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TIMES

NAYRHL proves to be a great experience for our kids

The Jr. Fury are currently leading the 10AAA division with an undefeated record!

If I had a nickel for every good thing the Jr. Fury coaches, families, and players have said to me about their experiences in the North American Roller Hockey League (NAYRHL), I might not be rich but I would have a lot of nickels.

"Fast games," say coaches and parents. "New teams every week," say the kids. "It's fun," says everyone.

Those are words we like to hear.

We view NAYRHL as a next step for our league roller hockey players - a chance to participate in an affordable limited travel roller hockey league with roller hockey teams from other rinks in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. (Most games are within about an hour's drive from the Sportsplex.)

We are very proud to say that our first NAYRHL team, the Jr. Fury 10U, is so far undefeated in their division with a 7-0-0 record.

Each week, I watch the Jr. Fury kids and coaches practice to prepare for the weekend games. The Fury pro team has also been helping the kids to improve their skills. I can tell you this young team isn't taking its lead lightly. Instead, they are working hard to improve their game with the dream of earning the title of 2007 10UAAA NAYRHL champions.



Mike Churchville, Executive Director

No matter how the season ends, in this rink these kids are champions already. Please stop by to support our kids as our Jr. Fury team plays the Cougars on Friday, May 11th at 8:45 pm on Rink 3.

As the Fury pro team says, "Feel the wrath. Feel the Fury!" Good luck, Jr. Fury! ■

Sports offerings at The Sportsplex

Roller hockey

Roller hockey is fast, furious, and a lot of fun! The Sportsplex provides leagues, tournaments, and clinics for all ages and abilities, youth and adult.

Soccer

Our indoor soccer league is one of the most dynamic soccer programs on the East Coast. We offer a variety of youth and adult soccer programs throughout the year.

Indoor field hockey

Sportsplex has partnered with the Mystx Field Hockey Club to grow the sport of indoor field hockey in the Delaware Valley. We're excited to be participating in this fast-growing sport.

Indoor lacrosse

We are working on a variety of indoor lacrosse programs, so stay tuned! Look for leagues this spring and a full-fledged Sportsplex program in September 2006!

Skills development

We offer clinics, camps, team practice, and individual instruction in all sports to help our athletes achieve their goals.

Special events

We also host special sports events, such as martial arts, gymnastics, and cheerleading competitions. Call Mike Churchville at (215) 355-2582 if you'd like to reserve our facilities for your sports event.

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The North American Youth Roller Hockey League offers a new level of play for roller hockey kids

Sportsplex NAYRHL players say the league is “fast” and “it’s fun to play against new teams every week”

The North American Roller Hockey League (NAYRHL, pronounced NAY-rah-l) is a limited travel roller hockey league. Teams from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware currently play in the league with interest from new teams every year.

NAYRHL is different from tournament travel teams because the league enforces geographic restrictions. Your child must play on a team from the rink closest to your home address. This rule forces teams to “grow from within” to help local kids become better players rather than just recruiting the best kids from a wider geographic area.

What does “limited travel” mean?

Good question! Limited travel certainly doesn't mean no travel. It just means you aren't traveling all over the country to play league games.

Most games are within an hour's drive from Sportsplex. However, depending on the age division and level, you might drive as far as Pittsburgh (a fun trip, and the kids love the excitement of staying in a hotel), North Jersey, or Central Pennsylvania (about a two hours drive). For trips that require you to drive further, you might play more than one game in a day, rather like a tournament.

My child isn't a travel player. He (or she) just loves to play roller hockey.

You're exactly the kind of family who would benefit most from joining a NAYRHL team!

First, any kid who loves roller hockey should have the opportunity to play as many games as possible. NAYRHL offers the chance to play against new teams at a more competitive level. What could be more fun for a roller hockey kid?

Second, your child is sure to be playing on a team that practices. In fact, the Feasterville Fury pro roller hockey team assists the junior teams with practices! The kids love working out with these talented older players.

Also, NAYRHL has three levels of teams (A, AA, and AAA) for each age division. Before the season begins, NAYRHL holds a “seeding tournament” in which teams play against each other to determine which level they should play during the season. This means your child can play on a team that best fits his or her level of experience with roller hockey.

How long is the season?

Games begin in early March. Playoffs are in early June.

However, teams will begin practicing as soon as they are selected. If your team is selected in November, for example, you will begin practices (at least

twice a month, possibly more for some teams) as soon as possible to ensure you are ready for the season.

How can I get my kid involved in NAYRHL next year?

We'd love to have you play! Sportsplex will be holding tryouts for the 2008 Jr. Fury teams this fall. We hope to at least have teams in 8U, 10U, and 12U but are willing to field teams in older divisions if we have sufficient interest and commitment.

To be notified of tryout dates, watch the Sportsplex website or get in touch with the Sportsplex NAYRHL coordinator, Cheri Zubak (email: cheri@hockeyseed.org, phone: 215.630.5857). ■

NAYRHL Details

Website

<http://www.nayrhl.com>

Tryouts for 2008 season

Fall 2007

Season Duration

March through June

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Tonight's Game: Sportsplex Jr. Fury 10U Face the Skater's Choice Cougars

Currently, the Jr. Fury (7-0-0) hold the first place position in the NAYRHL 10U AAA division. The Cougars are in second place (6-0-3).

Twice this year the Jr. Fury and Cougars have faced each other, and twice the Jr. Fury have emerged the winner. The first game occurred in a pre-season game at Northeast Racquet Club, when the Jr. Fury scored in the last 30 seconds to nudge the score into victory.

The second game was a NAYRHL league game held at the Cougars home rink in Sewell, New Jersey. In this game, the Jr. Fury peppered the Cougars goalie, Antonio Lagnese,

who continually stonewalled the Jr. Fury players. Despite Antonio's stellar goaltending, the game ended with a 12-3 win for the Jr. Fury.

With a two-loss record against the Jr. Fury, will the Cougars just throw in the towel? Not likely. The Cougars are known for their dig the heels in, fight till the bell rings attitude. They don't give up, and they've come to The Sportsplex tonight to offer the Jr. Fury their first loss of the season.

Not so fast, say the Jr. Fury. They plan to emerge from this game with an 8-0-0 record.

Let the game begin! ■

(For more information about the Cougars Roller Hockey Club, go to page 4)



Many thanks to Jeff Haze and the Fury pro team for their support of the Jr. Fury!

The Jr. Fury - Cougars rematch promises to be full of grit, skill, and desire to win: exactly the stuff the very best hockey games are made of!

Current standings for 2007 NAYRHL 10U AAA division

RANK	TEAM	GP	WINS	LOSSES	TIES	POINTS	GF	GA	WIN %
1	Jr Fury	7	7	0	0	14	81	29	1
2	Cougars	9	6	3	0	12	117	80	0.667
3	Gladiators	9	5	3	1	11	78	68	0.625
4	Inferno	6	4	2	0	8	81	57	0.667
5	Fox Chase	8	4	4	0	8	88	98	0.5
6	DE Mystics	10	2	8	0	4	60	17	0.2

PRESENTING THE 2007 COUGARS 10U TEAM

*Friday, May 11,
the Sportsplex
Jr. Fury 10U AAA
team will host the
Cougars 10UAAA
from South
Jersey*

About the Cougars Roller Hockey Club

The Cougars Roller Hockey Club is a parent-run youth roller hockey organization from South Jersey. The Cougars have teams from ages 8U through 18U. The club holds tryouts in early fall and keeps the kids together until the end of the roller hockey season (usually ending in early to mid-summer).

During the season, the Cougars not only participate in the North American Roller Hockey League (like the Jr. Fury, this is their first year in NAYRHL), but also participate in tournaments. In fact, the Cougars run their own tournament series, called Cougarmania, which consists of three tournaments in November, February, and May. The purpose of Cougarmania is to raise money for the club to offset the cost of participating in various local roller hockey tournaments as well as a national roller hockey event.

Cougars 10U Roster

Number	Name	Position	Number	Name	Position
66	Michael Colella	Forward	30	Antonio Lagnese	Goalie
21	Michael Curtis	Defense	19	Jared Mara	Defense
6	Joe Fadini	Forward	7	CJ Morrison	Forward
16	Frank Feriozzi	Forward	97	Joe Phillips	Defense
91	Brandon Graham	Defense	17	Joe Rosmini	Forward
			87	Alec Weisensee	Forward

Cougars at a Glance

Home Rink

Skaters Choice
150 Hollydell Road
Sewell, NJ 08080

Website

www.cougarsrollerhockey.com

Club season

October through early summer

Events

North American Roller Hockey League games, weekend roller hockey tournaments, the home rink tournament series: "Cougarmania", usually attend a national roller hockey tournament at the end of the season



The Skater's Choice Cougars 2007 10U NAYRHL Team

PRESENTING THE 2007 JR. FURY 10U TEAM



**COREY
BLUMENTHAL**

Nickname: Cormeister

Position: Forward

Number: 7

What's great about playing in NAYRHL? I get to play with all good players who play as a team and we play against good competition.



ANDY CICONI

Nickname: The Puck Stops Here

Position: Goalie

Number: 00

What's great about playing in NAYRHL? Playing with the best players there are, and getting a good challenge and game every week.



**ETHAN
CLEARFIELD**

Nickname: The Energizer Bunny

Position: Forward

Number: 25

What's great about playing in NAYRHL? Cool uniforms, more competitive games, and practicing with the Fury pro players.



**NICK
ESPOSITO**

Nickname: Rocket

Position: Defense

Number: 20

What's great about playing in NAYRHL? It's fast and not boring. And it's fun!



NICK FOSTER

Nickname: The Snake

Position: Forward/
Defense

Number: 71

What's great about playing in NAYRHL? We get to travel and play kids we never played before.



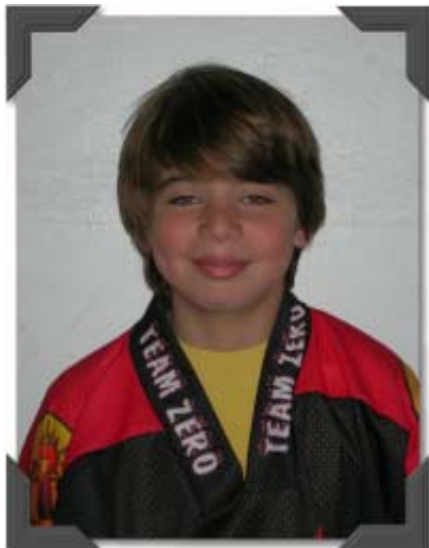
ALEX KECK

Nickname: Alex the Great

Position: Forward

Number: 96

Currently on injury list - slated to return to the Jr. Fury this weekend. *Watch out, folks. Here comes Alex the Great!*



MATT KALECK

Nickname: Mayhem

Position: Defense

Number: 10

What's great about playing in NAYRHL? Playing with a lot of good players and the competition is good.



REBEKAH LUCAS

Nickname: Jets

Position: Forward/
Defense

Number: 27

What's great about playing in NAYRHL? I like the three fifteen minute periods and I like how the team passes a lot.



JAKE NEVIN

Nickname: Nails

Position: Forward

Number: 45

What's great about playing in NAYRHL? Just being on a team with great players and knowing you can trust every one of them to make a play. And playing against good competition.



MATT MANDES

Nickname: Hammer

Position: Forward

Number: 16

What's great about playing in NAYRHL? Top shelf competition!



DANTE RIENZI

Nickname: Inferno

Position: Forward

Number: 15

What's great about playing in NAYRHL? It makes us work hard to get better. I'm proud to be on the Jr. Fury!



STAS SZCZUREK

Nickname: The Stud

Position: Defense

Number: 77

What's great about playing in NAYRHL? Going to different places and playing new teams.