



Program FAQs

Welcome and thank you for considering enrolling your child in one of our many age and skill appropriate programs. We know that as parents there are many recreational and competitive programming options available to your family. We want to provide assurance that we will endeavor to provide the best value for your player.

The mission of FWAHA is to provide all local hockey players, families and coaches with a premier development experience.

The FWAHA vision is to develop the whole athlete and allow players to showcase their skills at all levels of competitive hockey.

Over the past many years, we have accumulated the following FAQs that hopefully will guide you in your decision.

What programs does FWAHA offer?

FWAHA offers a House, Select, Travel and High School programs from 6U to 18U.

House is a recreational level program with approximately 24 practices and 24 games per season.

The Select program is for House players who want more development and an introduction to travel hockey with one additional practice per week and an additional 20 - 25 games through tournaments and friendly games with teams from other communities.

The Travel program is for players and families who wish to participate at a higher level of competition, requiring a significant commitment to travel, competing in leagues and tournaments with around 50 games and two practices per week.

High School is for High School student athletes looking to play locally and compete against other High School club teams. Players compete in a local league and state level cross-over games and championships. They will play 40-50 games over the season and practice twice per week.

How much does it cost?

House programs offered at the SportONE/Parkview Icehouse start at \$329 per half season session. The Select and Travel programs typically cost around \$800 and \$2400 per season respectively plus travel expenses (estimated at \$1000 and \$1600 respectively). High school costs around \$2200 with some travel costs.

How long is the season?

Most programs start after Labor Day and end Mid-March. The House programs run from early September to Mid-April (two sessions total).

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Where do I have to travel?

If enrolled in a program that requires travel, games may be up 2-3 hours away in Michigan, Ohio, Illinois and Kentucky. In some cases, overnight accommodation may be required.

Some tournaments will start on a Friday or end on a Monday requiring a player to miss some school time.

When are the tryouts?

- House – Mid to late August
- Select – After Labor Day (Callout Mid-Summer)
- Travel – Early May
- High School – Throughout May

What if I can't make the tryouts?

Best efforts should be made to make all scheduled tryout dates. We understand that occasions arise where that is not possible. In these cases, a prior arrangement should be made with the respective Division Director/Commissioner or Canlan HOAD (Head of Athletic Development).

What if my player doesn't make a team?

There is an FWAHA team for all levels of skill. Only in rare circumstances will no appropriate team be an option. Canlan offers a wide range of training programs at the SportONE/Parkview Sports Icehouse throughout the season to help your player prepare for tryouts.

How is the coach selected?

Each year prior to the tryouts, coaching applications are accepted online and considered for approval by the Director of Coaching and Player development. All coaches must be background screened, SafeSport compliant and have completed the appropriate training course (levels 1- 4) and age specific modules.

What if I want to play High School and Travel?

FWAHA encourages players to play in both programs and offers financial incentives to do so. Additionally, the schedule is designed to accommodate both programs. Players wishing to play both must register separately for each program and pay the respective non-refundable fees.

Can my player "play-up" to the next level?

In rare circumstances. Although not common, any player meeting policy guidelines and that demonstrates exceptional skill, maturity and/or understanding of the game may be considered to play up to the next age classification. Given their limited number, special consideration may be made for goalies. See play-up policy at www.fwaha.org.

What is a birth-year team?

FWAHA's goal is to organize Travel teams by birth year (i.e. 10U major/minor, 12U major/minor). This allows teams to participate in birth year specific programs such as LCAHL. The organization recognizes that in some cases, the numbers of players may require mixed birth year Travel teams within the USA age classifications. Select teams are organized by mixed birth years within the USA age classifications.

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