



**2024**

**USA HOCKEY  
BOYS PLAYER DEVELOPMENT  
CAMP/FESTIVAL**

**PARTICIPANT GUIDEBOOK**

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## **CONGRATULATIONS FOR BEING SELECTED FOR THE 2024 USA HOCKEY PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CAMPS!**

Congratulations on your selection to the 2024 USA Hockey Boys Player Development Camp! You have been identified as one of the top players in the country in the 2007, 2008 and 2009 birth years. As such, you've earned the opportunity to train with and compete against the best competition in your age group nationwide. By accepting this invitation to attend you agree to best represent yourself and USA Hockey.

With your selection comes the responsibility of preparing to perform at your best. The camp curriculum will emphasize age-appropriate training on and off the ice and will provide you with resources and knowledge that you can apply as your development path continues. While at camp, you will have the opportunity to learn from an experienced staff and measure your performance alongside that of others in your age group. We expect that you will arrive ready to train and encourage you to have an open mindset so that you can take advantage of the opportunity ahead.

USA Hockey is dedicated to designing and delivering the best training environment, techniques, and comprehensive curriculum possible. Our objective is to ensure each player leaves this camp with the tools (on and off the ice) to fulfill their goals of effective immediate and long-term development. Our focus is on creating better athletes, better hockey players, better teammates, and elite leaders in a way that aligns with our USA Hockey National Team Development Program values.

Individuals are selected by twelve USA Hockey Districts and the national office to attend the week-long event. During this week, our players are evaluated by our national development program, college and junior coaches and professional scouts. The competition gives each player the opportunity to measure themselves against others his age, gain knowledge about his development and to be exposed to outstanding coaching. A team will be chosen from the National 16 Camp for an international competition (Five Nations Tournament-Slovakia) August 14-18, 2024. Players from the National 17 Festival will be chosen for the Hlinka Gretzky Camp July 26-30, 2024, at TRIA Arena, St. Paul, MN. Those chosen from the that camp will play for the 2024 U.S. Under-18 Select Team in Edmonton, Canada August 5-10, 2024.

The information in this guidebook outlines the various elements that ensure the camps are conducted to the standards and expectations of USA Hockey. Please read it carefully so that you are mentally, physically, and logistically prepared for camp. Once again, congratulations on earning this opportunity! We look forward to working with you!



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## 2024 USA HOCKEY PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CAMP DATES

### **National 17 (2007) Festival**

**The Northtown Center at Amherst**

Amherst, New York

June 25-July 1, 2024

### **National 16 (2008) Camp**

**The Northtown Center at Amherst**

Amherst, New York

July 9-15, 2024

### **National 15 (2009) Camp**

**The Northtown Center at Amherst**

Amherst, New York

July 17-22, 2024

### **National 15 (2009) Goalie Camp**

**The Northtown Center at Amherst**

Amherst, New York

July 14-17, 2024

^Required for all 15 camp goalies

*\*All staff will arrive one day prior to the start of Camp/Festival.*

*\*All lead staff will arrive two days prior to start of Camp/Festival.*



## HOST SITE

### LODGING

Daemen University, 4380 Main St, Amherst, NY 14226

<https://www.daemen.edu/>

Phone: (800) 462-7652

### RINK INFORMATION

The Northtown Center at Amherst, 1615 Amherst Manor Drive, Williamsville, New York 14221

Phone: (716) 631-7555

### DAEMEN UNIVERSITY OFFICE HOURS

8.45 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. (Monday thru Friday) Receptionist on duty

### CHECK-IN

Check-in for all athletes is from 2:00-5:00 p.m. on the scheduled day of arrival. Players should drop their hockey equipment off at the Northtown Center at Amherst and then proceed to the John R. Yurtchuk Student Center (formerly known as the Wick Center) on the campus of Daemen College. You will be issued your room key, linens, and ID tag at the dormitory. **USA Hockey will not be responsible for any player that arrives earlier than the scheduled date and check-in time.**

### CHECK OUT

Specific check-out times will be arranged during the Camp/Festival. All players and staff must be out of assigned rooms no later than noon on departure day. Dormitory check-out will be supervised by the Team Leaders. Team Leaders are responsible for inspecting the entire room for cleanliness. **Cleaning fees will be charged to the players for rooms that are excessively dirty and/or damaged.** Players are responsible for collecting and turning in keys to their team leaders before departing. **A \$125 fee will be charged for any lost/not returned key.**

### MAIL

The following will be your address during the Player Development Camps:

The Northtown Center at Amherst, 1615 Amherst Manor Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221

### MEALS

Information regarding mealtimes will be given to you upon arrival. Three meals a day will be provided by Daemen University dining hall.

### PARKING

It will be made available when you are dropping off the players at the Student Center. You will be asked to move once a player is checked in/checked out.

### VISITORS

The facilities are limited to providing adequate housing, meals, training facilities and recreation for authorized program participants only. There are no facilities for friends, parents, etc., unless they are an authorized member of the program. **Guests are not permitted to visit the dormitory areas, this includes family members and friends, unless it is during the time of check-in or check-out.**



## PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

All players within the eligible age classification that are registered with USA Hockey are notified that the camps are taking place and what method is being used to select the players who will be named to participate. Only United States citizens and who are registered with USA Hockey are eligible to attend these programs.

### **NATIONAL 17 FESTIVAL**

Male players who are registered USA Hockey players (2023-24) and born in 2007. Players from the USA Hockey Boys 17 Festival will be evaluated and chosen to attend the Hlinka Gretzky Cup Camp which will take place July 26-30, 2024, at TRIA Arena, St. Paul, MN. Those chosen from the camp will play for the 2024 U.S. Under-18 Select Team during international competition, the 2024 [Hlinka Gretzky Cup](#) August 5-10, 2024, in Edmonton, Canada.

### **NATIONAL 16 CAMP**

Male players who are registered USA Hockey players (2023-24) and born in 2008. Participants in this year will be evaluated and chosen from the National 16 Camp to play for the Under-17 USA Select Team playing in an international competition, the [Five Nations Tournament](#), which takes place August 14-18, 2024 in Piešťany, Slovakia.

### **NATIONAL 15 CAMP**

Male players who are registered USA Hockey players (2023-24) and born in 2009.

### **NATIONAL 15 GOALIE CAMP**

Male goalies who are registered USA Hockey players (2023-24) and born in 2009.

## PLAYER REPLACEMENT

If, for whatever reason, a player cannot fulfill his commitment to participate at the Camp, he can ONLY be replaced by the Director of Youth Hockey from the USA Hockey national office.

Very often, outstanding players are unavailable for their District tryouts due to extenuating circumstances, and it is the desire of the USA Hockey Player Development Committee to include the best possible players from across the country. The Player Development Committee, along with the national office and NTDP staff, work closely to track the nation's best players and will work hard to ensure that any replacement will be an asset to the Camp.

In NO EVENT should any Team Leader, Camp Director, Coach, District Player Development personnel or anyone else promise a replacement spot to a player at any Camp. The above procedure will be followed in all cases of player replacement.



## USA HOCKEY SAFE SPORT PROGRAM

Through its Safe Sport Program USA Hockey is committed to creating a safe and positive environment for its participants' physical, emotional, and social development and ensuring it promotes an environment free from abuse and misconduct. The USA Hockey Safe Sport Program has adopted the policies of the U.S. Center for SafeSport ("Center"), including the SafeSport Code, the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies ("MAAPP"), and policies for reporting allegations of misconduct. The USA Hockey Safe Sport Program Handbook is available online here.

USA Hockey's website contains additional materials and resources regarding its Safe Sport Program. All Development Camp Participants are required to comply with the USA Hockey Safe Sport Handbook, including implementation of the requirements of the MAAPP and reporting of violations of the Safe Sport Policies.

### MAAPP REQUIREMENTS

The MAAPP are composed of the following policies (capitalized terms refer to the defined terms found in the Safe Sport Program Handbook):

- One-on-One Interactions Policy
- Locker Room Policy
- Athletic Training Modalities Policy
- Social Media & Electronic Communications Policy
- Transportation and Lodging Policy

Certain exceptions (e.g., Dual Relationships, Close-in-Age, Personal Care Assistants, emergency situations) exist to the above policies. Please review the definitions and applicable sections of the Safe Sport Program Handbook for application of any exceptions. More detailed information on each of the above policies can be found in Section I of the Safe Sport Program Handbook.

### REPORTING

The USA Hockey Safe Sport Handbook (at Section IV) also has detailed information on how to report suspected violations of the MAAPP, or any other abuse or misconduct in USA Hockey programs. During the USA Hockey Development Camps, if you suspect a violation of a USA Hockey Safe Sport Program Policy, you can report that violation in any of the following ways:

- to any of the USA Hockey Development Camp staff persons at the camp;
- to USA Hockey by clicking on the Report to USA Hockey link on the USA Hockey Safe Sport Program webpage, emailing to [usahockeysafesport@usahockey.org](mailto:usahockeysafesport@usahockey.org), or by calling 800-888-4656;
- to the Center by completing an online report to the Center at [uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern/](https://uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern/) or by calling 833-587-7233.

If you have any questions about the USA Hockey Safe Sport Program or any policies, please feel free to send an email to [usahockeysafesport@usahockey.org](mailto:usahockeysafesport@usahockey.org).



## PARTICIPANT'S CODE OF CONDUCT

By accepting the invitation to attend one of USA Hockey's Player Development Camps, players agree to best represent themselves and USA Hockey. As a result, all participants are expected to conduct themselves respectfully toward teammates, other participants, staff, and camp facilities. The policies included within USA Hockey's SafeSport Program apply to players, coaches, and staff conduct at the camp, including prohibitions on hazing, bullying, cyberbullying, threats, harassment, and sexual, physical, or emotional abuse or misconduct.

On and off-ice behavior will be always observed by the staff. Any action that, in the opinion of the Camp Director and/or National Office Staff, is deemed to be detrimental to the well-being of the program or its participants, will result in disciplinary action (including possible dismissal from the camp). USA will not tolerate the use and/or possession of alcohol, non-prescription drugs, prescription drugs except under a doctor's care, weapons, or tobacco products.

If a staff member becomes aware of any incident involving any of the above, he or she is required to report it to the National Office Staff and Camp Directors immediately. If a player is dismissed from camp because of a rule violation or behavioral issue, transportation home would be at the player's own expense and could affect the individual's eligibility for future USA Hockey Programs.

## PLAYER BRIEFING SHEET

### REGISTRATION

Players will receive an email invitation from Rocky Mountain Register including a registration username and password. The username and password are case sensitive and are only valid for 10 days. The online registration must be completed within that period and all documents returned to the USA Hockey national office to secure your spot in the Camp. Failure to do so may result in the player being replaced. If the registration email is not received, please check the junk mail folder. If it is not there, please contact the USA Hockey national office immediately.

### COST

Participants will be required to pay a \$350 registration fee for the Player Development Camps. This fee covers the costs of ice, jerseys, socks, food, and housing. There is an additional fee of \$150 **ONLY** for the Boys 15 Goalie Camp. All 15 Camp Goalies must attend.

### EVALUATION

This year a team will be chosen from the National 16 Camp for an international competition (Five Nations Tournament) August 14-18, 2024, in Piešťany, Slovakia at Easton Aréna.

Players from the National 17 Festival will be evaluated and chosen to attend the Hlinka Gretzky Cup Camp which will take place July 26-30, 2024, at TRIA Arena, St. Paul, MN. Those chosen from the Hlinka Camp will play for the 2024 U.S. Under-18 Select Team during international competition, the 2024 [Hlinka Gretzky Cup](#) August 5-10, 2024, in Edmonton, Canada.



## **CONDUCT**

We ask that you consider your selection to participate in this Camp as an honor and privilege and to conduct yourself accordingly. Be alert to all instructions given both on and off the ice. Be respectful at all times. Always be on time!

## **TRANSPORTATION**

Each player is responsible for his/her own transportation to and from the Camp. Transportation will be provided from the Buffalo Niagara International Airport to the Northtown Center at Amherst. Upon arrival, players will be met in the baggage claim area and bused to the rink. Please make sure that your arrival and departure information is completed within the online registration tool. There is no fee charged for this service if players arrive during designated times.

## **IDENTIFICATION**

All participants must wear their USA Hockey credential at all times, unless while participating on ice.

## **EQUIPMENT**

You must bring full hockey gear, including sticks. All participants must wear a USA Hockey/HECC-approved helmet and facemask. Facemasks, mouthguards and required helmet earpieces are mandatory. Neck Laceration Protectors are not required but recommended by USA Hockey. USA Hockey will provide a jersey and socks that you may keep. All baggage should be properly tagged, including your hockey equipment bag.

- The primary responsibility to wear required and recommended equipment properly, lies with the player.
- On-ice officials will not actively search for violations. However, they will manage violations within the guidelines of the rules.
- Equipment rules are very “black & white” with very few interpretations.
- Wearing an illegal piece of equipment all season does not make it acceptable.
- Players are strongly recommended to check their equipment before arriving to the event.
- Please bring any questions to the Camp Staff and email at [boysplayerdev@usahockey.org](mailto:boysplayerdev@usahockey.org)

## **CLOTHING**

Only casual clothing, such as t-shirts, shorts, warm-ups, sneakers, sweatshirts, etc., is needed. Laundry facilities are available on-site. While traveling, it is suggested that appropriate clothing be worn (jeans, khakis, golf shirt, dress shorts, etc.). Please make sure you are wearing appropriate attire. Clothing with bad language along with apparel from other hockey federations will not be accepted. Note: All players are required to bring at least two towels.

## **SCHEDULE**

The ice schedule (practices and games) is available online at:

[2024 USA Hockey Player Development Camps](#)

All player selections and rosters will also be available on this site prior to camp.





### **MONEY**

You will not need money for food and lodging, we recommend that you do not bring large amounts of cash. There might be optional activities available that campers will need to pay for on their own. USA Hockey staff will be present at all activities.

### **MERCHANDISE**

There will be USA Hockey merchandise (designed and produced through the USA Hockey national office) for sale at all the Camps. Prices for the merchandise (hats, T-shirts, sweatshirts, etc.) will vary depending on the product. Credit cards and cash will be accepted. Merchandise will be displayed in an easily accessible area for all participants. The merchandise will not be for available for sale until mid-June online. If you have questions about merchandise, please contact Josh at Officials Warehouse, [sales@officialswearhouse.com](mailto:sales@officialswearhouse.com).

### **DRUG TESTING**

The U.S. Olympic Training Center may conduct random drug tests at all USA Hockey Camps. Cooperation is mandatory. Non-compliance will be caused for the same penalties as a positive drug test. Most over the counter and prescription drugs contain banned substances. If you are taking any medication, you may call the USADA Hotline (800-233-0393) or check [usantidoping.org](http://usantidoping.org) to verify if they contain banned substances.

### **IMPORTANT PASSPORTS**

**USA Hockey requires that all participants at the National 16 and 17 Camps obtain a U.S. passport.** As a participant in one of our national level programs, you may be selected to compete in international competitions. Obtaining a U.S. passport prior to the Camp will save you money, time and inconvenience should you be selected to compete internationally. Applications are available through the U.S. Postal Service. All players with a passport should check the end date to ensure it is valid through February 2025.

### **GAMES STREAMED ONLINE**

USAHockeyTV will livestream all games (<https://usahockeytv.com/>). All scores, stats and photos will be posted each day on [2024 USA Hockey Player Development Camps](#)

### **SCHEDULE**

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### **VISITATION**

Parents and friends may visit the Northtown Center at Amherst. **Guests are not permitted to visit the dormitory or locker room areas, this includes family members and friends, unless it is during the time of check-in or check-out.** Players are expected to follow their daily schedules fully and should not make other plans during the Camp.

### **CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Players may bring cell phones and other electronic devices to the camp. However, all devices must be turned off or placed in silent mode during all camp activities including in the classroom, cafeteria, meetings, and locker rooms. Non-compliance with this rule will result in confiscation of the item until the end of Camp.



## TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Each player is responsible for his/her own transportation to and from the Camp.

Transportation for the players will be provided from Buffalo Niagara International Airport to The Northtown Center at Amherst in Amherst, New York. There is no fee charged for this service if players arrive during designated times unless the flight is delayed.

When booking travel to the camp, check-in time is between 2:00-5:00 p.m. If flying, you should arrive at Buffalo Niagara International Airport no later than 4:30 p.m. on the day of check-in.

Players can and should arrive any time before 4:30 p.m. Events are scheduled for the arrival day; players will risk missing these very important events if they schedule their arrival after 4:30 p.m.

15 Camp Goaltenders should plan to arrive by 2 p.m. on the first day of the goaltending camp.

## DEPARTURE INFORMATION

### PICK-UP LOCATION

There will be designated pick-up locations and times for all participating players and staff.

### DEPARTURE TIME

The last games will finish around 1:00 p.m. on the last day of the camp. We recommend that travel is booked for any time after 2:00 p.m. to avoid missing the last game. We will not move players onto different teams if they fly out early; they will miss the last game. (Game times are subject to change)

### DORMITORY CHECK-OUT

Dormitory check-out will be supervised by the Team Leaders. Team Leaders are responsible for inspecting the entire room for cleanliness. **Cleaning fees will be charged to the players for rooms that are excessively dirty and/ or damaged.** They are responsible for collecting and turning in keys to team leader. **A \$125 fee will be charged for any lost key.**

### PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES

Players are responsible for:

- Packing all belongings
- Emptying all garbage cans
- Sweeping each room
- Folding all blankets
- Returning sheets, pillowcase, towel to designated area.
- Turning key into Team Leader (\$125 lost key charge)
- Having all belongings outside dorm prior to specific pick-up time
- Loading personal luggage and hockey equipment at specified time

### BUS TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULE

Bus transportation schedules will be created based on player travel schedules. Players are expected to depart the Camp at the date and time so designated by the national office. We understand there may be



a case of departures having to be delayed due to the geographic constraints of some players. These will be handled individually only. Players are responsible for their own room and board on stayovers and must vacate the Camp at the stated time.

### **EARLY DEPARTURE**

**The parent or legal guardian of all minor-aged players must sign an Early Release Form if a player decides to leave Camp earlier than the assigned date/time. No minor age player may leave Camp without the approval of the Camp Director and a properly completed Early Release Form.**

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

Below is a list of frequently asked questions about the USA Hockey Player Development Camps. Please remember that these address many issues for all camps in Amherst. Should you have any questions beyond those included below and what is covered in the participant guidebook, please contact [boysplayerdev@usahockey.org](mailto:boysplayerdev@usahockey.org).

### **Do I need my consent to treat forms?**

The consent to treat form will be part of your registration. All forms are to be signed and agreed upon online. You will need to complete the information during registration and at the end be asked to sign three different forms. There is no need to print the forms unless you would like to keep a copy for your records.

### **What if I have food allergies?**

Please complete the consent to treat form accordingly. Please also email Kevin Margarucci, [kevin.margarucci@usahockey.org](mailto:kevin.margarucci@usahockey.org), and he will make sure the information is provided to the Director, Trainer and both the rink and the college where the players eat. We will copy you on each email so that you can get in touch with them also. Trainer Kevin Margarucci, that will attend camps, will also reach out to you.

### **To whom should I provide my flight arrangements?**

Please ensure that your flight arrangements are updated on your USA Hockey Rocky Mountain Registration account. Please log in using your username and password to update this information. This is how we know when the players are arriving and departing. If you have checked the box that you require transportation, a USA Hockey representative will be at the airport to collect you.

### **What should I do if I am delayed during my travels?**

If you find yourself delayed on travel day, please email [boysplayerdev@usahockey.org](mailto:boysplayerdev@usahockey.org) as soon as possible. We will communicate with the proper people on site. Do not worry that it might be after-hours. We will put you in touch with the camp staff. Transportation will still be available for players that are delayed.

### **If I am flying, where do I go once, I get off the plane?**

Make your way IMMEDIATELY to the baggage claim area once you have landed. A USA Hockey representative will meet you in the baggage area. He/She will let you know where to go after you have retrieved your bags.



### **If I have my driver's license, can I drive myself to camp?**

Yes, you can drive yourself to camp (with your parents' permission, of course). However, you will be required to park in assigned parking lot, turn your keys into the Camp Director and not be allowed to drive throughout the week. Driving during the week without the permission of the Camp Director will be grounds for dismissal.

### **If I am driving to the camp, where do I go?**

#### **Please go to the rink first!**

The Northtown Center at Amherst 1615 Amherst Manor Drive Williamsville, NY 14221. From there you will be advised on how to get to the dorm.

### **What is the general schedule?**

At the 15 camp there are typically two ice sessions per day. The 16 and 17 camps are more focused on a single on-ice session per day. When not on the ice, players will be engaged in off-ice activities and programs. While not much, there will be some down time during the Camp, so it is recommended to bring a book, music, or other activity to occupy that time. All schedules will be posted online here:

[2024 USA Hockey Player Development Camps](#)

### **Goalie 15 Camp**

Goalies at the 15 Camp will arrive earlier than the 15s, please see dates for arrival and departure.

### **Does USA Hockey provide sheets and towels for me?**

Sheets, a blanket and pillows are provided, but each player will be expected to BRING THEIR OWN TOWEL. Additionally, we do not provide toiletries, so please bring your own shampoo, soap, and other bathroom necessities.

### **What kind of clothes should I bring?**

Please bring typical summer hockey camp clothes with you. This should include workout clothes and running shoes for your off-ice training sessions. There will not be any need to dress up during the camp, so you can leave those uncomfortable clothes at home. Inappropriate clothing will not be tolerated.

### **Do I need to bring my hockey equipment?**

Yes! You must bring all your own equipment, as required by USA Hockey rules. Remember, mouth guards and helmet earpieces are required.

### **How much money should I bring?**

This is a personal preference. You will be provided with three meals a day, however you may want to order pizza at night or get items from the vending machines. There will also be some USA Hockey merchandise available at each camp. Please use your best judgment, especially if bringing cash.

### **When will the schedule be posted on the website?**

The on-ice schedules and rosters will be posted on usahockey.com as soon as they are complete (hopefully at least a week in advance). Players will receive any off-ice schedules on a day-to-day basis while at camp.



**Who will be my roommate? Can I request who my roommate is?**

Roommates will be assigned by USA Hockey and provided to you upon arrival. Your roommate(s) will most likely be from a different USA Hockey district. We do not take roommate requests. Switching rooms and/or roommates will not be allowed.

**Where do we eat?**

We will eat at Daemen University. Three meals a day will be provided. Scheduled mealtimes will be provided during the camp. Players must eat all meals with their team.

**Can I bring my cell phone?**

Players can bring cell phones but will have limited time to use them throughout the camp. Players are encouraged to use them only during times that do not interfere with their team obligations and commitments.

**How do we get back and forth from the rink?**

Players and staff will take the shuttle bus back and forth from the rink and dorms in Amherst.

**Will there be trainers available?**

USA Hockey has trainers and medical personnel available 24 hours a day. Any medical/training needs should be addressed directly with those members.

**Will I be able to get my skates sharpened while at camp?**

We will have on-site equipment managers for all equipment needs. You will be informed at the opening meeting about how to address any equipment needs and where to leave your skates should they need sharpening.

**Can my parents and/or other visitors come and watch me or visit me during the week?**

Parents and visitors are invited to watch on-ice sessions during the week. There is no admission fee. Players can converse with parents and family members after practices and games until the team leader indicates that it is time for the team to move on to the next activity. Players are not allowed to leave with a parent/visitor at any time unless he has checked out of the camp and does not plan to return.

**I have heard that it gets hot during the summer in the dorms. Should I bring a fan?**

The dorms at Daemen University are air conditioned.

**Can I bring food to the camp?**

Three meals a day will be provided by USA Hockey. If players would like to bring their own snacks and beverages, they may.

**Will pictures be taken at the camp?**

Pictures will be taken by Total Sports Imaging and will be posted: <https://tsipphoto.com>. You can also contact James Hibbard, [jhibbard@tsipphoto.com](mailto:jhibbard@tsipphoto.com) or 716-432-4926, for further information.

**What is my mailing address while I am at camp?**

The Northtown Center at Amherst, 1615 Amherst Manor Drive Williamsville, NY 14221



## ONLINE REGISTRATION

Per USA Hockey policy, all players are required to register online prior to camp via Rocky Mountain Register, USA Hockey's online registration program. Players are expected to complete the registration within the deadline given to them. Players will not be allowed to participate at camp until their online registration is complete and all necessary forms have been e-signed and submitted via Rocky Mountain Register.

- After a player is notified of his selection to the camp, he will receive an email from [info@rockymountainregister.com](mailto:info@rockymountainregister.com) which will include a username, password, and link to the online registration. The username and password are case sensitive and are required to access the online registration.
- The invitation will be sent to the email address used to register your daughter for player development opportunities at the affiliate and/or district level. The invitation can only be sent to 1 email address.
- Invites are generated through the Rocky Mountain Register system and may end up in your spam folder.
- To avoid this, please add [info@rockymountainregister.com](mailto:info@rockymountainregister.com) to your address book. We ask that you check that folder before reaching out to USA Hockey regarding your invitation. Please check that folder before reaching out to USA Hockey regarding your invitation.
- **If you have been selected to camp and have not received your invitation, please email [boysplayerdev@usahockey.org](mailto:boysplayerdev@usahockey.org) for assistance. Please include the player's name, position, DOB, and the email address to which the invitation should be sent. The RMR system sometimes requires the invitation to be sent several times.**

### What does the online registration entail?

As part of the online registration, players will be required to enter personal information, parent/guardian information, medical information, current school and team information, and travel information for camp.

- **Consent to Treat & Medical Forms:** The Consent to Treat is included as part of the online registration. In order for your registration to be complete, this form (and corresponding medical forms) must be e-signed by your parent or guardian. After completing and e-signing the forms, please submit them by following the instructions in the registration. You will NOT need to print these forms.
- **Travel Information:** Please have travel information accessible when filling out the registration because you will not be able to complete their registration without it. Make sure that your flight itinerary (or driving information) is accurate in your online registration account. Details regarding ground transportation from the airport will be sent to the primary parent contact 48 hours prior to the start of camp. Details regarding departure from the airport to the rink/university be confirmed and communicated to players while they are at camp.
- **2023-2024 Season USA Hockey Membership Number:** If you do not have a new number for the 2023-24 season, you can register here: <https://membership.usahockey.com/>
- **Payment:** Credit Card to pay the \$350 USA Hockey Camp Registration fee. There is an additional fee of \$150 **ONLY** for the Boys 15 Goalie Camp. All 15 Camp Goalies must attend.



## HOCKEY EQUIPMENT CERTIFICATION COUNCIL

All players must wear HECC-certified helmets, facemasks and/or goalkeeper head and face protection. Any player not wearing HECC-approved models will be ruled off the ice until the equipment is corrected. This policy includes any piece of HECC-certified equipment deemed altered.

### Player Helmets

- Must meet HECC Certification standards.
- All components must be in place:
  - ✓ Chin-strap (in addition to facemask straps)
  - ✓ Ear Guards
  - ✓ Chin Cup against chin
  - ✓ J-Hooks
  - ✓ HECC Stickers should be in place.

Mouthpieces are required while participating in the game, but do not need to be connected to helmet.

Neck Laceration Protectors are not required but recommended by USA Hockey.

A current listing of HECC-approved equipment can be found on the Hockey Equipment Certification Council website at: [hecc.net](http://hecc.net). This website is updated regularly with any new equipment that has recently been certified. However, the information on the HECC site only includes products currently being manufactured. If in doubt as to the legality of a helmet, facemask and/or goalkeeper head and face protection, the questioned piece of equipment should have a HECC sticker attached.

Please remember that all players, including goalkeepers, in the 12 & under through 18 & Under (including High School) and in the Girls'/Women's 10 & under through 19 & Underage classifications are needed to wear a colored (non-clear) mouthpiece which covers all the remaining teeth of one jaw, customarily the upper. It is recommended that the mouthpiece be form-fitted by a dentist.

### Rule 304: Protective Equipment:

- (D) All players, including goalkeepers, in all age classifications below adults, are needed to wear a facemask certified by HECC, plus any chin protection that accompanies the facemask. (Note) Any helmet or facemask that is altered except as permitted in Rule 304(c) shall be deemed to be illegal equipment and shall not be allowed to be used in a game. (This shall include helmets from which a part has been cut or removed, facemasks from which the chin-cup has been removed or any other such alterations from the original manufacturing specifications.)

### Goalkeeper Facemasks

- Must meet HECC Certification standards.
- All components must be in place:
  - ✓ Chin-strap (in addition to facemask straps)
  - ✓ Ear Guards
  - ✓ Chin Cup against chin
  - ✓ J-Hooks



✓ HECC Stickers should be in place. Game officials will manage missing stickers in accordance with USA Hockey interpretation to Rule 304.c & d  
Here is the link to a list of certified goalie helmets: <http://www.hecc.net/certprods.html>







## GAME PROCEDURES

The following format will be used during the Player Development Camps:

1. Teams should arrive at the rink one hour before game time. The Team Leader should check in with the Camp Director upon arrival.
2. Teams will take the ice five minutes before the scheduled game time for a five-minute warm-up.
3. All games will start on time.

### GAME LOGISTICS AND PLAYING RULES

Game will consist of two 25-minute, stop-time halves. The rink will be resurfaced prior to pre-game warm up and at the end of the first half. The teams will line up on opposite sides from their bench for the first half and switch ends after intermission. The home team will be designated on the score sheet. Each team is entitled to one time-out per game. A team may warm up a goalkeeper without taking their time-out.

Minor penalties will be 1.5 minutes in length. The penalized team will play short-handed, and normal USA Hockey penalty termination rules apply (first in, first out). Coincidental minors and majors shall cancel in regard to on-ice strength.

Major penalties will be 3 minutes in length and will not terminate on a goal. If the infraction is severe enough to warrant a Major plus Game Misconduct, the offending player shall be removed from the game (and subject to further discipline by the PDC Staff) and the offending team shall play shorthanded for 3 minutes, but no substitute player shall serve the major penalty. Upon the major's expiration, the offending team shall send a player from the Team Bench to regain even strength.

Anytime a penalty is assessed that appears on the game clock and causes a team to be shorthanded, the ensuing face-off shall take place at a defending zone face-off spot.

1. When a penalty is assessed after a goal is scored the face-off will take place at the center ice face-off spot.
2. When a penalty is assessed at the start of a period or at the end of the previous period the face-off will take place at the center ice face-off spot.
3. When the defending team is penalized and the attacking players enter into the attacking zone beyond the outer edge of the end zone face-off circle, the face-off shall take place at one of the neutral zone face-off spots nearest the attacking blue line.
4. When the team not being penalized ices the puck, the face-off shall take place at a neutral zone face-off spot outside the defending blue line of the team icing the puck.
5. When play has been stopped for a pre-mature substitution for a goalkeeper during a delayed penalty, the face-off shall occur at the center ice face-off spot.

If the game is tied at the end of regulation, a five-player shoot-out will take place. If still tied after five rounds, the shoot-out continues in "sudden death" format using different players until all eligible players have been used. Players with active penalties may not participate in a shoot-out (unless serving as a substitute).



The USA Hockey Youth Playing Rules using the Standard of Play and Enforcement Initiative will be used during all games (except with the listed changes).

**National 17 Festival and National 16 Camp Specific Rules:**

The “tag-up” rule will apply to all delayed off-side situations. A shot on goal during a delayed off-side situation shall result in an immediate whistle.

Shorthanded teams may “ice” the puck. Both teams may change players after an icing infraction.

**National 15 Camp Specific Rules:**

Immediate offsides will be played at the National 15 Camp.

Shorthanded teams may not “ice” the puck. Both teams may change players after an icing infraction.

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The Hybrid Icing rule shall be used in all games. An errant icing call shall result in a “last play” face-off in the end-zone where the puck was located when play was stopped (not center ice).

Boarding, Charging, Checking-from-Behind, and Head Contact penalty options are Minor plus Misconduct, Major plus Game Misconduct, or Match. A Major plus Game Misconduct must be assessed for a Check-from-Behind that sends the opponent “head-first” into the boards or goal frame.

Butt-Ending, Head-Butting, Spearing, and Grabbing the Facemask are all Major plus Game Misconduct infractions. Any reckless or deliberate Head Contact must result in a Major plus Game Misconduct.

A Minor or Major penalty may be assessed for all other infractions (except Interference and Holding). A Major plus Game Misconduct should be assessed if the actions recklessly endanger the opponent.

All players must wear a complete HECC-approved helmet with facemask, and a non-clear internal mouthpiece. Any goalkeeper or player who accidentally shoots the puck directly out of play shall not be assessed a minor penalty.

The “five-second” face-off procedure begins the moment the referee completes the line changes. Officials may “present” the puck for face-offs.

If a player receives four penalties (any type) during one game, he shall immediately be assessed a Game Misconduct.

All face-offs shall occur at one of the nine face-off dot locations.

Hand-passes result in a last-play face-off at the point closest to the offending team’s defending zone (point initiated or received). If the attacking team commits a hand-pass in their attacking zone, the face-off is located at the nearest neutral zone face-off dot.

High Sticking infractions (playing the puck) result in a face-off in the offending team’s defensive end-zone.



Coincidental Minor or Major penalties (assessed at the same time) result in immediate substitution for both players and play resumes 5 v 5. The players must wait for the first stoppage after the expiration of their penalties to leave the penalty bench.

A fighting penalty must result in a Major plus Game Misconduct penalty. If a player deliberately removes his own, or an opponent's helmet during an altercation, he must be assessed a Match penalty. If a player's helmet is improperly worn (loose or missing chinstrap, etc.) and is removed during an altercation, the player must be assessed a Game Misconduct.

A player must have "possession & control" of the puck on a break-a-way to assess a penalty shot.

On-ice officials will supervise all games. Any changes in format or problems should be discussed before the game starts with the Camp Director.



## **2024 USA HOCKEY PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CAMP DIRECTORS**

### **National 17 Festival**

**Director:**  
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### **National 16 Camp**

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**Head Team Leader:**  
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### **National 15 Camp**

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**Head Team Leader:**  
Rob Kittay



## **CAMP STAFF SELECTIONS**

Prior to participating at one of USA Hockey Development Camps, every staff member is required to submit and receive clearance on a USA Hockey Background screen. Additionally, all staff must complete SafeSport Training program prior to camp. The conduct of the players, coaches and all staff are subject to the SafeSport Program and the Participant's Code of Conduct.

### **NATIONAL 17 FESTIVAL**

There will be 12 teams at the National 17 Player Development Festival. The District Player Development Representative and the USA Hockey Player Development Manager will work together to recommend coaches and team leader for their respective district team. Roles at the Festival will be filled by staff with U.S. Citizenship, with limited opportunities for international staffing. Assignments will be finalized by the National Office Youth Hockey Department and reviewed by the USA Hockey Player Development Committee.

### **NATIONAL 16 CAMP**

There will be 12 teams at the National 16 Player Development Camp. Applications will be sent out to potential staff from various hockey backgrounds. Roles at the Camp will be filled by staff with U.S. Citizenship, with limited opportunities for international staffing. Assignments will be finalized by the National Office Youth Hockey Department and reviewed by the USA Hockey Player Development Committee.

### **NATIONAL 15 CAMP**

There will be 12 teams at the National 15 Player Development Camp. Applications will be sent out to potential staff from various hockey backgrounds. Roles at the Camp will be filled by staff with U.S. Citizenship, with limited opportunities for international staffing. Assignments will be finalized by the National Office Youth Hockey Department and reviewed by the USA Hockey Player Development Committee.

### **NATIONAL GOALIE 15 CAMP**

There will be 24 goaltenders attending the National 15 Goalie Camp/Festival. USA Hockey Goaltending Managers will recommend staffing for the Camp. Roles at the Camp will be filled by staff with U.S. Citizenship, with limited opportunities for international staffing. Assignments will be finalized by the National Office Youth Hockey Department and reviewed by the USA Hockey Player Development Committee.



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<https://teamusa.usahockey.com/playerdevelopment>

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