as well as assistant coach for the 14U Black team last season. Please join me in congratulating Andy as we continue to develop and grow our Girls Hockey Program!

16/19 GIRLS



Will Durkee

We are excited to announce that the 18U Gold head coach for the 2025-2026 season will be Will Durkee. Coach Durkee is a level 4 coach and has been coaching for fifteen years. He has coached high school hockey for three years, notably finishing as MSHL state runner up in 2020 and MSHL state champion in 2021. We look to continue to set higher standards and goals at Bowie Hockey and hope the formation of a 18U travel team is one big step in that direction.

18U GOLD

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GIRLS HOCKEY

IN ADDITION TO OUR 12U, 16U AND 19U TEAMS BOWIE HOCKEY CLUB IS EXCITED TO OFFER AN 8U GIRLS TEAM FOR THE FIRST TIME!

NEW



Bowie Hockey Club
Travel Tryouts Register Now



8U Girls Tryouts
3/19/25: 5:45 – 6:45 PM

Pricing Until Mar 1 - \$25
Pricing After Mar 1 - \$30

Scan
to
Register



Derek Rabold

Girls Hockey Director
Head Coach | 8U & 12U



In addition to his role as Girls Hockey Director, Derek Rabold has been selected as head coach of the 8U Girls and 12U Girls teams. Derek he is a Level 5 Hockey coach, had a successful youth and college hockey career, and has been coaching for almost 25 years. Not to mention a prior Hockey Director for the club as well! Bowie Hockey Club is very excited and encouraged by the group of coaches that will help grow the Bowie Girls Hockey program in the future. Please help spread the word if you know any girls who play or would like to start playing, to get in touch with Derek or Will Durkee about joining.

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Blue
LIGHT Blue



Scan
to
Register

Bowie Hockey Club

Travel Tryouts Register Now

8U Tryouts

3/17/25: 6:15 – 7:15 PM
3/19/25: 5:45 – 6:45 PM

10U Tryouts

3/17/25: 7:30 – 8:30 PM
3/19/25: 7:00 – 8:00 PM
3/21/25: 7:00 – 8:00 PM

12U Tryouts

3/18/25: 7:30 – 8:30 PM
3/19/25: 8:15 – 9:15 PM
3/21/25: 8:15 – 9:15 PM

12U Girls Tryouts

3/22/25: 7:00 – 8:00 PM

14U Tryouts

4/26/25: 4:15 – 5:15 PM
4/27/25: 5:15 – 6:15 PM
4/29/25: 7:30 – 8:30 PM

16U/18U Tryouts

4/26/25: 5:30 – 6:30 PM
4/27/25: 6:30 – 7:30 PM
4/29/25: 8:45 – 9:45 PM

16U/19U Girls

4/28/25 6:15 – 7:15 PM

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REGISTER HERE



BOWIE HOCKEY CLUB **SPRING** *DEVELOPMENT* *CAMP*

- POWER SKATING
- STICKHANDLING & SHOOTING
- PASSING & POSITION-SPECIFIC DRILLS
- GOALIE CLINICS

STARTS 3.18.2025
REGISTRATION
IS LIVE



A FRESH APPROACH TO SPRING HOCKEY

We're excited to introduce a revamped development camp focused on maximizing player growth in a fun and challenging environment.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Power Skating
- Stickhandling
- Shooting & Passing
- Position-Specific Training

Goalies:

We're adding a Goalie Clinic to sharpen skills and build depth at the position. Stay tuned for more details.

Final Session:

Bowie Spring Hockey Skills Festival. Players will compete in fun skill challenges for prizes. This event is independent of tryouts.

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CHECKING CLINICS

APRIL 2 & APRIL 9

7:30 – 9:30

**TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SEASON'S PLAY BOWIE HOCKEY CLUB
IS EXCITED TO OFFER A FREE BODY CONTACT AND CHECKING
CLINIC FOR UPCOMING 12Us AND 14Us**



**FOCUS ON
TECHNIQUE
BODY POSITION
AWARENESS DRILLS**

Registration Open under the Spring Development Camp @ <https://www.bowiehockey.org>

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THE ICONIC BOWIE

UNIFORMS

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FRONT



FRONT



BACK



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HOME & AWAY GAME JERSEYS (\$230*)



GAME SHELL (\$54*)



GAME SOCKS (\$23*)

* Estimate based on 2024-2025 pricing

Sizing jerseys are available in ProSkate inside the Bowie Ice Arena. Players should wear shoulder pads when sizing the jersey. We suggest selecting a jersey size that your player can wear for a couple of seasons.





BOWIE ICE ARENA

MAINTENANCE UPDATES



2024 WAS A CHALLENGING YEAR FOR OUR HISTORIC RINK, BUT THANKS TO THE EFFORTS AND INVESTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOWIE OUR ICE ARENA IS BACK AND FULLY FUNCTIONAL FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON!

Q: What caused the rink to close?

A: The computer programming of the ice chiller failed causing the inability to produce ice.

Q: What was done to fix it?

A: The entire chiller system was replaced including the installation of a new custom controls package.

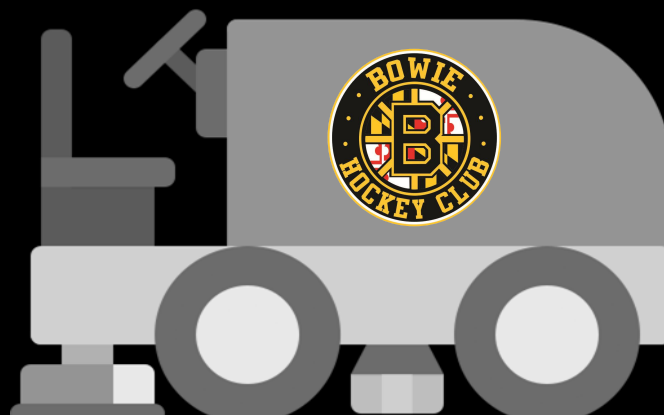
Q: Why did it take so long?

A: There were no longer parts readily available or experienced technicians for the aged system. An initial repair was attempted but did not work leading the city to ultimately replace the system.

Q: Is this a permanent or temporary fix?

A: Permanent – the city of Bowie invested over \$40K to fully replace the old failed system.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS





NEW BOWIE ICE ARENA

COMING FALL OF 2026!

TIMELINE & STATUS

- Design is 100% complete
- Permitting and review in process with Prince George's County
- On January 21, 2025 the City Council accepted a proposal from Owner's Rep Consulting for construction management services and directed the City Manager to sign a contract with the firm
- Phase 1 of the bidding process for construction of the facility is underway, and the Request for Qualifications is due February 25, 2025
- Contractors who are qualified during the Phase 1 will be invited to submit a bid for Phase 2 construction of the ice arena
- **Groundbreaking is expected in late spring / early summer 2025!**



<https://www.cityofbowie.org/841/New-Bowie-Ice-Arena>





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THANK YOU!

THE BOWIE HOCKEY CLUB
LOOKS FORWARD TO ANOTHER
GREAT SEASON.

PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO
REACH OUT WITH ANY
QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

 GO BRUINS!

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