



Youth Hockey League 2022
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

<u>In-House Players</u>	<u>Travel Players</u>
• 8U 2013 (and younger)	N/A
• 10U 2011-2012	N/A
• 12U 2010-2009	2012-2011
• 14U 2008-2007	2010 -2009
• 18U/HS 2003-2006	2004-2008

What division will/should my child play in?

Year of birth per USA Hockey for the 2021-2022 season will be applied. However, player movement is required for travel players and recommended for some second year in-house players that in the fall, would be moving to the next age division. For example, travel players that will be 12U in the fall must play up to 14U. In-house players that move up in the fall may play up if they feel they are ready and their coach from the winter season recommends it. In-House players who do not move up in the fall should stay in their current division.

*****NEW THIS YEAR*** All Wild/Travel players must play in the program they last played with in In-House league. If they didn't play in-house, then they play at the closest rink to them. WB will only play teams that adhere to this structure.**

Will there be girls teams?

The plan is to continue girls teams as was done in this past winter season. They in-house programs and the Houston Storm will continue to work in conjunction/partnership with each other. They will be combined with all the in-house players for practices as was done this past season.

Where will the teams' practice and play?

The teams will practice at the Aerodrome Ice Skating Complex and games will be played at the Aerodrome, Sugar Land, Memorial City, Spirit Ice (if they have a program) and Bellerive Ice Center. Teams can expect games on Saturdays and/or Sundays. There could be weeks with 2 games on a weekend or a weekend with no game depending on the number of teams in the city. Much of it depends on ice availability.

What is the anticipated practice schedule?

We hope to have 1-2 practice nights based on schedule below. The final schedule will be determined after registration, and we know the number of teams and other considerations, so this could change.

10U Mon. 6:40 pm & Wed. 6:50 pm

14U Tues. 7:50 pm & Wed. 8:00 pm

8U Tues. & Wed. 5:40pm

12U Tues. & Thurs. 6:50pm

18U/HS Mon. & Thurs. 8:00 pm

How many players are on a team?

Generally, there are 15 players and two goalies placed on a team. 8U teams usually have 12-13 players on a team.

Are there any skating requirements for players?

In order to participate in the league, players must have passed either our Learn to Play program or previously skated for a USA Hockey Ice Hockey registered team, or another sanctioned, organized ice hockey program in Canada or Europe.

Does my child have to be evaluated or drafted to be placed on a team?

Yes. Players will be evaluated the first time they are scheduled to be on the ice the week of March 28, 2022. The league will strive to create equally talented teams through an evaluation process. The coaches will notify you of the team and practice time for your player after all evaluations/practices are completed for the week.

All **new** players 8U and older will need to supply a birth certificate to the directors.

Is the 18U/HS division going to be based on the schools the players go to?

We will try to have the teams based on the school the kids go to but based on numbers, we may have to combine two or three schools together. Also, if it looks like there won't be parity, we reserve the right to make changes that we feel will provide parity but still work towards school affiliations.

Players in every division are required to wear the full equipment per USA Hockey guidelines to participate in the practices and games. Refusal to conform and enforce these guidelines may subject a player, team or coach to suspension. All age divisions will play NO-CHECK this summer.