



## Nashoba Youth Hockey Association, Inc.

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### Finance: Tuition Policy 2026-2027 Season

The Nashoba Youth Hockey Association, Inc. (NYHA) is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. As a non-profit, all members are responsible for complying with the Tuition Policy to ensure program costs are covered and to minimize the risk of non-payment or delinquent tuition fees.

**The following Tuition Policy is in effect for the 2026-2027 season, which is scheduled from August 2026 through April 2027.**

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#### **Tuition Overview**

The NYHA Board of Directors establishes tuition rates annually. Tuition fees ensure that the association can pay for the costs associated with operating the program, including but not limited to league fees, practice ice, skills clinics, goalie clinics, coaching education, league playdowns/playoffs and administrative costs. Please see program registrations on the NYHA website for details on what is included with tuition.

Tuition must be paid in full by **August 1, 2026**. Players will not be allowed to participate in NYHA activities (practices, skills, games, clinics, etc.) until any outstanding balances have been paid in full, unless otherwise agreed upon in a Tuition Assistance agreement.

When player placement is accepted, tuition payments begin and hold a space for the player on that team. For that reason, we strongly encourage families to read and understand this policy before completing the registration process.

#### **Registration Process**

All players must complete an online registration and submit a non-refundable registration fee to NYHA before being allowed to participate in any scheduled pre-season skating sessions, including placement evaluations and scrimmages.

Player placement is determined by the Director of Player Development, Coaches, and Board of Directors. Players will be assigned to the NYHA team that best matches their age and ability. Please note that roster size is also taken into consideration when determining team placement to ensure the financial requirements of registering a team can be met.

Notification of team placement will be delivered by email. To be rostered on a team, players must accept the team assignment "offer" and make a deposit.

Registration fees are applied to the tuition balance, and the tuition amount stated in the offer reflects a deduction for any paid registration fees. NYHA offers members the ability to make payments in monthly installments until the due date. Deposits are non-refundable and are meant to hold a position for the player on the active roster. Non-payment of tuition fees may jeopardize the player's placement on the assigned team and may result in late fees.

Please be aware that the formation of teams depends on having a sufficient number of registered players. If the Board of Directors determines that there is insufficient player participation to form a team, NYHA reserves the right to withdraw offers for that team for the season. In such cases, NYHA will issue a full refund of any payments made.

### **Alternate Players**

Players assigned to an alternate position are considered part-time players. Alternates may attend all team practices and participate in games at the invitation of the Head Coach. Alternates are not eligible to participate in NYHA-hosted skills sessions or clinics unless approved by the Director of Player Development.

### **Process**

- The NYHA Board of Directors reviews and determines the use of alternate players annually.
- Placement of alternate players will be considered only after full-time players have been assigned to teams, and placement will be determined by skill level, age, and the team's need for players.
- Players seeking alternate status must submit the **Alternate Position Interest Form**:  
<https://forms.gle/bvgcv1DPuT9Qcgrw5>
- Requests will be reviewed by the Director of Player Development and Board of Directors.
- Players will be notified of the decision before the season begins.
- The approval of alternate status requests is at the sole discretion of the Director of Player Development and the Board of Directors.
- All decisions are final.

### **Terms**

Approved alternate status players will be subject to the following conditions:

- Playing time is not guaranteed, and eligibility for playoffs will be in accordance with league rules regarding minimum participation requirements.
- Alternates are not eligible to participate in parity round games.
- Registration and payment in full are required to be added to the roster.
- Alternate position tuition will be determined by the Board of Directors and will be communicated at the time an offer is made.
- No refunds will be issued at any time for alternate registrations.
- Alternate position offers are subject to the NYHA terms and conditions set forth in the registration process.
- Alternate players must wear the NYHA uniform exclusively and will not be permitted to participate in games or practices without their NYHA uniform.
- Alternates wishing to transition to full-time status must submit a request to the Director of Player Development. Full-time placement is subject to roster availability, and the remaining balance of full-time tuition must be paid before a player is granted full-time status.
- Participation in practices and games is at the discretion of the Head Coach and Board of Directors.
- Alternates wishing to participate in NYHA-hosted skills sessions or clinics must submit a written request to the Director of Player Development and pay associated fees in full prior to participation.

## **Girls Hockey - Dual Program Enrollment**

NYHA encourages female participation in either the COED Travel or Girls programs. Those players interested in registering for both programs must contact the Director of Girls Hockey before accepting a team placement offer. Dual enrollment players will be given priority alternate placements in their secondary program after registering as a full-time player in their primary program.

## **Goalies**

NYHA offers full time goalie positions to players U12 - U18 (COED PeeWees - Midgets and Girls U12-U18). Full-time goalie positions at the U10 Squirts/Girls U10 level are offered on a limited basis as we believe that younger players should develop skills as skaters and goalies.

## **Process**

- The NYHA Board of Directors reviews and determines the use of full time goalie positions annually.
- Full time goalie positions will be considered for the COED Travel Program U12 - U18 and Girls Program U12 - U18. Requests for goalie positions for younger age levels will be considered at the discretion of the Director of Player Development.
- Players must register for and attend scheduled age level placement sessions.
- Before accepting a team placement, players seeking a full time goalie position must submit the **Goalie Interest Form:** <https://forms.gle/5LZFpMVL67wXrBdm9>
- Requests will be reviewed by the Director of Player Development and Board of Directors. The approval of full time goalie status is at the sole discretion of the Director of Player Development and the Board of Directors.
- All decisions are final.

## **Terms**

Approved full-time goalie status players will be subject to the following conditions:

- Eligible to participate in NYHA hosted practices, skills sessions, and goalie clinics.
- ***Game participation will be determined at the Head Coach's discretion and is not guaranteed.***  
Full-time players will at times be given opportunities to play the goalie position.
- Full-time goalies are not permitted to "skate out" as non-goalie players.
- Full-time goalies will receive a discounted tuition as determined by the Board of Directors, and tuition rates will be communicated when a player's team placement offer is sent.
- Full-time goalie offers are subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the registration process.

## **Initiations Program**

Initiation sessions are offered throughout the season. Tuition is due at the time of registration and must be paid in full when submitting the completed online registration. Tuition fees will be announced before each session and may vary based on the costs of running the program.

## **Declined, Late, Missed, or Returned Payments**

NYHA incurs fees when payments are declined, late, missed, or returned. If you anticipate having difficulty making payments or know that you will not meet a payment deadline, please contact the NYHA Treasurer to discuss your options. NYHA offers a thirty (30) day grace period before late payment fees are applied.

If you have a question or concern about a charge made to your credit or debit card or bank account, members must first contact the NYHA Treasurer in writing to attempt to resolve the issue prior to initiating a dispute resolution with your financial institution.

Fees will be charged to the player's account as follows:

Type	Fee
Returned checks	\$35
Declined, late, or missed payment: credit card	\$25
Declined, late, or missed payment: ACH	\$25
Dispute (ACH/Credit Card)	5% administration fee (based on base tuition rate) plus \$25 fee

### **Rates and Payment Schedule**

Tuition rates will be published on the NYHA website while registration remains open and are outlined in the team placement offer. NYHA offers families the option of making payments in installments. The payment schedule will be as follows:

### **2026-2027 Payment Schedule**

February	Registration fee
April 1	Deposit
May 1	Installment #1
June 1	Installment #2
July 1	Installment #3
August 1	Installment #4

NYHA receives notification of league fees and ice contracts during the summer before the season starts. For this reason, NYHA reserves the right to increase tuition fees up to 10% in response to higher than anticipated league fees and ice time rentals. Members will be notified of any necessary price increases by August 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Refund Policy**

The NYHA Board strongly encourages families to read and understand the refund policy before registering their player.

- Registration fees and deposits are non-refundable.
- Tuition refund requests will only be considered in cases of illness or injury that prohibit the player from participating in the sport of ice hockey for the remainder of the current hockey season. No refund will be granted for any reason other than the aforementioned.
- Requests must include a doctor's note validating the illness/injury and stating that the player will not be able to return to play for the duration of the season.
- Refund requests must be made in writing to the NYHA Treasurer.
- The NYHA Board of Directors will review the details, establish a date of withdrawal, and communicate a decision in writing.
- All decisions are final. Approved refunds subject to the availability of program funds.

### Refund Request Timetable

Fee	Refund amount
Registration fee	Non-refundable
Deposit	Non-refundable
Tuition: Illness or Injury related <b>Before July 31st</b>	Amount paid at time of request, net of registration fees and deposit
Tuition: Illness or Injury related <b>After August 1st</b>	50% of tuition paid, net of registration fees and deposit
Tuition: Illness or Injury related <b>After December 1st</b>	Prorated based on amount of time participated, net of registration fees and deposit
Tuition: Non-illness or Injury related	Non-refundable
Alternate placements	Non-refundable

### Tuition Assistance

The Nashoba Youth Hockey Association is committed to minimizing the financial obstacles associated with participating in our hockey programs. We have partnered with community members and organizations who help us to support this mission. Tuition assistance is available to NYHA applicants who are in need due to financial hardship.

Tuition Assistance is dependent upon availability of funds and is offered to members on an individual basis in two ways:

- Modified Payment Plan: Applicants and the NYHA Board will establish a written agreement that includes a modified payment schedule based on the current fee structure. The player will remain on the active roster if the agreed-upon payment plan is followed.
- Tuition Relief: Applicants and the NYHA Board will create a written agreement detailing a reduced tuition rate for the season. All applicants must contribute at least twenty percent (20%) of the tuition fee.

To make a request, complete and submit the Tuition Assistance Request Form to the NYHA Treasurer BEFORE accepting a placement offer. The form can be found on our [Tuition Assistance Information Page](#).

Tuition assistance requests remain confidential and are reviewed by the NYHA Board Executives. Supporting documentation may be requested. Applications will be assessed based on demonstrated financial hardship and available funds. All determinations will be communicated to applicants in writing.

### Tuition Assistance Terms

- Assistance is granted on a per season basis. Applicants must apply each season.
- Applicants must remain members in good standing throughout the season to be eligible for continued assistance.
- The amount of assistance varies and is dependent on the availability of funds and specific needs of the applicant.
- Assistance is awarded at the discretion of the NYHA President and Treasurer.

- Tuition assistance is offered as a credit toward the player's tuition balance and will not be provided as cash.
- Tuition assistance will be applied to the next season tuition and may not be applied to current outstanding balances.
- Failure to pay balances according to the agreement will result in the player not being allowed to participate in NYHA activities (including but not limited to skills, practices, games, and clinics) until outstanding balances have been paid in full.
- All decisions are final.

By completing the Tuition Assistance Request Form, you acknowledge that you have read, understand, and agree to the NYHA Tuition Policy and that NYHA cannot guarantee your request for assistance will be awarded.

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### **Questions**

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please reach out to the NYHA Treasurer. NYHA members are also encouraged to attend the monthly Board of Directors meetings, where key organizational plans and updates are discussed.

**Thank You,**

**Board of Directors**

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