



Hello, exiting Bantam players and families,

I am writing with information about continuing club hockey at the high school level. The Southwest Eagles, a Midget - U18 team (formally called High School 2) is open to all players typically aged 15-18, who reside in Dane County and whose local hockey association does not offer a Midget - U18 team. Players residing outside of Dane County, or players who live in an area not assigned to a youth hockey association, may be eligible and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The Southwest Eagles co-op team is administratively managed by the Verona Wildcat Youth Hockey Association (YWYHA). Practices and games are held at the Verona Ice Arena.

The number of practices and games varies each week but generally includes two weeknight practices and one to three games on weekends. The team will participate in several weekend tournaments. The U18 program will aim for more games than the typical high school program and will rotate lines providing all players with game time. This is an ideal program for players who are looking for more playing time and opportunities than their high school program or are looking for a less intense weekly practice schedule allowing for other non-hockey opportunities, or who did not make their local high school team and want to continue their hockey development.

Fast Facts:

- Skaters ages typically 15-18 (born between 2008 & 2011, based on USA Hockey age classifications for the 2026 - 2027 season).
- Will cap the roster at 20 players
- Practices begin in November and will focus on skill development, including skating, puck handling, shooting, and team strategies.
- Games begin in November or early December
- Season runs through mid-March concluding at the WAHA State Tournament
- Players are responsible for their gear and game socks. Uniform jerseys will be provided.

Current Season Details:

- 15 rostered skaters
- Players are from 3 different youth hockey associations, including 2 players from no association communities
- Players attend 7 different high schools
- Coaches are from 2 different youth hockey associations
- Practices include ice time and dry-land practice in the Verona Ice Arena LEAD Lab.
- 32 games, including 4 tournaments
- 9 U18-Midget teams in Wisconsin
- Southwest Eagles are eligible for state without playdowns, unless WAHA rules change

The Southwest Eagles is a co-op team creating a new community of players who may have been rivals at the younger levels. Players also benefit from having coaches outside of their association, who bring new ideas, skills, and drills to the team. Bookmark the team page [here](#) or [complete an info form](#) to get your email on the pre-season contact list. Registration fees listed on the VVYHA website are for the current 2025-2026 season and are subject to change.

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