



Jr. Ducks announce 2025-26 Tier II coaches

The Anaheim Jr. Ducks are pleased to announce their Tier II coaches and tryout times for the 2025-26 season. **All Tier II tryouts will be held at Great Park ICE and FivePoint Arena on June 13-14. Specific times and rink assignments are listed below.**

The club has built a national-level profile at Tier II and qualified nine teams for the USA Hockey Youth Nationals since 2013. The 18U team reached the 2024 National tournament. Overall, the club has won 27 AA and AAA CAHA titles since 2014.

Not only does the Tier II program consistently achieve team success, but it is centered on player development and may serve as a feeder for the AAA program. That in turn can be a launching pad for further educational and hockey opportunities. A total of 81 Jr. Ducks players have made NCAA Division I college commitments, including 51 in the past 11 years. During the 2024-25 season, 68 former Jr. Ducks played Division I, Division III and ACHA hockey. There were 57 more playing Junior hockey. The club's high visibility in the Tier 1 Elite Hockey League and beyond annually leads to a dozen or more Jr. Ducks signing junior tenders and/or being drafted by junior teams.

Three more players with ties to the club were selected in the 2024 NHL Entry Draft, giving the club 17 total NHL draft picks. The group included Zeev Buium, who went 12th overall to the Minnesota Wild and became the highest-drafted California-born and -trained player. The club had two more homegrown picks in the first round of the 2019 draft. Cam York was taken 14th overall by Philadelphia, making him the highest-drafted California-born and -trained player at that time. Ryan Johnson went 31st overall to Buffalo. York made his NHL debut in 2021, while Johnson made his in 2023.

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Team	Coach	Home ICE
18U AA	Alex Vasilevski	Great Park
Tryouts	June 13: 8:30 p.m., Rink 3; June 14: 10:30 a.m., Rink 4	
16U AA	Jeff Noviello	Great Park
Tryouts	June 13: 7:15 p.m., Rink 3; June 14: 9:15 a.m., Rink 4	
14U AA	Taylor Love	Great Park
Tryouts	June 13: 6:30 p.m., Rink 4; June 14: 9:15 a.m., Rink 4	
12U AA-1	Head coach Larry Barron	Great Park
	Associate coach Josh Newton	
Tryouts	June 13: 6 p.m., Rink 3; June 14: 9 a.m., Rink 3	
12U AA-2	Co-coach Mike Bickley	Great Park
	Co-coach Larry Barron	Great Park
Tryouts	June 13: 7:45 p.m., Rink 4; June 14: 9 a.m., Rink 3	

