



# KNIGHTLY NEWS

## SOUTH WINDSOR YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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**\*\*\*FREE\*\*\*  
LEARN-TO-SKATE**

Monthly programs running from September through November



This beginner program is designed to teach boys and girls 4-14 years old the basics of skating. Knowing how to skate is not a prerequisite. Our instructors will teach them how, preparing them to join those already skating and learning the fundamentals of the game.

The key ingredient to South Windsor Youth Hockey Association (SWYHA) Learn to Skate is the element of having fun. South Windsor Youth Hockey has adopted and implemented a development model that adheres to the criteria and philosophies established by USA Hockey.

The monthly Learn-to-Skate Program consists of four, 60 minute, on-ice sessions starting in September and then running each month through November. You pick the one(s) which is best for you and your family.

SOUTH WINDSOR YOUTH HOCKEY HAS PARTNERED WITH THE NEW YORK RANGERS TO BRING THE JUNIOR RANGERS LEARN-TO-PLAY PROGRAM TO THE SOUTH WINDSOR ARENA. THE JUNIOR RANGERS PROGRAM IS A GREAT WAY TO INTRODUCE YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER TO ICE HOCKEY AT A VERY AFFORDABLE RATE. NO PRIOR SKATING EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED ALTHOUGH MANY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR FREE LEARN-TO-SKATE PROGRAM.

THE LEARN-TO-PLAY PROGRAM IS A SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM THAT INTRODUCES THE FUNDAMENTALS OF ICE HOCKEY. THE PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN 5 TO 10 YEARS OF AGE AND IS LED BY A NEW YORK RANGERS CERTIFIED COACH.



### South Windsor Youth Hockey Presents:



#### Learn-to-Play

For \$295  
your player will receive:

- 10 Weeks of instruction
- coached by NY Rangers certified coaches
- Full set of hockey equipment to keep
- USA Hockey Registration/Membership
- Automatic Enrollment in our Sept. Learn-to-Skate Classes

For More Information and to Register, visit: [www.swhockey.com](http://www.swhockey.com)



**ANNOUNCING  
ROOKIE LEAGUE**

SOUTH WINDSOR YOUTH HOCKEY & THE NY RANGERS ARE PARTNERING TO BRING YOU AN ORGANIZED IN-HOUSE OPPORTUNITY

10 WEEK PROGRAM  
COMBINING PRACTICE AND GAME PLAY



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#### \*\*NEW\*\* JUNIOR RANGERS ROOKIE LEAGUE

LOOKING TO GET SOME GAME EXPERIENCE? OR SKATE AN EXTRA DAY? THE JUNIOR RANGERS ROOKIE LEAGUE IS THE NEXT STEP UP FROM THE JUNIOR RANGERS LEARN-TO-PLAY AND IS DESIGNED TO GIVE YOUR CHILD MORE ICE TIME EACH WEEK BY SKATING 2 TIMES PER WEEK. FOR 10 WEEKS, YOUR PLAYER WILL HAVE A ONE-HOUR PRACTICE SESSION AND THEN HAVE A SECOND DAY TO COMPETE IN ORGANIZED CROSS-ICE GAMES.

#### THE PROGRAM FOCUSES ON:

- CONTINUED SKILL DEVELOPMENT
- INTRODUCTION TO GAME PLAY
- UTILIZING SKILLS LIKE PASSING AND TEAMWORK



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### President's Corner

Most people don't think that Summer is part of the hockey season... unless they are a hockey parent and they know we don't get an off season.

The Board is hard at work planning next season and beyond! As we look to build out plans for new clinics, more learn to play options and all kinds of ways all of our kids can grow as hockey players and good humans, we are asking every parent to get involved in some way! From being a locker room monitor, to developing a girls skills program, there are so many ways for everyone to get involved next year. Even if you don't know hockey, there is always something you can do here for your team and the whole association!

We are looking for volunteers with marketing and business experience to get our new programs out to the public among other things. Please reach out to anyone on the Executive Board if you have ideas, skills to share or just want to know how you can help! We are looking forward to a great season of growth and development and want everyone here to be a part of it!

-Jess McCormick  
president@swhockey.com

REMINDER!!

### REGISTERING FOR USA HOCKEY

Please make sure your player(s) is registered with USA Hockey and that you upload their number into their Crossbar profile. You can find an easy "How-To" document on our website under 'Resources' - 'For Parents' - 'Obtaining USA Hockey Number'. Every coach, player and volunteer needs to have this done no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>! Please reach out to our Registrar, Moira Lanz (moira.lanz@swhockey.com) with any questions.

Save  
THE  
Date

### Our 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing



Join us on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at East Hartford Golf Course! This event is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and is always great fun. Event starts at 10am. Be on the lookout for registration to open. Contact Kyle Quigley (kquig99@hotmail.com) with any questions or to volunteer to help!

### FAMILY BUSINESS FEATURE

MARC'S  
APPLIANCE WAREHOUSE, LLC



This month we would like to shine the spotlight on Marc's Appliance Warehouse. MAW has been around since 1999 serving the West Hartford and surrounding area selling and servicing home appliances. Whether you need a single appliance or to furnish an entire property, Marc's team of professionals are ready to assist. They recently expanded and opened a second location in Ellington, where SWYHA Hockey Mom, Erin Engman, serves as their Sales Director. Stop on in to either location (80 South St., W. Hartford or 89 West Rd., Ellington) or if an appliance needs servicing, give them a call at 860-236-3567.

\*If you would like your family business featured, send an email to moira.lanz@swhockey.com.



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## SWYHA DIRECTORY

## Mark your Calendar Calendar of Events

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### JUNE

- **28TH:** YOUTH SPORTS DAY @ SW FARMER'S MARKET (9AM-12PM)
- **28TH:** TRY GOALIE FOR FREE CLINIC- 6PM AT WONDERLAND ICE ARENA.

### AUGUST

- **4TH:** SWYHA HOCKEY NIGHT @ THE HARTFORD YARD GOATS (6:10PM; EMAIL NICOLE.MCCONNELL@SWHOCKEY.COM FOR TICKETS)
- **14TH:** WELCOME BACK BASH @ NEVERS PARK PAVILION
- **25TH:** PRESEASON PRACTICES BEGIN!

### OCTOBER

- **3RD:** 29<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF OUTING @ EAST HARTFORD GOLF COURSE

## TO DO LIST:

It is important that the following get done before your child steps onto the ice:

- **All uniforms items need to be ordered by Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>!** All items that are ordered will come into the ProShop at the end of the Summer and you will be contacted on when to pick up. Please note: SWYHA is in the process of requiring players (Squirts and above) to have **White Helmets and Maroon Gloves**. We ask that if you are in the market to purchase these items, please choose the colors listed. You **do not** have to go out and purchase if not needing to buy at the moment.
- Obtain your player's 2025-26 USA Hockey number and upload to their Crossbar profile. See Page 2 with more information on this.
- Download the Crossbar app and link your team. This is how you will be able to view schedules, RSVP to practices/games/events, and have immediate communication with your teams (great for knowing which locker room to go to).
- Complete your **Consent to Treat form** for your player, as well as review and sign the **Player Code of Conduct** with your player. These can be handed in to your Team Manager

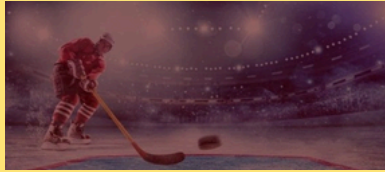


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*Players  
Wanted!*



WE STILL HAVE SOME SPOTS IN OUR MITES AND BANTAM LEVELS. IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED, PLEASE HAVE THEM REACH OUT TO OUR PRESIDENT, JESSICA MCCORMICK, AT [PRESIDENT@SWHOCKEY.COM](mailto:PRESIDENT@SWHOCKEY.COM).



### TRY GOALIE FOR FREE CLINIC!

The Connecticut Hockey Conference (CHC) is offering a Try Goalie for Free Clinic on Saturday, June 28th at 6pm at Wonderland Ice Arena in Bridgeport. This event is designed for anyone who has played at the 8U or instructional level that is interested in being a goalie.

No goalie equipment is required, but you can bring it if you have some. Please [click this link](#) to register.

### BECOMING A Volunteer

Not a "hockey person" but want to help in another way? There are lots of ways you can be a volunteer and help your player's team:

- Locker Room Monitor: Are present in the locker room during practices and games to make sure all players and adults are being respectable and safe.
- Time Clock/Game Sheet/Music: Work the clock, write down goals/penalties on the score sheet, or play age appropriate music during games. Major perk: the booth is heated!
- Marketing: Help us spread the word for our upcoming clinics by using your skills to promote our special sessions.

If you are interested in helping in one of these areas, or if you know of another area you can be of help, please contact our Secretary, Moira Lanz, at [moira.lanz@swhockey.com](mailto:moira.lanz@swhockey.com).

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HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT SOMETHING? BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE [WWW.SWHOCKEY.COM](http://WWW.SWHOCKEY.COM). THERE YOU WILL FIND THE TAB 'RESOURCES' AND LOTS OF HELPFUL DOCUMENTS TO MOST LIKELY ANSWER YOUR QUESTION. IF NOT, PLEASE REFER TO OUR DIRECTORY ON PAGE 3.