



Newsletter of the Arctic Foxes Hockey Association



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Game On!!!

We hope that everyone had a good extended holiday break. Thankfully the hockey restrictions have been lifted and games are starting up again this weekend. Managers and schedulers are busy rescheduling games that were missed. Here are a few related updates from around the local hockey world:

- We are still expecting to play a full PAHL regular season schedule. One possible issue is postponed games vs WV teams. Their governor has restricted hockey in the state until Mar 1 and PA travel restrictions don't really allow them to play here currently. More details will come when available.
- The USA Hockey National Tournament has been pushed back to Apr 29-May 3, 2021.
- MidAm Playdowns are likely to move to Mar 27/28, but that isn't official yet. If they do, Bantam and Midget AA playoffs will move to Mar 20/21.
- Girls playoffs have been moved to Mar 20/21. All other playoffs have been moved to Apr 10/11.
- The number of teams qualifying for playoffs has been increased for some divisions. 6 teams will now qualify in divisions of 9-12 teams, and 8 teams will qualify in divisions of 13+ teams.

December's Dandies

Hat Tricks

Caroleena Genco (G14) vs North Pgh
Lilly Relyea (G14) vs North Pgh
Skylah Steban (G14) vs North Pgh
Carolenna Genco (G14) vs
Cleveland Lady Barons
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Playmakers

Lilly Relyea (G14) vs North Pgh
Maddie Bank (G14) vs
Cleveland Lady Barons
Lilly Relyea (G14) vs
Cleveland Lady Barons

Shutouts

Jenna Collins (G14) vs
Cleveland Lady Barons

Volunteers Make the Puck Go Round

by: Dan Gynn

This is the 2nd in a series of articles examining the evolution, reforms, goals, and accomplishments of the Arctic Foxes Hockey Association over the past several years.

Volunteers are the engine of the Arctic Foxes. **Did you know we have over 130 people who volunteer in one way or another?** That's about 1 volunteer for every 3 players. They are the coaches, managers, board members and others who give their time and talents to help make their son or daughter's hockey experience a better one.

And it's not just the time spent volunteering that they put in. There's a whole litany of clearances and certifications that they have to provide. For example, anyone interacting with children in PA must pass a PA State Police background check, a Child Abuse background check and an FBI background check. USA Hockey then requires that all adult participants register with USA Hockey and pass their own

background check and take Safesport classes. And coaches must also be current in their Coaching Education Program and applicable age-specific coaching credentials.

It's wonderful that we have so many people who are willing and able to help. This year, we introduced a new system that made it easier to submit credentials to the organization and track who still needs which clearances. It also keeps those clearances on-file so that volunteers won't have to resubmit them again if they are still valid for subsequent seasons.

If you are interested in volunteering in the future, we'd love to have you. Reach out to your coach or manager or send me an email at president@arcticfoxeshockey.org or to Glenn Birkenfeld at vp@arcticfoxeshockey.org.

Thank you Volunteers!