



Team Midwest for Birth Year 2012 and 2013

Introduction

The Midwest Amateur Hockey Association (“MWAHA”) is pleased to announce the continuation of Team Midwest for the 12u Major (2012 birth year) and 12u Minor (2013 birth year) age divisions. In parts of the country some USA Hockey programs have AAA teams at the youth level that travel extensively. This is a major time and financial commitment for parents and players at these ages. Our belief within the MWAHA is that it is a priority for younger players to have fun with their friends by continuing to play hockey for their home Association. However, at the same time we would like to offer a pathway for top MWAHA players to have a higher-level competitive experience against AAA teams while still playing for their home Association team during the winter season.

This will be the 2nd year that MWAHA has fielded teams of top players among the 18 Associations to compete against other USA Hockey AAA programs. Last year, Team Midwest competed against the Chicago Fury AAA, Madison Capital AAA, Windy City AAA, Carshield AAA, and the St Louis Blues AAA programs. The teams were coached by Christian Graham and JS Dickson, both of whom played high-level hockey (pro or D1 college) and have extensive experience coaching and developing youth hockey players. We are also excited to announce that both Mr. Graham and Mr. Dickson will be coaching the teams again this year.

Tryout registration online at: <https://tristatehockey.sportngin.com/register/form/394341233>
Registration will close Friday May 31, 2024.

Team

Each team will consist of the top MWAHA players within the 2012 and 2013 age group.

- # of Teams: 1 team for the 2012 age group and 1 team for the 2013 age group.
- Roster Size: 15 to 17 selected players with up to 6 alternates.
- Coaches: JS Dickson (2012s) & Christian Graham (2013s).
- Cost: \$1,200 per selected player. \$400 per alternate.
- Competitive Level: Top Midwest AAA programs (St. Louis, Chicago, Others)
- Practice: 20 to 25 hours of practice time prior to and after the Association winter season.
- Practice Location: Des Moines, Omaha and Kansas City.
- Games: 10 to 12 games with games prior to and after the Association winter season.
- Schedule: Tentative schedule announced prior to or at Final Tryouts.



It is expected that these teams will be playing against the top players and competition throughout the Midwest and beyond. Parents unsure about the competitive level should talk to their local coach or Hockey Director for guidance regarding tryout participation.

2012 Tryouts

Tryouts are open to all MWAHA players within the 2012 age group. The cost for the tryout is \$45.00. **Players will need to make one of the Open Tryouts to be considered for the Final Tryout. Players do not need to make both Open Tryouts.**

- **Open Tryout 1:** Sunday 6/2 from 3:15pm to 4:30pm, at The RecPlex in Des Moines.
- **Open Tryout 2:** Friday 6/7 from 6:30pm to 7:45pm, at Baxter Arena in Omaha.

Selected players will be invited to participate in a Final Tryout by Wednesday 6/12.

- **Final Tryout:** Friday 6/21 from 7:00pm to 8:15pm, at Independence Ice in Kansas City. Team Midwest will be announced by Friday 6/28.

2013 Tryouts

Tryouts are open to all MWAHA players within the 2013 age group. The cost for the tryout is \$45.00. **Players need to make one of the Open Tryouts to be considered for the Final Tryout and team selection. Players do not need to make both Open Tryouts.**

- **Open Tryout 1:** Sunday 6/2 from 1:45pm to 3:00pm, at The RecPlex in Des Moines.
- **Open Tryout 2:** Friday 6/7 from 5:00pm to 6:15pm, at Baxter Arena in Omaha.

Selected players will be invited to participate in a Final Tryout by Wednesday 6/12.

- **Final Tryout:** Friday 6/21 from 5:30pm to 6:45pm, at Independence Ice in Kansas City. Team Midwest will be announced by Friday 6/28.

Questions

Questions can be directed to the following email TeamMidwestHockey23@gmail.com. **Alternatively, a question-and-answer section has been provided.**