



The 2021-2022 season is almost here!!!

THREE SUPER CRITICAL THINGS YOU MUST DO NOW!



USA Hockey Registration

All players and coaches must register with USA Hockey ASAP.

Those that are not registered with USA Hockey will not be permitted in the ice.

Please click [here](#) to register. If you are a coach or team manager, you will need to register as well. Following registration, USA Hockey will send you your registration number.

Please do the following:

- Enter the registration number into your Nashoba Youth Hockey account
- Save the number as you will need it to complete your VHL registration once that opens in a few weeks.



Forms

Click [here](#) to access the 2021-2022 forms available on the NYH website.

The following signed documents must be brought to either the upcoming evaluation sessions (Mites and Squirts) or to the first practice.

Consent to Treat

Codes of Conduct (available as one file)

- Mass Hockey Parent Code of Conduct
- USA Hockey Code of Conduct
- Player Code of Conduct

Please be sure to read the USA Hockey Declaration of Player Safety, Fair Play and Respect.



Email address

Please make sure that you access your account and confirm the email address associated with the player account and the guardian account is correct.

Got questions? We have answers!

Team Assignments: What team is my player assigned to?



For those age divisions for which teams have not been announced, please know that our awesome Director of Player Development, Brant Berglund, is very intentional about the timing. We have many participants in our summer Learn to Play programs and want to make sure we are coordinating team sizes accordingly. Additionally, at the younger age levels specifically, much can change in five months. Our upcoming Placement sessions will provide the final information needed to ensure all players are placed on the right team to maximize their development.

Schedules: What takes so long?



Two main reasons: 1) Weekend practice times are difficult to coordinate until the game schedule is released and 2) the current health situation means that many schools have not yet determined whether or not their rinks will be available to the public. What that adds up to is one complex logic problem and our fantastic Director of Resources, Micah O'Malley is hard at work to help solve! All practice and game schedules will be posted as soon as they are available.

Fundraising

We have two exciting fundraisers in the works!

On September 13, we are launching our first remote fundraiser through Snap! Raise, a virtual platform that providing NYH players the ability to reach out to their networks to help support their fundraising efforts.

Watch your email for more info!



When Sports and Arts Come Together!

Nashoba Youth Hockey is so excited to share that we've partnered with our local theater organization, The Nashoba Players, for a unique fundraising opportunity. As patrons purchase tickets for their upcoming fall show, Rose's Dilemma, they will be provided with an option to make a separate donation to Nashoba Youth Hockey. The Nashoba Players have done an amazing job of sharing our mission and have indicated they love seeing people pursue their dreams – whether on the ice or on the stage!



Rose's Dilemma is a fast paced Neil Simon comedy that, coincidentally involves a fundraising theme. The Nashoba Players perform at the Parrish Center of the Arts in a cabaret-style setting, so you can bring nibbles and drink to enjoy during the show. No cowbells please! 😊

In recognition of this partnership, we'd love to see the audience filled with Nashoba Youth Hockey families and friends. Please visit the [Nashoba Players website](#) to purchase tickets and to make an extra donation to support our ongoing mission to provide affordable hockey programs for our community.



Save the Dates

September 13: Snap ! Rise fundraiser launches

September 18: National Clean Up Day! We are forming a team to help pick up litter!
More info on how to sign up will be forthcoming!

October 1: Grizzly Pride Day: Show that Pride and wear your jerseys, hats, jackets to school, work and around town! Please share your fun Grizzly Pride pictures!

We will share more details on social media so don't forget to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter!](#)

A note from our Directors of Player Health and Safety

We hope everyone had a safe and relaxing summer. Hockey season is now upon us and we wanted to take a moment to touch on a few important safety topics. First, the pandemic. Your health and safety are our highest priority. We continue to closely monitor guidance from health experts and medical professionals and this information will continue to inform our approach. We will continue to keep you informed. Most importantly, if you or your players are not feeling well and/or have any symptoms, please stay home and take care. COVID-19, the common cold, seasonal allergies and the flu have many similar signs and symptoms. Please contact your doctor if you have any symptoms. If you test positive during the season, please let us know immediately.



Turning to the season, it's important that your player has what they need to have a successful and safe hockey experience.

Ensure that all equipment is in good working condition and that it is sized appropriately. Proper fitting equipment is important when it comes to injury prevention.

Did you know that helmets have an expiration date? They do. You will find a sticker on the back of the helmet with the date of expiration. It is not recommended the helmet be used after the date on that sticker.

What about anti-slash neck guards? USA Hockey has released a Neck Laceration Protector Policy that recommends all players wear a neck laceration protector, choosing a design that covers as much of the neck area as possible.

Our Equipment Director, [Melissa Higgins](#), is a fantastic resource for equipment questions. Melissa also manages our Play it Forward program, so please also contact Melissa if you need equipment or have equipment to donate!

Concussions

Nashoba Youth Hockey's policy on concussions is in line with that of USA Hockey. It is understood that if your player's coach(es) feels that they have suffered a potential concussion, they will immediately be removed from play. They will not be allowed to return until their medical provider has signed off on the [USA Hockey Return to Play form](#). This form clears them for a full return to hockey without limitations. You child's coach will provide you with a return to play form at the time of the incident.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Player Health and Safety members with questions or concerns. We welcome feedback and would also welcome additional members if you feel your background would be helpful to the cause of player health and safety.

[Gus Marino](#)

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Need some apparel before the season starts? Head over to our [SquadLocker](#) for some cool gear.

There is already so much happening in the Nashoba Hockey world! Keep up to date by reading the below, following us on [Facebook](#)/Twitter, and joining the [NYHA Group on Facebook](#).

Thank you and have a great weekend! #gogrizzlies #hometownhockey