



The Red Line



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Presidents Message

We are in the midst of another exciting season. The Northstars Winter Classic and Extreme Freeze Tournaments were extremely successful. Our House League season is in full swing and our Travel teams are progressing towards State tournament play.

AYHA continues to grow. We have increased our membership for the 3rd year in a row. We have gotten so large that we are now purchasing ice from the Lake George Forum. You will see even more ice time at the Forum this season and next season. The growth will necessitate more changes. The Board is continually evaluating the programs we offer to both travel and house league teams. The age groupings for the House League are largely contingent on our membership demographic. Please let us know your thoughts as this will help to shape our future for next season. As always, we strive to maximize the opportunities for all of our players.

Jeff Willis
AYHA President

Cabin Fever Promotion

Do you have any friends, neighbors or other family members that have Cabin Fever and would like to join the house League mid-season? If you know someone with kids that are getting restless or interested in having their kids learn to skate, let them know that AYHA is still accepting new members in the House League for the remainder of the season. For more details go to: www.ADKhockey.com

Volunteer Hours

As we head into the second half of the season, be sure to complete your volunteer hours. The concession stand and skate rental sales help us maintain the lowest membership fees of any Capital District youth hockey program. There will plenty of opportunities during the Winter Break to volunteer, so take advantage of the opportunities. For the remainder of season, we will also be adding a sign-up for the skate rental room. In the past, we had a dedicated member of our organization that handed out the skates. We will be rotating that position in the future and you will find it on the sign-up sheet in front of the concession stand.

New Dasher Boards and Glass

AYHA recently purchased Boards from the Berkshire School. We are very excited to upgrade our facility again next season with the introduction of new dasher boards and glass. The new boards are 12 years old and are in EXCELLENT shape, the dasher boards of a modern design and are safe for the kids. The glass is clear and will improve visibility for our spectators. We will need your help to dismantle the existing boards and to install the new ones, once the season is over in April. Keep your eyes and ears open for dates and times. Don't be afraid to lend a hand. The more help we have, the quicker the process will go.

Rink Upgrades

This season, thanks to the city of Glens Falls, we have made improvements to our rink with new lights and a compressor. We noticed immediately how much brighter the lights and the new reflective ceiling make the facility look and feel. The new compressor is more efficient and reliable than the old compressor. Adding more ice time next season will increase your value as a member of AYHA. We also want to thank Boyd Akins and Steve Backus for painting the Phantoms logo, Northstars logo and Phantoms themed locker room.

Pre – Registration Once again, we will be offering pre-registration discounts for the upcoming season. Keep on the lookout for designated pre-registration times in late February and early March at the Recreation Center. By Pre-Registering, AYHA can begin planning the structure of our programs for next season. In particular, we can determine whether we have enough players to form A, B and C Travel Teams and the construction of our House League.

Board Membership We encourage all members to take an active role in shaping the organization. Some may think that 2 or 3 people run the organization. That misconception couldn't be further from the truth. AYHA has about a dozen members working behind the scenes on the Board

to make hockey possible for the kids and are always in need of more help. Don't be afraid to step forward and volunteer. We can find a role based on your strengths and availability to help the kids and the organization.