

Insider Edge



Wausau Youth Hockey



2025-2026 SEASON UPDATE

Wausau Youth Hockey Families,

I hope this message finds you well as we approach the final month of the school year and eagerly anticipate summer. As we begin to gear up for the 2025-2026 hockey season, I want to provide you with a brief overview of our plans and developments.

Our newly elected board is diligently working this offseason to enhance our organization. Key initiatives include updating association policies, improving core skills development at each age level, clarifying coaching expectations, and streamlining communication.

Another focus this offseason centers around creating a competitive atmosphere. Many parent surveys commented on our skaters not being in shape or putting forth effort in games. This is not about winning and losing. This is about fostering an environment that encourages hard play, sportsmanship, teamwork, resilience and setting expectations. Effort needs to be shown not only in games but also in practice.

In recent news regarding rink funding, Marathon County has approved a \$690,000 allocation to ensure the MP2 facility remains operational. While this funding will improve functionality through a mat system and other necessary items, it is a temporary solution. The county is actively seeking a long-term strategy for the rink's future, and I, alongside other user groups, am contributing ideas to this effort. As there is progress regarding the rinks, I will be sure to keep you informed.

However, due to the increased funding from the county, we will face a rise in our ice cost to \$165 per hour, significantly impacting our operating budget. Consequently, registration fees will rise by \$25 per skater next year. While this increase will not fully address the shortfall, our goal is to keep participation accessible and ensure we retain our skaters without an undue financial burden.

I understand the concerns regarding how our fees are utilized. Please know that the funds we pay for ice time do not directly support the rink's maintenance but rather contribute to the broader Marathon County Parks Department budget. I share your frustration and want to assure you that we are advocating for better resource allocation.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to Wausau Youth Hockey. We look forward to an exciting off-season as we gear up for the season ahead. Stay tuned for more updates!

Go Warjacks! Go Storm!
Seth Sierk
Wausau Youth Hockey President

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Newsletter Highlights

2025-2026 Season Update

Steve Strunk Camp Registration Open

Join a Committee

Woodchuck Game

2025's 10,000 Shot Club



**Wausau Youth
Hockey**

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 11:45am

On-Ice Training 12:15pm-1:45pm

Check-out 12:45pm

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

Extra on-ice session added for Group 2 (11:00 am-12:00pm) & Group 3 (2:00pm - 3:00 pm) for \$100

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 graphic features the Steve Strunk Hockey logo at the top, which includes a stylized 'SS' and the text 'STEVE STRUNK HOCKEY' 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 an adult on an ice rink. The background of the photo has a red and white striped pattern. To the right of the photo is a red arrow pointing up with dots. Below the photo, the text 'POWER SKATING', 'STICK HANDLING', 'SHOOTING & PASSING', 'BODY MECHANICS', and 'HOCKEY IQ' is listed. At the bottom, a black banner contains the text 'SUMMER CAMP 2025!', 'AUGUST 11TH - 15TH', and 'REGISTER NOW!!!'. To the right of this text is a QR code with the text 'SCAN ME' below it. Further right is the 'WARJACKS' logo, which features a cartoon character and the text 'WARJACKS'. Below the logo is the text 'SSH IN PARTNERSHIP WITH WYH WARJACKS!'.

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INTERESTED IN JOINING A COMMITTEE?

Interested in using your skills and talents to better Wausau Youth Hockey? The Recruiting + Retention and Fundraisin Committees are looking for new members. Committee members are eligible to earn dubs for their participation and contributions. For more information, contact the lead of each committee:

Fundraising: Kayla Harrington: harrington.kaylaann@gmail.com

Recruiting & Retention: Adam Hall: hallac21@gmail.com

Or at info@wausauhockey.org for more information or to join.

2025-2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the 2025 Annual Meeting on April 2, new members were elected to the board.

Please welcome BJ Brandt, Adam Hall and Kristi Toner as the newest members of the board. JJ Deffner and Ben Krenke were re-elected.

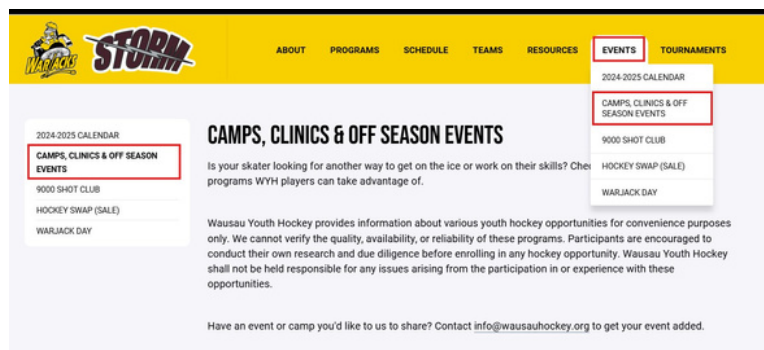


The 2025-2026 WYH Board.

A complete listing of positions and committees each board member holds can be found [here](#) on the Wausau Youth Hockey website



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





WAUSAU YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER

TUESDAY, JULY 22

FIRST PITCH - 6:35 PM

GATES OPEN - 5:35 PM

- SEATING IN COVERED FIRST BASE PATIO
 - 90 MINUTE BUFFET (BRATS, BURGERS, HOT DOGS, CHIPS, COLESLAW, SODA & WATER)
 - PREGAME ON-FIELD OPPORTUNITY FOR PLAYERS
 - MONEY RAISED FOR WAUSAU YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
- \$27 PER TICKET**

USE CODE 'WYHA25' TO PURCHASE ONLINE OR SCAN QR CODE

CONTACT JIM LEE, [JLEE@WOODCHUCKS.COM](mailto:jlee@woodchucks.com) OR 715-845-5055
WITH ANY QUESTIONS.





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2025 10,000 SHOT CLUB

Your goal is to take 10,000 shots this summer. Goalies may use their goalie stick and goalie gloves as much as practical for their age and ability, but not required.

**COUNT THE
SHOTS YOU TAKE
AND DATE THE
BOX WHEN YOU
GET 100.
COMPLETE 10,000
SHOTS BY
SEPTEMBER 15.
NEW RECOGNITION
TO BE**

ANNOUNCED

Need some help with the shots? Ask an adult to help you find a video to watch and learn how it is done.

YOUTUBE.COM/

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Name & Age

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