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AMERICA'S BEST AAA HOCKEY IS COMING TO CAROLINA

The **TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE** is the top nation-wide Tier 1 AAA league in the United States with 17 of the 25 member associations ranked in the top 50. The National Bound division (13U and older) events are heavily scouted by NHL, NCAA, OHL and USHL personnel, providing the highest level of league competition in American youth hockey.

Junior Canes 10U AA Black (2015), 11UAAA (2014), 12UAAA (2013), 13UAAA (2012), 14UAAA (2011), 15UAAA (2010), 16UAAA (2009) and 18UAAA (2007 & 2008) teams will join the T1EHL as full members starting with the 2025-26 season.



WE ARE CAROLINA



**JUNIOR
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STRUCTURE

COMPETE. DEVELOP. ADVANCE.

The Carolina Junior Hurricanes are the only program in the Southeast offering both co-ed and girls programming from introductory (Super 8) through the highest levels of youth hockey (Tier I AAA).

Our single birth-year (co-ed) and age group (girls) structure is designed to mirror our competitive peers across the country to provide our members with level and age appropriate competition and player development opportunities.

Our primary focus in the placement of our players via tryouts is to match each and every player with the best fit for their individual growth and progression.

UNDERSTANDING TIERS AND LEVELS

While it may seem that Tier I AAA vs Tier II or Black vs Red is a “Varsity / JV” structure, ultimately it’s about finding the **right** level for each player, each season.

TIER I AAA

Our Tier I AAA program is designed to provide the opportunity for locally-based, level-appropriate players to gain exposure through the highest levels of competition without needing to relocate. Our programming at the younger ages (11U, 12U, 13U & Girls 14U) is designed to prepare area players for the ultra-competitive landscape of older-age AAA hockey. Programming at that level (14U through 18U, Girls 16U & Girls 19U) aims to compete at the highest level nationally.

Over time, especially on the co-ed side, Tier I AAA has expanded to include hundreds of teams in each birth year. As a result, the bottom half of the AAA population has become “AAA” in name and cost only. CAHA, our governing body in the Carolinas, has included a bylaw that allows a percentage (depending on age group) of each roster to be allocated to out-of-area players. This bylaw exists to allow top homegrown players from the Carolinas the opportunity to play high-profile, highly competitive AAA youth hockey without moving away from home.

TIER II

The biggest misconception of Tier II is that it’s for players who “don’t make” Tier I. Each year, the Junior Canes field nationally-ranked Tier II teams full of players who choose to play Tier II because of the travel, expense or more flexible schedule. We have several alums currently playing collegiate hockey or Junior hockey who never played a game at the Tier I AAA level. We also have many Tier II players who strive to play Tier I hockey who take advantage of our intense approach to player development to reach a level of play where AAA hockey becomes the right level for them.

WHY BLACK, RED & WHITE?

To keep with our approach to providing the right level of competition for each player, the Junior Canes name our teams Black, Red and White instead of “AA” or “A” because it allows for competitive flexibility based on each team. Each year, we field Red and even occasionally White teams that compete at a higher level of competition based on the team’s post-tryout roster.





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EXPERIENCE

TEAM SERVICE PROJECTS

Each Junior Canes team gives back to the community by participating in a team-led service project each season. While these projects serve as tremendous team building opportunities, it also allows our athletes an opportunity for personal growth and a strong perspective on the power of resilience and perseverance. Most importantly, our service projects directly help those in need. Past projects have supported women's shelters, food banks, schools, veteran's services, animal shelters and many more tremendous causes throughout the Triangle area.

LEADERSHIP AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

For our high school aged athletes with volunteer hour requirements, the Junior Canes offer many opportunities to build a stronger community by working with younger athletes. Players are encouraged to connect with head coaches of our younger teams and our Super 8 program to build leadership skills, provide meaningful mentorship, and earn volunteer hours on the ice.







ICE PROGRAM

LEAGUE AFFILIATION

While the Junior Canes continue to support the Carolinas Hockey League (CHL) as our primary league partner, many of our traditionally independent teams will be joining leagues to maximize exposure opportunities and ensure the highest level of competition possible.



The **TIER 1 ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE** is the top rated nationwide Tier 1 league in the US, including fellow top-50 organizations like Dallas Stars Elite, St Louis Junior Blues, Ohio Blue Jackets and more.



The **NATIONAL GIRLS HOCKEY LEAGUE** is an elite girls hockey league focused on advancement. The nation-wide league features top organizations such as Lovell Academy, Philadelphia Jr Flyers and Team Long Island.

The **ATLANTIC HOCKEY FEDERATION** is the top Tier 2 league covering the mid-Atlantic, Northeast, and “National League” teams like Naperville Sabres & Chesterfield Falcons.

The Junior Canes hockey staff will review Tier 2 team rosters post-tryouts to evaluate the best competitive fit for each team, including independent schedules for some of our Black teams.

EVENT / TOURNAMENT SELECTION

All teams are allocated a budget to cover the cost of tournament entry fees. During the start of each season, teams will meet to discuss and propose a plan for tournaments that will be reviewed and approved by our Hockey Director to ensure age, level and cost appropriate selections.

SUPER 8 PROGRAM (for 8U players)

The Super 8 program returns for another year for boys and girls interested in experiencing travel hockey. A first-come, first-serve open registration program, the Super 8s go through a weekly player development session and compete as Junior Canes 8U teams in three travel tournaments. Registration will open up in late Spring, and players will be evaluated in September to place them in level-appropriate training and competitive groups. The purpose of this process is **not** to create “super teams” but to help our staff deliver the most effective player development program.

GIRLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (NEW FOR 2025-26)

Beginning this season, the Junior Hurricanes will be offering a Development model for 10U-14U players (and possibly 16U) who do not make a Tier I or Tier II Girls team.

The Girls Development program will consist of one practice/PD session per week, and girls will be required to register for the PHHL in order to qualify. The weekly sessions will be run by Junior Hurricanes staff, including both skater and goalie instructors. Players will also participate in 3 organized tournaments through either the CGHL or SGHL.

This program will introduce players to an all-girl environment, expose the players to Junior Hurricanes coaches, provide an introduction to travel through tournament opportunities, and provide development for players to advance to the travel level if desired.

ENHANCED PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

We prioritize comprehensive player development to ensure each athlete reaches their full potential. Our Director of Player Development, Colin Muldoon, brings extensive experience to the program, having served in this role since 2007. The program offers a return to Player Development (PD) sessions for all teams (with the exception of 18U Black) throughout the season designed to enhance foundational abilities such as skating, edge work, puck control, passing, and shooting.

HUDL & INSTAT FOR HOCKEY

The Carolina Junior Hurricanes leverage cutting-edge video analysis tools like Hudl and Instat to enhance player development. These platforms provide game film breakdowns, advanced analytics, and scouting tools to help players improve their performance and gain exposure.

COACH RESOURCES: IHS & THE COACHES SITE

Our coaching staff stays at the forefront of hockey development through resources like Ice Hockey Systems (IHS) and The Coaches Site. These platforms provide access to elite-level drills, practice plans, and professional development materials, ensuring our players receive top-tier coaching backed by the latest strategies and techniques.

EB ATHLETICS PARTNERSHIP

We are proud to partner with EB Athletics to provide age-specific strength and conditioning programming for 9U-18U athletes through the new **Junior Canes Teambuildr app**.

EB Athletics is a premier strength and conditioning provider based in North Raleigh, led by owner and former professional athlete Erin Bratcher. Their team of certified professionals works with top-tier programs, including Meredith College, Cardinal Gibbons High School, and more.

On the hockey side, EB Athletics collaborates with Bill Burniston, Head Strength and Conditioning Coach for the NHL's Carolina Hurricanes. They conduct annual NHL prospect training camp testing and train professional and NCAA hockey players, bringing elite-level expertise to our Junior Canes athletes. This partnership ensures our players receive top-tier off-ice training focused on strength, mobility, and injury prevention to enhance their on-ice performance.

GOALIE DEVELOPMENT

To enhance our Goalie Development Program, instructors will attend weekly team practices to work with goalies in a team setting in addition to the instruction received during PD & VR sessions.



COACHING STAFF

GIRLS TIER I AAA

19U AAA GIRLS	TAYLOR PELTIER / SARAH SWINGLE
16U AAA GIRLS	SARAH SWINGLE
14U AAA GIRLS	MIKE TEFFT

GIRLS TIER II

19U GIRLS BLACK	STEVE HENLEY & TBA
16U GIRLS BLACK	STEVE HENLEY & TBA
14U GIRLS BLACK	JUSTIN PRICE
12U GIRLS BLACK	TIM HEALY
12U GIRLS RED	TRINITY BARCLESS
10U GIRLS BLACK	TBA PENDING TRYOUTS
10U GIRLS RED	TBA PENDING TRYOUTS

CO-ED TIER I AAA

18U AAA	JACOB HIXSON
16U AAA	LUC BROZOVICH
15U AAA	ANDY MCKENZIE
14U AAA	JUSTIN BLASZAK
13U AAA	SPENCER BARLOW
12U AAA	COLIN MULDOON
11U AAA	CODY STAVES

CO-ED TIER II

18U BLACK	DEREK MAZEPA & BILLY AUSTIN
16U BLACK	MIKE COBB
16U WHITE	TBA
15U BLACK	ZACH TANNER
15U RED	TRAVIS HARRIS
14U BLACK	SEAN LAWRIE
14U RED	BOBBY HATHAWAY
14U WHITE	SHANE PAULAN
13U BLACK	NICK CEGLIO
13U RED	MIKE FORD
12U BLACK	NICK SABO
12U RED	RAY IRVINE
11U BLACK	ANTHONY PROCIDO
11U RED	JASON AUSTIN
10U BLACK	PATRICK SKEHAN
10U RED	DYLAN HUDDOCK
10U WHITE	BRIAN SCULLEY
9U BLACK	DAN PRESSL
9U RED	DAN COTTY
9U WHITE	GARRISON SAFRIET



TIER 1 PROGRAM

GIRLS 19U AAA (2006, 2007, 2008)

Season cost: \$7450

- League: NGHL
- 2 weekly shared-ice practices
- 1 weekly shared-ice PD
- 4 full-ice pre-season practices
- 3 full-ice post-season practices
- 18 weekend hours
- 8 budgeted tournaments
- 8 budgeted home games
- Instat video analysis
- Sports psychology program
- Professionally-led off ice

GIRLS 14U AAA (2011 & 2012)

Season cost: \$7350

- League: NGHL
- 1 weekly full-ice practice
- 1 weekly shared-ice practice
- 1 weekly shared-ice PD
- 4 full-ice pre-season practices
- 3 full-ice post-season practices
- 12 weekend hours
- 8 budgeted tournaments
- 8 budgeted home games
- HUDL video
- Sports psychology program
- Professionally-led off ice

16U AAA (2009)

Season cost: \$8135

- League: T1EHL
- 1 weekly full-ice practice
- 1 weekly shared-ice PD
- 4 full-ice pre-season practices
- 3 full-ice post-season practices
- 42 weekend hours
- 8 budgeted tournaments
- 6 budgeted home games
- Instat video analysis
- Professionally-led off ice

GIRLS 16U AAA (2009 & 2010)

Season cost: \$7450

- League: NGHL
- 2 weekly shared-ice practices
- 1 weekly shared-ice PD
- 4 full-ice pre-season practices
- 3 full-ice post-season practices
- 18 weekend hours
- 8 budgeted tournaments
- 8 budgeted home games
- Instat video analysis
- Sports psychology program
- Professionally-led off ice

NEW

18U AAA (2007 & 2008)

Season cost: \$6755

- League: T1EHL
- 4 full-ice pre-season practices
- 3 full-ice post-season practices
- 54 weekend hours
- 8 budgeted tournaments
- 6 budgeted home games
- HUDL video
- Professionally-led off ice

15U AAA (2010)

Season cost: \$8135

- League: T1EHL
- 1 weekly full-ice practice
- 1 weekly shared-ice PD
- 4 full-ice pre-season practices
- 3 full-ice post-season practices
- 42 weekend hours
- 8 budgeted tournaments
- 6 budgeted home games
- Instat video analysis
- Professionally-led off ice

14U AAA (2011)

Season cost: \$7855

- League: T1EHL
- 1 weekly full-ice practice
- 1 weekly shared-ice PD
- 4 full-ice pre-season practices
- 3 full-ice post-season practices
- 42 weekend hours
- 7 budgeted tournaments
- 6 budgeted home games
- Instat video analysis
- Professionally-led off ice

13U AAA (2012)

Season cost: \$7535

- League: T1EHL
- 1 weekly full-ice practice
- 1 weekly shared-ice PD
- 4 full-ice pre-season practices
- 3 full-ice post-season practices
- 39 weekend hours
- 7 budgeted tournaments
- 6 budgeted home games
- HUDL video
- Professionally-led off ice

12U AAA (2013)

Season cost: \$6345

- League: T1EHL
- 1 weekly full-ice practice
- 1 weekly shared-ice practice
- 1 weekly shared-ice PD
- 4 full-ice pre-season practices
- 11 weekend hours
- 6 budgeted tournaments
- 6 budgeted home games
- HUDL video

11U AAA (2014)

Season cost: \$6345

- League: T1EHL
- 1 weekly full-ice practice
- 1 weekly shared-ice practice
- 1 weekly shared-ice PD
- 4 full-ice pre-season practices
- 11 weekend hours
- 6 budgeted tournaments
- 6 budgeted home games
- HUDL video





TIER 2 CO-ED PROGRAM

18U BLACK (2007 & 2008)

Season cost: \$4495

- League: AHF / Independent
- 1 weekly full-ice practice
- 1 bi-weekly full-ice practice
- 4 full-ice pre-season practices
- 2 full-ice post-season practices
- 4 budgeted tournaments
- 12 budgeted home games
- HUDL video
- Professionally-led off ice

16U WHITE (2009 & 2010)

Season cost: \$4705

- League: CHL
- 1 weekly full-ice practice
- 1 bi-weekly full-ice practice
- 1 bi-weekly shared-ice PD
- 2 full-ice pre-season practices
- 4 budgeted tournaments
- 12 budgeted home games
- HUDL video
- Professionally-led off ice

16U BLACK (2009)

Season cost: \$5460

- League: AHF / CHL / Independent
- 2 weekly full-ice practices
- 1 bi-weekly shared-ice PD
- 4 full-ice pre-season practices
- 2 full-ice post-season practices
- 4 budgeted tournaments
- 12 budgeted home games
- HUDL video
- Professionally-led off ice

15U BLACK (2010)

Season cost: \$5460

- League: AHF / Independent
- 2 weekly full-ice practices
- 1 bi-weekly shared-ice PD
- 4 full-ice pre-season practices
- 2 full-ice post-season practices
- 4 budgeted tournaments
- 12 budgeted home games
- HUDL video
- Professionally-led off ice

15U RED (2010)

Season cost: \$5305

- League: AHF / CHL
- 2 weekly full-ice practices
- 1 bi-weekly shared-ice PD
- 2 full-ice pre-season practices
- 4 budgeted tournaments
- 12 budgeted home games
- HUDL video
- Professionally-led off ice

14U RED (2011)

Season cost: \$4850

- League: AHF / CHL
- 1 weekly full-ice practice
- 1 weekly shared-ice practice
- 1 bi-weekly shared-ice PD
- 3 full-ice pre-season practices
- 4 budgeted tournaments
- 12 budgeted home games
- HUDL video
- Professionally-led off ice

13U BLACK (2012)

Season cost: \$5500

- League: AHF / Independent
- 2 weekly full-ice practices
- 1 bi-weekly shared-ice PD
- 3 full-ice pre-season practices
- 2 full-ice post-season practices
- 4 budgeted tournaments
- 12 budgeted home games
- HUDL video

12U BLACK (2013)

Season cost: \$5035

- League: AHF / Independent
- 1 weekly full-ice practice
- 1 weekly shared-ice practice
- 1 weekly shared-ice PD
- 3 full-ice pre-season practices
- 4 budgeted tournaments
- 12 budgeted home games

14U BLACK (2011)

Season cost: \$5535

- League: AHF / Independent
- 2 weekly full-ice practices
- 1 bi-weekly shared-ice PD
- 4 full-ice pre-season practices
- 2 full-ice post-season practices
- 4 budgeted tournaments
- 12 budgeted home games
- HUDL video
- Professionally-led off ice

14U WHITE (2011 & 2012)

Season cost: \$4850

- League: CHL
- 1 weekly full-ice practice
- 1 weekly shared-ice practice
- 1 bi-weekly shared-ice PD
- 3 full-ice pre-season practices
- 4 budgeted tournaments
- 12 budgeted home games
- HUDL video
- Professionally-led off ice

13U RED (2012)

Season cost: \$4850

- League: AHF / CHL
- 1 weekly full-ice practice
- 1 weekly shared-ice practice
- 1 bi-weekly shared-ice PD
- 3 full-ice pre-season practices
- 4 budgeted tournaments
- 12 budgeted home games
- HUDL video

12U RED (2013)

Season cost: \$5035

- League: CHL
- 1 weekly full-ice practice
- 1 weekly shared-ice practice
- 1 weekly shared-ice PD
- 3 full-ice pre-season practices
- 4 budgeted tournaments
- 12 budgeted home games

11U BLACK (2014)

Season cost: \$5035

- League: AHF / CHL
- 1 weekly full-ice practice
- 1 weekly shared-ice practice
- 1 weekly shared-ice PD
- 3 full-ice pre-season practices
- 4 budgeted tournaments
- 12 budgeted home games

11U RED (2014)

Season cost: \$5035

- League: CHL
- 1 weekly full-ice practice
- 1 weekly shared-ice practice
- 1 weekly shared-ice PD
- 3 full-ice pre-season practices
- 4 budgeted tournaments
- 12 budgeted home games

10U BLACK (2015)

Season cost: \$4795

- League: T1EHL
- 2 weekly shared-ice practices
- 1 weekly shared-ice PD
- 4 shared-ice pre-season practices
- 4 budgeted tournaments
- 12 budgeted home games

10U RED (2015)

Season cost: \$4795

- League: CHL
- 2 weekly shared-ice practices
- 1 weekly shared-ice PD
- 4 shared-ice pre-season practices
- 4 budgeted tournaments
- 12 budgeted home games

10U WHITE (2015)

Season cost: \$4550

- League: CHL
- 2 weekly shared-ice practices
- 1 bi-weekly shared-ice PD
- 4 shared-ice pre-season practices
- 4 budgeted tournaments
- 12 budgeted home games

9U BLACK (2016)

Season cost: \$4795

- League: AHF / CHL
- 2 weekly shared-ice practices
- 1 weekly shared-ice PD
- 4 shared-ice pre-season practices
- 4 budgeted tournaments
- 12 budgeted home games

9U RED (2016)

Season cost: \$4795

- League: CHL
- 2 weekly shared-ice practices
- 1 weekly shared-ice PD
- 4 shared-ice pre-season practices
- 4 budgeted tournaments
- 12 budgeted home games

9U WHITE (2016)

Season cost: \$4550

- League: CHL
- 2 weekly shared-ice practices
- 1 bi-weekly shared-ice PD
- 4 shared-ice pre-season practices
- 4 budgeted tournaments
- 12 budgeted home games

TIER 2 GIRLS PROGRAM

19U BLACK (2006, 2007 & 2008)

Season cost: \$4920

- 1 weekly full-ice practice
- 1 weekly shared-ice practice
- 1 bi-weekly shared-ice PD
- 2 full-ice pre-season practices
- 2 full-ice post-season practices
- 4 budgeted tournaments
- 10 budgeted home games
- HUDL video
- Sports psychology program
- Professionally-led off ice

16U BLACK (2009 & 2010)

Season cost: \$4920

- 1 weekly full-ice practice
- 1 weekly shared-ice practice
- 1 bi-weekly shared-ice PD
- 2 full-ice pre-season practices
- 2 full-ice post-season practices
- 4 budgeted tournaments
- 10 budgeted home games
- HUDL video
- Sports psychology program
- Professionally-led off ice

14U BLACK (2011 & 2012)

Season cost: \$4920

- 1 weekly full-ice practice
- 1 weekly shared-ice practice
- 1 bi-weekly shared-ice PD
- 2 full-ice pre-season practices
- 2 full-ice post-season practices
- 4 budgeted tournaments
- 10 budgeted home games
- HUDL video
- Sports psychology program
- Professionally-led off ice

12U BLACK (2013 & 2014)

Season cost: \$4820

- 1 weekly full-ice practice
- 1 weekly shared-ice practice
- 1 weekly shared-ice PD
- 2 shared-ice pre-season practices
- 4 budgeted tournaments
- 10 budgeted home games

12U RED (2013 & 2014)

Season cost: \$4870

- 1 weekly full-ice practice
- 1 weekly shared-ice practice
- 1 weekly shared-ice PD
- 2 shared-ice pre-season practices
- 4 budgeted tournaments
- 10 budgeted home games

10U BLACK (2015 & 2016)

Season cost: \$4620

- 2 weekly shared-ice practice
- 1 weekly shared-ice PD
- 2 shared-ice pre-season practices
- 4 budgeted tournaments
- 10 budgeted home games

10U RED (2015 & 2016)

Season cost: \$4620

- 2 weekly shared-ice practice
- 1 weekly shared-ice PD
- 2 shared-ice pre-season practices
- 4 budgeted tournaments
- 10 budgeted home games

SUPER 8 PROGRAM

BOYS SUPER 8 (2017 & 2018)

Season cost: \$965

- 6 teams
- 1 weekly shared-ice practice
- 3 budgeted tournaments
- Includes game jerseys

GIRLS SUPER 8 (2017 & 2018)

Season cost: \$965

- 2 teams
- 1 weekly shared-ice practice
- 3 budgeted tournaments
- Includes game jerseys





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CULTURE

The history of youth hockey in North Carolina is long and storied. The history of the Carolina Junior Hurricanes Hockey Association only dates back to 2019.

While it seems like we've been here since the beginning, our story began four seasons ago when the two associations behind the success of North Carolina youth hockey - the Carolina Eagles and Raleigh Youth Hockey Association - merged to become the association we are today.

While the "what we do" has been clearly defined, "who we are" is still very much a work in progress. To continue to build towards becoming what we set out to be, we're including our core values in our 2025-26 guide to clearly outline who players, families and coaches are signing up to be.

COMMITMENT

Fully invest yourself, never cut corners

HARD WORK

Always give relentless effort in everything you do

PASSION

Enthusiastically devote yourself to the game you love

INTEGRITY

Be honest, truthful, and never compromise your principles

SPORTSMANSHIP

Be gracious in winning and losing, respect the brotherhood/sisterhood of hockey

TEAMWORK

Put aside individual accomplishment for collective achievement

FUN

Enjoy the game, cherish experiences, value the camaraderie of your teammates

RESPECT

Show consideration for teammates, coaches, referees, opponents and fans

PERSISTENCE

Never give up

RESILIENCE

Embrace the value of failure the same as the value of success