



## Jr. Ducks announce 2026-27 Tier 1 coaches, tryout times

The Anaheim Jr. Ducks are pleased to announce their Tier 1 coaches for the 2026-27 season. **All Tier 1 tryouts will be held at Great Park ICE and Fivepoint Arena on April 17-18. Specific times and rink assignments are listed below by the respective team.**

### The Tier 1 program continues to experience massive team and individual success

- Jr. Ducks Tier 1 teams are thriving on the national level. The 16U team won a Pacific District championship in 2026 to advance to the USA Hockey Nationals. The club has had 23 Tier 1 Nationals qualifiers and 18 Tier 1 CAHA titles since 2015. Excluding the 2020 season, when Nationals were not held due to Covid, the 18U team went to Nationals every year from 2016 to 2025, and the 16U team has gone eight times in those 11 years. The club also has sent multiple teams to the Tier 1 Elite Hockey League's heavily scouted playoffs for 11 consecutive years, including the 14U, 15O, 16U and 18U teams this season.
- The club's reputation for player advancement also continues to grow. Six more players with ties to the club made NCAA Division I commitments, bringing the total to 88 players since the Jr. Ducks' inception and 57 in the past 12 years. During the 2025-26 season, 74 former Jr. Ducks played Division I, Division III and ACHA hockey. There were 23 playing professional hockey and at least 40 more competing in junior hockey.
- Former Jr. Ducks defenseman Brendan Dunphy was selected in the 2025 NHL Entry Draft, giving the club 18 total NHL picks. That includes Zeev Buium, who went 12<sup>th</sup> overall to Minnesota in 2024, making him the highest-drafted California-born and -trained player. Two homegrown picks went in the first round in 2019. Cam York was taken 14<sup>th</sup> overall by Philadelphia. Ryan Johnson went 31<sup>st</sup> overall to Buffalo. York made his NHL debut in 2021; Johnson made his in 2023.

### The 2026-27 coaching lineup

#### Director of Coaches

**Craig Johnson** [cjprohockey@hotmail.com](mailto:cjprohockey@hotmail.com)

**18U AAA (2008-09)  
Tryouts**

**Coach August Aiken** [august.aiken@gmail.com](mailto:august.aiken@gmail.com)  
**April 17:** 6:15 p.m., Rink 3; **April 18:** 1:30 p.m., Rink 1

**16U AAA (2010)  
Tryouts**

**Coach Alex Kim** [alexmkim79@gmail.com](mailto:alexmkim79@gmail.com)  
**April 17:** 7:30 p.m., Rink 4; **April 18:** 1:30 p.m., Rink 1

**15O AAA (2011)  
Tryouts**

**Coach Alex Kim** [alexmkim79@gmail.com](mailto:alexmkim79@gmail.com)  
**April 17:** 5 p.m., Rink 3; **April 18:** 11 a.m., Rink 1

**14U AAA (2012)  
Tryouts**

**Coach Kahlil Thomas** [kahlilt@hotmail.com](mailto:kahlilt@hotmail.com)  
**April 17:** 7:45 p.m., Rink 4; **April 18:** 11 a.m., Rink 1

**13O AAA (2013)  
Tryouts**

**Coach Craig Johnson** [cjprohockey@hotmail.com](mailto:cjprohockey@hotmail.com)  
**April 17:** 6:30 p.m., Rink 4; **April 18:** 12:15 p.m., Rink 1

**12U AAA (2014)  
Tryouts**

**Coach Sasha Voloshin** [avoloshin91@gmail.com](mailto:avoloshin91@gmail.com)  
**April 17:** 5:15 p.m., Rink 4; **April 18:** 12:15 p.m., Rink 1

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*For complete information on tryouts, please visit [jrducks.com/tryouts2627](http://jrducks.com/tryouts2627)*

