

Insider Edge

Wausau Youth Hockey



2024-2025 END OF THE YEAR SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to all that took time to provide feedback via the 2024-2025 End of Year Survey. A special thank you to those who provided your name and for those that provided specific feedback. The use of names, teams and specific situations has allowed Board members to follow up and assist in planning for future seasons.

Below is a summary of the responses.

There were 59 unique responses.

32% of respondents provided their name.

90% say they will return to hockey next year, 8% are undecided and 1% will not return and another 1% will age out of WYH.

69% felt the Core Values were clearly explained.

Skaters are given equal skill development opportunities and play time, 93% agree with that statement.

74% state ways for their skater to improve was effectively communicated. 93% responded that the coaches were positive supports of their skater.

85% felt the team goals and expectations were clearly explained.

On a scale from 1-5, the average response to the question: were skaters adequately conditioned was 4.1.

4.16 was the average response for being satisfied with the number of practices per week and 4.05 with the number of games.

4.1 felt program was a good value.

Rating the level of communication, the average response was 3.9.

There were comments that the greatest improvement for the 2024-2025 season was the continued growth in the girls program, communication in the newsletter and the Monday night goalie clinic and practices led by Coach Charlie DePuydt.

Many of the recommendations for improvements for next year were around the concession stand, including how the associate identifies subs and a recommendation to make a step-by-step video of opening and closing the concession stand. If you know of anyone who would like to be on our sub list or want to help create the video, please contact info@wausauhockey.org.

If you have anything else you would like to share, please don't wait for next year's survey, feel free to contact any board member (see the next page on how you can become a board member) or info@wausauhockey.org.

MARCH 2025

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8th Grade Spotlight



**Wausau Youth
Hockey**

BOARD MEMBERS WANTED

ARE YOU READY TO TAKE THE CHALLENGE?

Qualifications/Details:

- Love the game of hockey
- Must have a Positive can do Attitude
- Volunteer for 3 or more Committees/Positions
- Attend Monthly Board Meetings
- Be Able to Volunteer up to 10 hours Per Month
- Be committed to Success
- Represent Warjack Core Values

**Voting will take place at the 2025
Annual Meeting
Wednesday, April 2, 2025, 6:00 pm
at The Bar, Rothschild**

APPLY TODAY



Below is the Wausau Youth Hockey Board Member agreement document. All board members will be required to honor and follow the items outlined below.

WAUSAU YOUTH HOCKEY BOARD MEMBER AGREEMENT

I UNDERSTAND THAT AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, I HAVE A LEGAL AND ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THE ORGANIZATION DOES THE BEST WORK POSSIBLE IN PURSUIT OF ITS GOALS. I BELIEVE IN THE PURPOSE AND THE MISSION OF THE ORGANIZATION, AND I WILL ACT RESPONSIBLY AND PRUDENTLY.

PART OF MY RESPONSIBILITIES AS A BOARD MEMBER INCLUDE:

- 1) I WILL INTERPRET THE ORGANIZATION'S WORK AND VALUES TO THE COMMUNITY, REPRESENT THE ORGANIZATION, AND ACT AS A SPOKESPERSON.**
- 2) I WILL ATTEND AND PREPARE FOR AT LEAST 9 BOARD MEETINGS ANNUALLY. I WILL INFORM THE BOARD IN ADVANCE OF ANY MEETINGS THAT I CANNOT ATTEND.**
- 3) I WILL BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF AT LEAST THREE COMMITTEES AND WILL, IF ASKED, BE WILLING TO TAKE A LEADERSHIP ROLE.**
- 4) I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS TIME NEEDED FOR THIS POSITION CAN BE UP TO 5 HOURS PER WEEK.**
- 5) I WILL BE WILLING TO ACCEPT INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVES AND TO SHARE MY PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE.**
- 6) I WILL EXCUSE MYSELF FROM DISCUSSIONS AND VOTES WHERE I HAVE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST.**
- 7) I WILL MAINTAIN THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF BOARD DELIBERATIONS AND WILL PUBLICLY SUPPORT THE DECISIONS OF THE BOARD, INCLUDING THOSE WITH WHICH I MIGHT HAVE DISAGREED.**
- 8) I WILL SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEES.**
- 9) I WILL ENCOURAGE, ENABLE AND RESPECT THE PARTICIPATION AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF FELLOW BOARD MEMBERS.**
- 10) I WILL STAY INFORMED ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE ORGANIZATION.**
- 11) I WILL PARTICIPATE IN AND TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAKING DECISIONS ON ISSUES, POLICIES, AND OTHER MATTERS. I WILL NOT STAY SILENT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.**
- 12) I WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE ASSESSMENT OF MY FULFILLMENT OF THESE COMMITMENTS AND WILL, IF ASKED, AGREE TO STEP DOWN FROM THE BOARD.**

Registration is open for our 2nd Annual Steve Strunk Hockey August 11-15, 2025, camp in partnership with WYH at the Greenheck Fieldhouse.

Camp Topics On Ice:

Power Skating – technical, efficient skating mechanics. Forward Stride, Backwards, Starts, Stops, Edge Work and Agility.

Shooting, Passing, Puck Handling.

*Puck Protection/Teamplay (Groups 2 & 3).

The focus of this camp is skating and skills development

This summer's camp is 5 days M-F!

Group 1 (5-7 yrs old) Birthyears 2017, 2018 & 2019

Check-In 7:30

On-ice 8:00 -9:00a.m

Check Out - 9:15 a.m.

Tuition \$200 (WYH members tuition \$100 please apply your \$100 WYH Code WYHgroup1 at online registration check out)

Group 2 (8-10yrs old) Birthyears 2016, 2015 & 2014

Check-in 8:45am

On-Ice Training 9:15am-10:45am

Check-out 11:00am

Tuition \$375 (WYH members tuition \$175 please apply your \$200 WYH Code WYHgroup2 at online registration check out)

Group 3 (11-14yrs old) Birthyears 2013, 2012, 2011 & 2010

Check-in 10:30am

On-Ice Training 11:00am-12:30pm

Check-out 12:45pm

Tuition \$375 (WYH members tuition \$175 please apply your \$200 WYH Code WYHgroup3 at online registration check out)

Final schedule and groupings are subject to change at the discretion of Steve Strunk Hockey.

Questions: please contact Steve Strunk 720-219-1954 or steve@strunkhockey.com

Register at: <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/25wausau/items?cart>



The poster features the Steve Strunk Hockey logo at the top, with the tagline "Work • Train • Compete". Below the logo is a photograph of a hockey player in a black jersey with "PRESTON" on the back, being coached by a man in a black jacket. The background is a blurred image of a hockey rink. Text on the right side of the photo lists the camp topics: "POWER SKATING", "STICK HANDLING", "SHOOTING & PASSING", "BODY MECHANICS", and "HOCKEY IQ". At the bottom left, it says "SUMMER CAMP 2025!" and "AUGUST 11TH - 15TH REGISTER NOW!!!". In the center bottom is a QR code with the text "SCAN ME" below it. On the right bottom is the "WARJACKS" logo and the text "SSH IN PARTNERSHIP WITH WYH WARJACKS!".

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10U Bronze - Consolation Champions

By Coach Dustin Peterson



Congratulations to our Storm 10U Bronze team on earning Consolation Champions in the 2025 WAHA State Tournament!

These girls wrapped up an incredible season surpassing all expectations and brought home some hardware. They are a shining example of what hard work, teamwork, and some determination can accomplish.

Their season started just trying to figure out this game they all love. In their first games, just changing lines was an exercise in patience and understanding. Watching girls figure out how much more space they have to skate but trying to remember the dreaded off-sides! I cherish the "I was wide open for a pass why did they blow the whistle?" look they give when the refs stop the play! Those first two games ended in 0-5 and 1-6 losses.

However, these girls wanted to be better and through a team motto of Have Fun, Try Hard, and Get Better they did just that.

The season ended with more wins than losses and so many highlights along the way: An overtime win in their first game of our home tournament, a last 30 second goal with the goalie pulled to tie a co-ed team, visiting the third ranked team in the state and tying both games, placing 2nd in the Washington County Ice Breakers tournament, winning against a 12U team in Madison, and ending the regular season visiting the team played in those first two games and winning 7-1 and 6-3.

The trip to the State tournament was known to be a tough task pulling the 7 seed and having to play the definitive number 2 team. The girls played their hearts out and left everything on the ice that first game, taking it deep into the 3rd period 2-1, but eventually losing. Though tired, they were able to pull out the win their second game. Then, on Sunday they were able to hold off an unfamiliar opponent and win 4-2 securing the Consolation Championship.

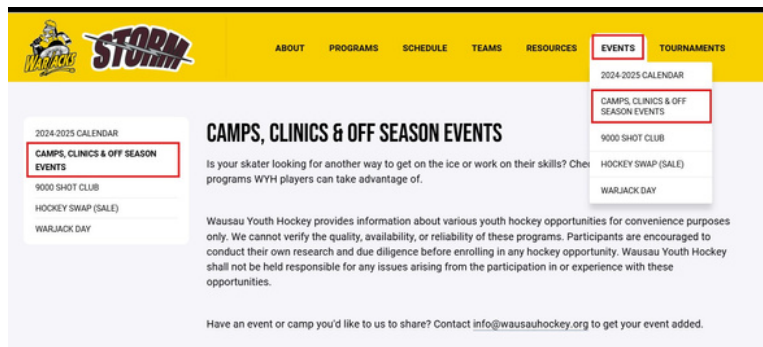
While the hardware, achievements, and memories these girls made on ice could be recognized by anyone watching, I am sure it is the friendships they made that will last the longest.

This is what girls hockey is all about. I'm thankful and proud that Wausau Youth Hockey provides a home for girls hockey to these girls and all of the other girls in our program now and in the future.

GO STORM!

OFF SEASON CAMPS, CLINICS & EVENTS

Is your skater looking for another way to get on the ice or work on their skills? Check out these events and programs WYH players can take advantage of.



Wausau Youth Hockey provides information about various youth hockey opportunities for convenience purposes only. We cannot verify the quality, availability, or reliability of these programs. Participants are encouraged to conduct their own research and due diligence before enrolling in any hockey opportunity. Wausau Youth Hockey shall not be held responsible for any issues arising from the participation in or experience with these opportunities.

Updated camps, clinics and events will be added to this page as information is received. If you are in receipt of an opportunity, please share by sending the information to info@wausauhockey.org.

JERSEY REMINDER

As our season comes to an end, many of our skaters are just starting the spring/summer hockey season. As an organization we fully support and encourage our players to partake in opportunities to sharpen their skills in the off season. While they embark on these new journeys we would like to take the time to remind families that Warjack and Storm game jerseys are just that - jerseys to be worn on game day for Wausau Youth Hockey sponsored events.

A player's jersey is a sacred item - something to be cherished and taken care of even after it's been outgrown. We understand that wearing Warjack black and gold or Storm maroon and grey shows our players sense of pride in their team. We love seeing them represent our hockey community, and we encourage them to wear Warjack or Storm swag outside of the season. A jersey is more than just a piece of gear we throw on though. Your child's jersey is a representation of their love for not only the game of hockey or for their team, it's also a reflection of their hard work and dedication.

Below you will find a link to our Jersey Policy page.

<https://www.wausauhockey.org/about/wausau-jersey-policy/10772>

More information, including the design for the 2025-2026 season will be shared this summer.

A Message from the Editor

Wausau Youth Hockey is still looking for more photos to share on Facebook, add to this newsletter and new images on events. Please share your photos through Facebook messenger or email to Info@wausauhockey.org.

Do you have recommendation for what to put in the newsletter? Want to write something for the newsletter? Please email info@wausauhockey.org





12U Parent v Kids game. After a tight battle, parents were victorious!



Squirt B at State



Warrior Hockey send off party



White 1 Parent Game

PeeWee B Parent
Game with
Cyclone players



Squirt C Parent Game



Squirt B waiting to take the ice

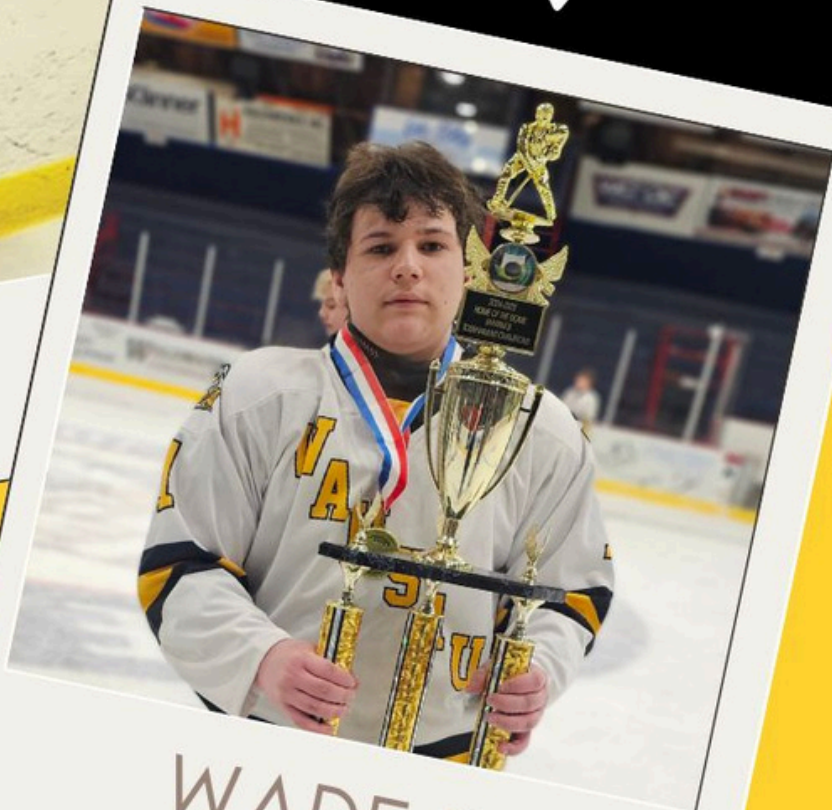


Squirt C End of Season Party



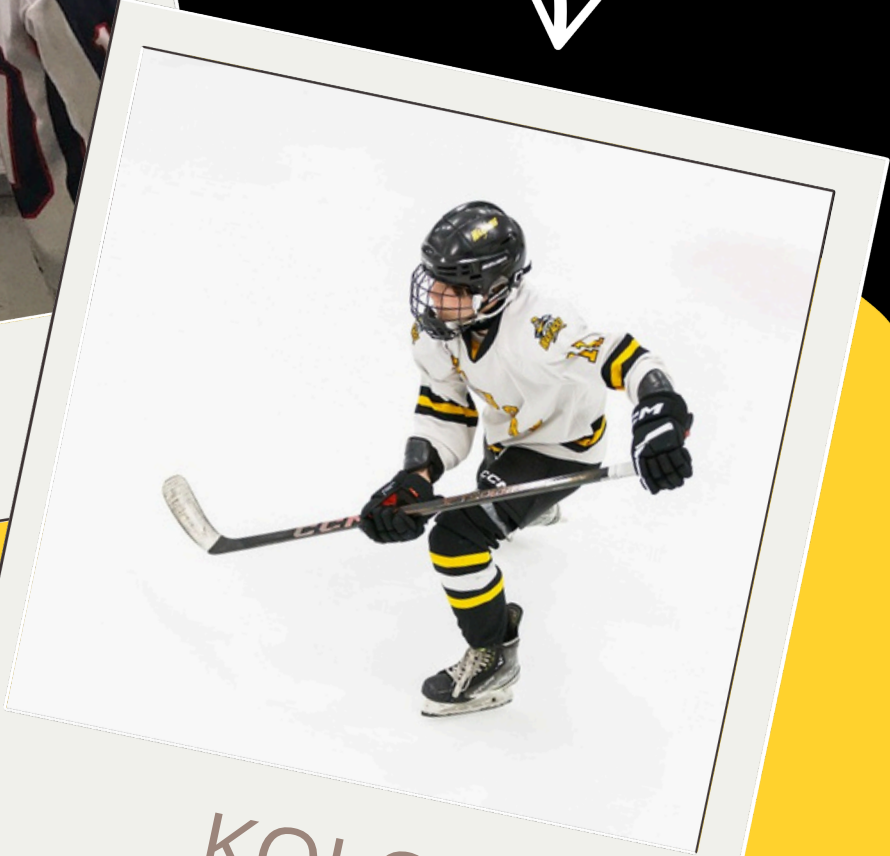
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Wishing all the best to the 8th graders on their
future hockey endeavors!



WADE RUSCH

8TH GRADE
SPOTLIGHT



KOI OLSON

8TH
GRADE
SPOTLIGHT



AIDEN BECKER

8TH GRADE
SPOTLIGHT



ALI BRANDT

8TH GRADE
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JACKSON TESCH

8TH GRADE
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WYATT BARKLEY

8TH GRADE
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BODE SLAVIN

8TH GRADE
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MAYZIE DEPUYDT

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ABE FLOHR

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LOGAN KLUG

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BENNET KOBACK

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