



MINNESOTA'S BEST... PLAY HIGH PERFORMANCE

Minnesota Hockey is excited to invite you to join us for the **CCM Minnesota Hockey High Performance Tier I Leagues** for 2001 and 2002 birth years. The CCM HP Tier 1 League is an expanded and enhanced version of our Fall HP 14/15 program. The League is designed to provide the best players in Minnesota with an opportunity to train with and against each other while preparing for their Bantam, 15U, and High School seasons.

TRYOUTS

Minnesota Hockey districts will hold tryouts in August to select nine district teams for each classification. To be eligible for tryouts, players should have played on an A/AA team during the 2015-16 season or in the Spring HP program. If an association does not field an A/AA team, B players may be eligible to tryout.

GAMES & SCHEDULE

Following tryouts, selected players will take part in two months of high performance training and skill development with top coaches. Teams will participate in up to 18 practices and at least 14 games spanning 4 weekends and League playoffs. In the Youth 14, Youth 15, and Girls 14 age classifications the top four teams, as determined by League playoffs, will also compete for the opportunity to represent Minnesota at the 2017 USA Hockey Tier 1 National Tournaments.

REGISTRATION

Registration will open in early May. If you have any questions on registration please contact your local District's General Manager or Minnesota Hockey. General Manager contact information for each age group can be found at minnesotahockey.org/tier1

FESTIVAL SITES

GIRLS 14:

Aug. 26-28 = Ridder/Mariucci (U of MN)
Sept. 9-11 = AMSOIL Arena (UMD)
Sept. 16-18 = Bernick's Arena (Sartell)
Sept. 23-25 = Vadnais Sports Center

GIRLS 15:

Aug. 26-28 = Duluth Heritage Center
Sept. 9-11 = Eden Prairie Comm. Center
Sept. 16-18 = New Hope Arena
Sept. 23-25 = Sanford Center (Bemidji State)

YOUTH 14:

Aug. 26-28 = Doug Woog Arena (So. St. Paul)
Sept. 9-11 = Sanford Center (Bemidji State)
Sept. 16-18 = Ridder/Mariucci (U of MN)
Sept. 23-25 = Bernick's Arena (Sartell)

YOUTH 15:

Aug. 26-28 = St. Cloud MAC
Sept. 9-11 = Fogerty Arena (Blaine)
Sept. 16-18 = AMSOIL Arena (UMD)
Sept. 23-25 = St. Paul Highland

LEAGUE PLAYOFFS (SEPT. 30-OCT. 2):

Youth 14 & 15 = Super Rink (Blaine)
Girls 14 = Super Rink
Girls 15 = Braemar Arena (Edina)

MN DISTRICT PLAYOFF (OCT. 7-8):

Youth 14, 15 and Girls 14 = Super Rink



FAQ

How did MH arrive at the decision to sanction Tier 1?

After a lengthy process of interviewing numerous stakeholders that would be affected by the implementation of Tier 1 hockey, Minnesota Hockey voted to institute a system that was: Open to all age eligible players, Did not infringe on in-season community based youth or high school hockey seasons, Was designated only for age groups that are eligible for USA Hockey National Championships, and Supported by USA Hockey.

How does a team qualify for Nationals?

Each age classification will conduct a League playoff at the end of its season. When applicable, the League champion will face off against Shattuck-St. Mary's in the District playoff for the right to play in the National Tournament in the Spring. In some cases, teams that don't win the District playoff may be invited to the National Tournament as an at-large bid.

How much does it cost to play?

The cost varies by League. For 14U and 15U, there will be a tryout/registration fee of \$85. Players that make the team will be charged an additional fee by their district to cover costs of practices, jerseys, team staff stipends and league/playoff fees. Teams that qualify for the National Tournament will be responsible for paying their own way to the tournament. Teams will be made aware of expected cost prior to the season starting.

SCHEDULE

Week 1	Aug 2-8	Tryouts
Week 2	Aug 9-15	3 practices
Week 3	Aug 16-22	3 practices
Week 4	Aug 23-29	2 practices, 3 games
Week 5	Aug 30-Sep 4	2 practices, 0 games
Week 6	Sep 5-11	2 practices, 3 games
Week 7	Sep 12-18	2 practices, 3 games
Week 8	Sep 19-25	2 practices, 3 games
Week 9	Sep 26-Oct 2	2 practices, Playoffs
Week 10	Oct 7-9	MN District Playoff

Will the Tier 1 program conflict with my Association team or tryouts?

There should be little to no conflict with the HP Tier 1 League and an association's tryouts or season. The League will do its best to avoid interference with a player's community-based team's schedule. If for some reason there is a conflict, players should make every effort to participate with their in-season (association) team's tryouts, practices and games. The high school seasons will not be affected as all games will be completed prior to high school teams conducting tryouts.



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