

THE BREAKOUT

The Atlantic Hockey Federation Newsletter



Message from Matt

As we head into the New Year, it is a great time to reflect on the start of our inaugural season. 374 teams representing six states and thirty-one clubs took a chance on our new league when we started on August 13, 2021. Since then, we have had over 2,450 AHF games across four states. The players have scored over 20,000 goals (and counting) during the 115,000 minutes of play so far this season.

While the numbers are impressive, next year will be even better. We have decided to move from a supplemental league to a full-time league. Most of our teams will leave the DVHL and NJYHL; a small number of teams will play full time in the NJYHL and CBHL while continuing to play a supplemental schedule in the AHF. The response from the hockey community has been excellent. We had over 25 organizations that wanted to join us. We decided to stay true to our mission of rink owned/controlled clubs and are proud to welcome the following new members for the 2022-2023 season:

- From the DVHL: Capital City Vipers, Harrisburg, PA; Haverford Hawks, Haverford, PA; Lehigh Valley Phantoms Youth, Bethlehem, PA; Palmyra Black Knights, Annville, PA; Valley Forge Colonials, Oaks, PA; and Wissahickon Skating Club, Philadelphia, PA
- From the CBHL: St. James Hockey Club, Springfield VA and the Southern Maryland Sabres, Waldorf, MD
- Independent Clubs: The Wilkes Barre Scranton Knights, Pittston, PA and Tomorrow's Ice, Abingdon, MD

We are lucky to have all of these outstanding clubs join us next year.

We experimented with a bunch of new things, some of which worked well (GameSheet and Scouting Reports) and some of which were not so good and will not continue (HockeyTV). Our promise to you is that we will innovate and bring new things to provide our hockey families a great experience. We are bound to make mistakes but will learn from them and continue to improve, just as our players do each time they step on the ice. Playoffs are coming up in the next few weeks, and we are looking forward to crowning our inaugural champions.

UPCOMING EVENTS: PLAYOFFS

January 15th – 17th
Northeast Skate Zone, Philadelphia, PA
Grundy Ice Arena, Bristol, PA
14U AA, 16U AA and 18U AA

March 4th-6th
Hollydell Ice Arena, Sewell, NJ
Mite Advanced, Mite A, Mite B, 15U AA, 18U A

March 4th-6th
The Igloo, Mt. Laurel Township, NJ
10U AA and 12U AA

March 4th-6th
Pro Skate, Monmouth Junction, NJ
16U A Gold and 16U A Silver

March 11th-13th
Ice Line, West Chester, PA
10U A Gold, 10U A Silver, 10U B

March 18th-20th
Ice Land, Hamilton, NJ
13U AA and 12U B

March 18th-20th
Jersey Shore Arena, Wall Township, NJ
14U A Gold, 14U A Silver, 12U A Gold and 12U A Silver

March 18th-20th
The Igloo, Mt. Laurel Township, NJ
14U B

18U, 16U and 14U AA Playoff Preview

The Atlantic Hockey Federation will kick off its first post-season playoffs at the 18U AA, 16U AA, and 14U AA levels on Saturday, January 15th, at the Northeast Skate Zone in Philadelphia, PA, and will culminate with championship games on Sunday, January 16th. The top six teams from each division will compete in a round-robin format, with the round-robin winner and the round-robin runner up facing each other in championship games to crown the first-ever U18 AA, U16 AA, and U14 AA Atlantic Hockey Federation Champions.

The 18U AA division features some of the strongest teams in the country. Presently, four of the top five teams in the AHF 18U AA standings are ranked in the top 30 nationally: Ashburn Xtreme #5, MYHA Blue #16, Philadelphia Blazers #20, and the Igloo Jaguars #26. Based on the results in the regular season, these are going to be some great competitive hockey games, and the champion will have beaten a number of outstanding hockey teams in a weekend to be crowned 2021-2022 AHF champion.

The 16U AA division is presently led in the standings by Team Philadelphia, ranked #8 nationally. The road to the 16U AA championship will be difficult as currently, each team in the top six of the standings has won at least 10 games on the season. This division's depth of talent and quality will be on display this weekend as the top six in the AHF regular-season rankings feature two teams from Maryland, two teams from New Jersey, and two teams from Pennsylvania.

The 14U AA division standings are presently led by the New Jersey Rockets, who are ranked 8th in the nation. Expect to see some high-scoring games in the round-robin phase of the 14U AA division playoffs. Each team currently in the top six in the AHF rankings is averaging over four goals per game, led by the North Jersey Aspen Kings Blue team averaging over seven goals per game. You can find the playoff championship games schedule of your favorite team as well as results by visiting [2021-2022 Playoffs](#), and you can watch all of the action on livebarn.com or follow along on [GameSheet](#).

COMING SOON

As you saw this year, we want to promote all of the amazing achievements of our teams and our players. We started with scouting reports and will add the AHF podcast in Summer 2022. The podcast will be available on all major platforms and will be a way for players, families, coaches, managers, and fans to stay up-to-date on all the things happening in youth hockey but, more importantly, the AHF.

GAME CLIPS

We love posting videos of the great goals, incredible saves, and incredible teamwork of our players during AHF games. Please share them with us at Game Clips to be featured on social media.

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New Initiatives

AHF will be launching a brand-new website in March 2022. The AHF staff has been working with one of the leading web development companies in the United States, with a focus on sports organizations, to redesign the present AHF website. We want our website to be easy to use and have all the information our players, families, refs, and fans need while staying linked directly to GameSheet. Everything you want to know and need to know about the AHF will be a click away as there will be over 75 unique web pages to navigate and will be easy to use on your home computer, laptop, or mobile device. If you have a question about the AHF, you will find the answer on the new and improved site.

In addition to our upgraded website, we are launching the brand new, proprietary AHF app. While our new website will be mobile-friendly, our AHF app will make accessing rosters, scores, schedules, and stats thru GameSheet easier. The app will be accessible on the Apple store next year.

Team of the Month: Aspen Kings 14U A Grey

Bonding is important when playing a team sport. Doing activities outside the realm of hockey has always been vital to building chemistry and making lifelong friends. One AHF team recently found a way to take that aspect of team sports and use it to benefit others. On Sunday, Nov. 7, the North Jersey Aspen Kings 14U A Grey team decided to participate in the 6th Annual Hero 5k Run/Walk.

All the proceeds raised during the event went to help the student veterans of Bergen Community College, in NJ. The event was limited to 300 participants and managed to sell out, with 23 of those participants being involved with the North Jersey Aspen Kings 14U Grey, which included not only its players but many of the parents and siblings.

If you would like to see your team featured in a news story on AHF's website, please submit your idea [here](#)



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