



**Note from Founder & Director,
Elizabeth Hitti**

Dear families, friends, and supporters,

3 years ago, we raised over \$3,000 to start Atlanta Field Hockey Club, thanks to many of you! What started as a clinic with 15 participants has grown to 60+ athletes, spanning all age groups from U6 to Adults, including two NCAA college commitments, 10+ boys, and a U19 team with a 10-4 record at national tournaments so far this year. Yet, I am most proud of the enthusiasm, commitment, and welcomeness that our athletes bring to each other and each practice. We couldn't have asked for a better group!

We plan to send out 2-3 shorter newsletters each year moving forward, so please stay subscribed if you would like to follow the growth of field hockey in Atlanta! For now, read on for our top news from this past year!

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Elizabeth Hitti'.



Season Highlights!

USAFH Official Club Rankings

U14s ranked #43 in the US

U19s ranked #69 in the US

National Tournaments Attended

Junior Premier Outdoor League (Region 8)

Shooting Star Easter Showcase

USAFH National Indoor Festival

USAFH National Indoor Qualifiers

NFHCA Winter Escape Showcase

USAFH National Hockey Festival

Special Thank You - Thank you to all of our amazing parents who have supported the club and thank you to our skilled coaching staff from this past year: Elizabeth, Charlotte, Mithil, Alex, Elle, Nellie, Christine, Morgan, & Sydney! We couldn't have done it without all of you!

NEXUS Championship Selections - Two of our athletes were selected for the USA Field Hockey NEXUS Championship this June! This selection marks the completion of the Regional Training & Selection Camp and the next step in the Olympic Development Pathway and tryout process for the Junior U.S. National Teams.



Graduating Seniors & Awards

Graduating Seniors - AFHC graduated our first official Senior Class this year! We are so proud of their leadership and commitment to the club. We will miss them and are very excited to see where their futures are headed!



AFHC's Class of 2022 (from left to right): Virginia Jacobs, Catalina Rubel, Jane Ostyn, Genevieve Alexander, Priya Doniparthi

End of Season Awards - This year, we also introduced two Annual Club Awards - the Most Inspirational Player and Most Valuable Player. A huge congrats to our inaugural winners, **Camille Ceniza '25** (Most Inspirational Player) and **Catalina Rubel '22** (Most Valuable Player), honored for their accomplishments this season.



Most Inspirational Player: awarded to the player that has increased their impact on the team in a positive way this season. This player encourages her teammates and always gives her best. Despite being one of the newer players to the sport, Camille inspired us this year with her commitment to the team, eagerness to learn, and positive attitude. We're excited to see her grow into an even greater attacking threat over her next few seasons with us!

Most Valuable Player: awarded to the player that had the largest impact on the team on and off the field. This player not only has outstanding skills, but also puts in maximum effort, always looks for ways to get better, and helps, supports, and motivates her teammates. When Catalina was on the field, the whole team played better and she brought a higher level of intensity to every game. We can't wait to watch her compete with Lafayette College Field Hockey next year!

Spring Season



NEXUS - This year, 5 of our athletes attended the NEXUS Region 8 Training: Emilia Rubel '26, Seeret Mavi '26, Kelsey Foster '25, Ria Patel '23, and Catalina Rubel '22. Our own coach Elizabeth also participated and got to coach players from around the region! From these training sessions, all 5 athletes were selected to participate in the Regional Selection Camp located in Virginia

Beach, VA, and Emilia Rubel '26 and Catalina Rubel '22 were then selected for the NEXUS Championships for a second year in a row!

Georgia Club Crossover - To kick off April, AFHC hosted the Georgia Club Crossover, inviting teams from across Georgia to compete at our home turf in Johns Creek, GA. Our U16 & U19 athletes competed against Emory University Club Field Hockey, University of Georgia Club Field Hockey, and Georgia Field Hockey Association in a face-off to name the current state champs. Congrats to UGA Field Hockey for the win, after a hard fought tie-breaking shootout against GFHA!

National Tournaments - This Spring, our U19 team participated in two national tournaments, the Shooting Star Easter Showcase and the Junior Premier Outdoor League (JPOL).

In April, the team traveled to Delaware to take on competition in their highest pool ranking yet, finishing 2nd in Pool D at Shooting Star Easter. After an amazing weekend of field hockey, Coach Elizabeth was also able to take the team on a tour around her college town of Philadelphia. The girls got to spend time together and with their coaches having fun and learning about the city!



In May, to finish our Spring Season and sadly mark our last time playing with our graduating seniors, the U19 team pushed through the blazing heat in Charlotte, NC at JPOL to finish 2-2 with all close games! We are so proud of how far the team came this season, growing to compete with the best teams in our region and give them a challenge. Thank you to the U19 team for all your hard work!

Winter Season



Indoor Field Hockey Season - AFHC was proud to introduce our first indoor field hockey season this winter! Indoor field hockey provides athletes the opportunity to hone their skills on a smaller court and faster surface. To do this, we also ran our first ever Adult Winter Indoor League, with adults and U19 players competing against each other weekly. Congratulations to Team Red, our first ever League Champions, and to Mithil Nayee (MVP), Catalina Rubel, Emilia Rubel, Lynnae Stypulkowski, and Virginia Jacobs, our first League All-Stars!

NITQs and NIF - Indoor field hockey also provides new opportunities to compete at the national level. We are very proud of both our U16 and U19 travel teams for participating in the National Indoor Tournament Qualifier in Charlotte, NC and the National Indoor Festival in Virginia Beach, VA. Both teams impressed at the national level, finishing with winning records and with our U16 team placing 2nd in their pool!

NFHCA Winter Escape Showcase - In the midst of our indoor season, our U19 team traveled to FL in January to participate in the Winter Escape Showcase. The team had Atlanta Field Hockey Club's first ever winning tournament at the national level, finishing with a record of 4-1! Not only did the team have a great performance on the field in FL, but our athletes also got to spend some time together off the field at Disney World!

Fall Season

USAFH National Hockey Festival - In November 2021, AFHC's U14 & U19 travel teams spent Thanksgiving in Tampa, FL, competing at our first USA National Field Hockey Festival and our U14's first ever national tournament! Both teams won games and showed amazing grit and teamwork. Off the field, we were also thankful to be able to have Thanksgiving dinner together as a club!



Looking Ahead to 2022 Summer Camps and Fall Season

Summer Camp - Our 2022 Summer Camp is just around the corner! From June 24-26, campers of all ages and skill levels will be coached by our elite coaching staff to have fun in the sun and learn some new skills! We can't wait!

Fall Season - Along with our competitive travel teams, we are very excited to announce that we will be launching **Local Recreational Leagues** for the elementary school and the middle school/early high school age groups this Fall! Each team will play 1 weeknight per week, including practice time and league games. Mark your calendars for the season to start the week of **August 15** and stay tuned for more details!

