

# Tryout and Registration Policies (14U–18U)

## Jr Black Bears | 2026–2027 Season

The Jr Black Bears will field **14U, 16U, and 18U teams**.

*All teams will participate in the CBHL and AHF.*

*Note: The second 18U team may opt out of the AHF. That decision will be made at a later date.*

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## Tryout Fee

- The tryout fee for 14U–18U is **\$90**.
  - All players are required to wear a **black and white reversible Jr Black Bears practice jersey**.
  - Players without a jersey must purchase one during registration for an additional **\$40**.
  - **No loaner jerseys will be available.**
  - **All tryout fees and jersey purchases are non-refundable.**
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## Tryout Procedures

- Players should arrive **no more than 1 hour and no less than 45 minutes** prior to their scheduled tryout time for check-in and jersey distribution.
  - Players must wear their **assigned tryout jersey for all sessions**.
  - Players must **check in prior to each session** before taking the ice.
  - **No spectators** will be permitted during tryouts.
  - If a player cannot attend a session, notify in advance at **nhadevelopment@gmail.com**.
  - Participation in **all sessions is strongly encouraged** to ensure a complete evaluation.
  - Players will receive a follow-up email with **their assigned second session time** and should attend as scheduled.
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## Team Announcements

- Players will receive communication regarding session assignments and team placement via **email**.
- Coaches may also opt to follow up via **phone**

- It is critical that the **registered email address and phone number are actively monitored** throughout tryouts.
  - The **final level of play** for each team will be determined at a later date based on team composition and evaluations by the coaching staff and hockey director.
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## Season Registration

- Once offered a roster spot, players will have **12 hours** to accept by registering at: [www.nelsonhockey.org](http://www.nelsonhockey.org)
  - The **first payment is required at the time of registration.**
  - Failure to accept within 12 hours may result in **forfeiture of the roster spot.**
  - Communication will be sent via **email**, with possible **phone follow-up.**
  - After registering, any player requesting a release to join another team must **pay the full season fee** prior to release.
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## Team Fees & Payment Information

### Season Fees & Initial Deposit

Team	Birth Year	Season Fee	Initial Deposit
14U	2012–2013	\$3,675	\$920
16U	2010–2011	\$3,775	\$940
18U	2008–2009	\$3,875	\$960

*Please note: Piney Orchard Ice Arena plans to add a half sheet during the 2026–27 season. Any additional practices, scrimmages, clinics, or ice sessions associated with its use may require an additional fee.*

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## Payment Options

- **Credit Card – Full Payment:**  
Full season fees (including processing fees) may be paid at the time of online registration.
  - **Credit Card Payment Plan:**  
A four-payment plan is available:
    - Initial deposit at registration
    - Remaining payments due: **May 29, June 26, and July 31**
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## Discounts

- **Sibling Discount:**  
The youngest player is full price; each additional player receives **\$100 off** season fees.
  - **Goalie Discount:**  
A **50% discount** is applied if:
    - There are two rostered goaltenders on the team, and
    - The player does not skate as a forward or defenseman in any game
  - **Important:**
    - Goalie and sibling discounts **cannot be combined**
    - To receive a discount code, email: [nhabusinessmgr@gmail.com](mailto:nhabusinessmgr@gmail.com)
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## Uniforms & Equipment

- Season fees **do not include uniforms or equipment**
  - All uniforms and team apparel will be purchased through **Breakaway Sports**
  - Ordering details will be provided via email
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## Season Schedule

- Season runs **mid-August through approximately February 26, 2027**
  - No team activities during:
    - **Thanksgiving Break:** November 26–29
    - **Winter Break:** December 24–January 1
  - Practice schedules will be shared as soon as available
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## Practices

- All teams will have approximately **2 practices per week**
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## Game Expectations

- Approximately **35 games** (CBHL, AHF, and non-league)
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## Additional Notes

- **AHF Showcases are included** in season fees
- **Tournaments are not included** and will be determined by coaches at a later date