



2013 Québec Program Information Packet

Québec International Pee-Wee Hockey Tournament
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Congratulations to your player for being selected to represent the Atlantic District at the 2026 Québec International Pee-Wee Tournament! This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that you and your child will remember forever.

This document is intended to offer some general information about the tournament to help you plan for the trip, and we are happy to answer any questions you may have. However, we would like to state up front that the key to a successful Québec experience is flexibility. Plans are subject to change based on many factors that are outside our control, and it makes things much easier and more fun when everyone is willing to go with the flow.

Introduction

The AAHA Québec program is a co-ed program open to athletes who reside or play in the Atlantic District. Every year, we select teams to participate in the Québec International Pee-Wee Hockey Tournament, the most prestigious youth hockey tournament in the world which is often referred to as the "Little League World Series of Hockey". In 2026, the New Jersey Devils and Philadelphia Flyers teams will play in the AAA division of the tournament.

This event is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for the athletes who participate. Tournament games are played in the 18,000+ seat Centre Vidéotron, home of the Remparts de Québec, and exhibition games are played in various rinks around the area. Our players billet with carefully selected and fully vetted local families who generously open their homes to visiting Peewees each year. The tournament takes place during Carnaval, a celebration of winter that includes parades, contests, games, demonstrations, and exhibitions.

The AAHA Boys Player Development staff has been attending this tournament for 25 years, allowing us to ensure that our teams will operate smoothly and our players and families will get the most out of their experience.

The Québec program is the entry point to the Atlantic District Boys Player Development Program, a six-year development program that delivers evaluation, exposure, and unique, high-level training and competitive opportunities to elite youth hockey players in the Atlantic District. Boys selected for one of our Québec teams receive an automatic invitation to the 2026 Training & Development Camp.

Registration Fees

The player fee for the 2026 Québec program is \$3,250 payable in full by July 1 or in three installments due July 1, October 1, and January 15. Your team registration fee includes the following:

August Training & Development Camp	Souvenirs
Practices and team events	Home & away jerseys and socks
Player apparel	Team jackets
Travel bags	Bus transportation for player + 1 adult
Billet parties	Snow Park admission for one player

Practice Schedules

Each team will have practices and events scheduled between August and February and we will release the schedule as soon as it is available. Please submit your regular season schedule to your team leader as soon as possible so we can take that into account when creating our practice schedules. In addition, we plan to hold mini-camps on January 1, 2026 and January 20, 2026 (MLK Day).

If a player has a conflict between a Québec practice or event and a regular season team event, they should fulfill their obligation to their regular season team. However, players are expected to attend as many Québec team events as possible and attendance at the Québec tournament itself, in its entirety, is mandatory.

Travel

BUS The registration fee includes transportation to and from Québec for one player and one parent or guardian. Extra seats are available for \$250 (round-trip *only*) on a first come, first-served basis. Round trip bus travel is mandatory for all players, and all players must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Arrangements must be made in advance for another adult to take responsibility for all players traveling unaccompanied by a parent or guardian.

We are scheduled to leave on Thursday, February 12, and we will return no earlier than Friday, February 20 and no later than Sunday, February 22. We will spend Thursday night in Montreal on the way to Quebec to train and play an exhibition game, and we will go the rest of the way to Quebec on Friday. Occasionally circumstances arise that require us to leave prior to our scheduled departure date but this is very rare, and we will communicate any changes to you as early as possible. All parents, siblings, etc. will be able to ride the bus while in Québec since the players will be transported by their billet families while we are there.

Each family is permitted to bring an AAHA-issued player travel bag, one player equipment bag, and one additional bag on the bus. Players will stow their travel bags in the overhead compartments on the bus. Sticks should be taped together; they will be stored under the bus in the team stick bag.

The bus typically has a DVD player, so we encourage you to bring family-friendly movies that are appropriate for all ages. The bus will have WiFi and outlets for charging your devices.

You should bring food and drinks with you on the bus (no alcoholic beverages are permitted). The bus will stop one time on the way up for refueling, usually in Plattsburgh, NY. Everyone will need to get off the bus, and while there are some fast-food options nearby they can get very crowded. After we cross the border and clear customs, we will head straight to the hotel in Québec City.

When we arrive in Québec around 5:00 pm, players and parents must remain on the bus while the team leader gets all the room keys from the front desk staff. We will distribute the keys on the bus before you disembark. You need to stop at the front desk before 9:30 pm on the day of arrival to put a credit card on file for incidental charges.

While in Québec, please be on time for all bus departures; if we have all the players we are supposed to have, the bus will leave as scheduled. If you do not plan to take the bus, please

let your team leader know so they don't worry about you. All schedule changes will be announced on the bus, so if you are not on the bus you should check in with your team leader or another parent to see if you missed anything.

New Jersey Devils Bus loading will begin at 7:30 am, and the bus will depart at 8:00 am from Codey Arena in West Orange, NJ. Cars may be left in the parking deck at the rink; your team leader will collect your license plate numbers and provide them to arena staff prior to departure. The ride to Québec from West Orange is approximately 10 hours long.

Philadelphia Flyers Bus loading will begin at 5:00 am, and the bus will depart from the Ice Line Quad Rinks in West Chester, PA at 5:30 am. Cars may be left on the left side of the building near Rink 4/Bike Line; your team leader will collect your license plate numbers and provide them to arena staff prior to departure. The bus will make an additional pickup stop at the Flyers Training Center in Voorhees, NJ at 6:45 am. Cars may be left on the right side of the building near the back; your team leader will collect your license plate numbers and provide them to arena staff prior to departure. The ride to Québec from Voorhees is approximately 11 hours long.

CAR You should notify your car insurance company prior to departure that you will be travelling out of the country. Please note that the tournament is held during the Québec Carnaval, and there will be a parade in downtown Québec on Saturday, February 14 starting around 7:00 pm. Anyone planning to arrive in Québec that day should get there no later than 3:00 pm, or it will be very difficult to get to the hotel. Don't forget to bring plenty of windshield washer fluid that is appropriate for very low temperatures.

AIR People who prefer to arrive by air can fly into Jean Lesage International Airport (YQB), which is a small airport with relatively limited service. Another option is to fly into Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport in Montreal (YUL) and drive the three hours from Montréal to Québec City.

PASSPORTS Please note that signed passports are mandatory for all adults and children travelling to Québec by bus, car, or air. Passports should have six months' remaining validity, so if your passport expires after August 22, 2026 you should renew it before leaving for Québec.

Hotel

We will stay at the Delta Québec Hotel in Québec City, which is a Marriott property. This is a stay-to-play tournament and it is mandatory for all families to stay at this hotel per tournament rules. Hotel costs are not included in your registration fee, but we have arranged a group rate and blocked rooms for our families. All reservations must be made through your team leader as part of the group. In order to receive the reduced room rate, we must book the rooms for nine nights from Friday, February 13 through Sunday, February 22 regardless of when we actually leave. Our contract with the hotel stipulates that room reservations can be cancelled up to 2 weeks prior to arrival.

Each room at the Delta has a refrigerator, and cots are unavailable.

MARRIOTT POINTS If you wish to use your Marriott points to pay for your room, you are responsible for handling that directly with the hotel and your reservation will be subject to the terms and rules set by Marriott. Your team leader will be able to provide you with the name and contact information of the person you need to speak with at the Delta in order to use your points. The rate for a regular room is about 45,000 points per night. Please notify your team leader no later than October 15 if you plan to use points for all or part of your stay.

ROOM RATES Room rates for the 2025 tournament were \$225, and we expect this year's rates to be similar. This is the base room rates and does not include taxes, and the actual costs will vary depending on the exchange rate.

PARKING As of this writing, there is no valet service available at the Delta. The entrance to the parking garage is on Rue Antonio-Barrette and the parking fee is \$25/day CAD. Please note that the clearance in the garage is very low, so if you have an oversized vehicle or roof storage you will need to park elsewhere.

CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT Check-in time is 3:00 pm. While every effort is made to accommodate early arrivals, rooms may not be available before that time. Check-out time is 12:00 noon. Please ask at the front desk for a late departure time (note that late check-out fees may apply).

Billeting

While in Québec, the players will not stay at the hotel with their families. Without exception, it is mandatory for all players to billet with a host family that has been carefully selected and screened by the Québec International Pee-Wee Tournament. These families will treat your child as if they were their own, feeding them, doing their laundry, and transporting them to and from team activities. It is always a dramatic scene when we board the bus to return home, with most billets in tears. We are lucky to have a number of families who billet with us year after year; some of them have been with us so long that their own children are now hosting players! Billeting is a wonderful opportunity for our players to learn about another language and culture while forming long-lasting friendships. Many families stay in touch with their billets and even invite them to their own homes to visit.

We are sensitive to the fact that billeting is difficult for many parents and players, and we know that parents can sometimes feel frustrated that they do not have time to enjoy Québec alone with their children. However, the expectation is that the billets will be the players' primary caregivers while in Québec. Players will eat breakfast and dinner with their billet families most days, they will return to the billets' homes at the conclusion of team activities every night, and we will not allow any exceptions for any reason at all. Parents and players must treat the billet families with consideration, courtesy, and respect, and anything less than this will not be tolerated.

In order for things to run smoothly, parents must trust the staff and the process that we have refined over the years. Team leaders are responsible for knowing the whereabouts, schedules, and transportation needs of every player, and parents must allow the staff to fulfill this responsibility without interference. Billet families will notify the team leader and/or billet captain before they leave any team activity with their players.

BILLET ASSIGNMENTS Players will billet in pairs, and while we do our absolute best to pair every player with their first or second choice, there are no guarantees. If you do not provide a second or third choice on your Player Questionnaire and we are unable to pair you with your first choice, we will pair your player with a player of our choosing. When we get our list of billets around January 1, we will give each family the contact information for their billets so they can communicate with them prior to arrival. If a player has any allergies, is on a special diet, requires medication, or has any other needs, billets should be notified in advance so they can plan accordingly. Parents/guardians are permitted to send their players to the billets' homes with food.

FIRST NIGHT On the night we arrive in Québec, we will all meet with the billet families in the 1st floor ballroom at 6:30 pm (finger foods and cash bar). Players should bring their belongings to this meeting because they will go home with the billet families directly from the party. Please be sure your child eats dinner before leaving with their billet family. Depending on our arrival time you may feel a little rushed, but please be flexible. These families have been waiting for months for your child to arrive and they will be excited to show them their homes!

TIME WITH BILLETS In addition to the meet-and-greet on the night of arrival, you will have other opportunities to interact with your billets. Each team will have a billet party during the week, and there may be an additional group dinner planned. In addition, most billets join the team at the Valcartier Snow Park. Families often take their billet families out for dinner during the tournament, or the billets may invite the families to their homes. This is a great chance to get to know them better; we just ask that you take the team's agenda into consideration when planning these get-togethers.

GIFTS It is customary for families to give their billets a thank-you gift for hosting their players, and billeting pairs are encouraged to chip in together to purchase something special. Billet families love getting team apparel that they can wear to games, or you can bring something that represents your home area or a gift for their children. Some families prefer to wait until they arrive in Québec and purchase a gift certificate to a local restaurant for the billets to use later.

PLAYER TRANSPORTATION Most billets take time off from work during the tournament, but some billets are unable to do so. In those cases, they may ask another billet family to take their players or they may drop them off at the Centre Vidéotron where they will be picked up by the team leader and brought back to the hotel. Players who come back to the hotel in the morning will return to their billets upon the conclusion of team activities for the day.

CASH We recommend that you give your player about \$40 CAD to start with. Please do not send your child to the billet's home with a lot of cash; rather, you should replenish their cash supply daily as needed.

CLOTHING It is best for you to send all of your child's belongings with them to the billet's home the first night to avoid confusion or forgotten items. The billets will do laundry for your child as needed. While parents must bring their child's equipment back to the hotel each day, you should send your child to the billet's home with their stick, gloves, helmet, and skates in case they want to play pond hockey. You may want to bring an old pair of skates for pond hockey so your player's game skates are not damaged.

ELECTRONICS Your child is permitted to bring their cell phone to the billet's home provided they use it responsibly. However, we ask that players not bring any video games, headphones, etc. to the billet's house. The players are there to interact with their host families and learn about Québec culture, which cannot happen when they are wearing their AirPods and checking Snapchat.

Activities

ITINERARY As soon as we get our game schedule from the tournament, usually in mid-January, we will provide families with a tentative itinerary. This itinerary is subject to change.

TOURNAMENT GAMES We will notify you of the day and time of our first game and the options for our second game as soon as we receive that information. The Québec tournament has a two-game guarantee; after the first game teams go into the winners' bracket or the losers' bracket, and from then every game is an elimination game.

The first game will be played at the Centre Vidéotron, home of the Remparts de Québec of the Québec Major Junior Hockey League. All winner's bracket games are played at the Vidéotron; loser's bracket games are played at the Pavillion de la Jeunesse (near the Vidéotron) until the finals.

Admission to the tournament is \$10 CAD per day for adults and \$3 CAD per day for children under 14. Alternatively, you can purchase a tournament pass for \$80 CAD. Admission can be purchased at the ticket booth in the Vidéotron or through the Ticketmaster app and does not need to be purchased in advance. Parking is \$10 CAD per day.

Streaming of all Vidéotron games is available at www.peeweelive.com (subscription fees apply).

SOUVENIERS All players will receive trading pins. Pin trading is a very popular activity and a great way to meet people from all over the world. Players should be reminded that they do not need to trade pins with teams they will play, because all teams exchange pins at every game. Team leaders will give a full set of pins to each player at the end of the trip. Tournament souvenirs and photo packages are available for purchase at the Vidéotron.

EXHIBITION GAMES Team leaders will schedule a number of exhibition games, and our goal is for our teams to play a game every day we are in Québec. We try to create a diverse exhibition schedule and play teams from around the world at a number of different rinks.

VALCARTIER SNOW PARK Once we receive our game schedule we will add the snow park to our agenda. This is always a favorite activity, and a chance for players and families to bond and meet other teams. Snow park tickets cost about \$45 CAD, and all family members and billets are invited to participate. Tickets will be purchased upon arrival, and if you prefer not to engage in snow play there are restaurants, a bar, and shops to keep you busy.

Participants will want to wear long underwear, snow pants, snow boots, gloves, jackets, hats, and a scarf and/or ski mask. You may want to bring an extra hat and pair of gloves.

Player Dress Code

- Players may wear whatever they want on the bus to and from Québec.
- Players should wear their team jackets and hats to all team events.
- Players must wear khaki pants, team shirt, and boots or shoes (no sneakers) to all tournament games. They should bring sneakers and off-ice warmup clothing with them.
- During games, players will wear their Québec team jerseys and matching socks. We do not expect anyone to go out and purchase any new equipment but given a choice we prefer for players to wear a black helmet, black gloves, and black pants/shell.
- Players are expected to carry their equipment in the team equipment bags provided to them.
- Players should use their team travel bag to carry their belongings to Québec and to their billet families' homes.

Before We Leave

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS All travelers must bring their current passport. If anyone travelling on the bus is not a US citizen, please notify your team leader in advance. If a parent or guardian is unable to travel on the bus with a player, they are responsible for providing notarized Assignment of Responsibility and Acknowledgement of Responsibility forms to their team leader prior to departure. For players who have two parents or guardians, if only one is traveling on the bus with the player they must provide a notarized Consent to Travel with a Minor form to their team leader prior to departure. Both forms can be found at the end of this document.

CURRENCY EXCHANGE You will not need any CAD before arriving at the hotel, so you should plan to get your cash from an ATM upon arrival in order to receive the best exchange rate. Notify your bank that you will be using your credit card(s) in Canada, and check to see if there will be a fee assessed for any credit card purchases made. The bus will stop at the Duty-Free shop on the way home so you will be able to change your leftover CAD back into USD.

COMMUNICATION In order to avoid high international charges, contact your wireless provider prior to departure to adjust your plan for all family members who are travelling with the team. Team leaders will communicate with team members using WhatsApp, so be sure to download the app prior to departure.

INSURANCE Check with your insurance carrier to see if you have medical coverage abroad.

Places of Interest

- Delta Québec Hotel - 690 Boulevard René-Lévesque E, Québec, QC
- Centre Vidéotron & Pavillion de la Jeunesse - 250 Wilfrid-Hamel Blvd, Québec, QC
- Valcartier Snow Park - 1860 Boulevard Valcartier, Saint-Gabriel-de-Valcartier, QC

RESTAURANTS Many good restaurants are within walking distance or a short cab ride of the hotel. We recommend that you make advance reservations for dinner, particularly on Saturday when the city will be full of hungry parade-goers. A few of our favorites include:

- Restaurant Parmesan – Traditional Italian food, lots of memorabilia, live entertainment. 418-692-0341
- La Vielle Maison du Spaghetti – Pizza, pasta, and other Italian favorites. 418-529-6697
- Cochon Dingue (two locations) – Bistro-style restaurant, French Canadian menu, open for breakfast and lunch. 418-692-2013
- Restaurant Le Grand Café – Diverse menu including fondue, modern décor, best for an adult only evening. 418-529-6237
- Pub Saint Patrick – Irish pub in a historic building with a full pub grub menu. 418-694-0618
- Le Bistro – Hotel restaurant and bar located on the main floor, open for breakfast and dinner.
- 1608 Bar – Upscale bar in the historic Château Frontenac with beautiful views of the St. Lawrence River, drinks and finger foods. 418-692-3861
- Casse-Croûte Pierrot – Pizza, open late, delivers. 418 529-4273 or <https://cassecroutepierrot.com>

SIGHTSEEING We will arrive in Québec in time to experience the last few days of Carnaval, Québec City's winter celebration. The highlight of the festival is Saturday's Night Parade, which will travel down the Grande Allée starting at 7:00 pm. During the day, you can visit the fairgrounds on the Plaines d'Abraham or tour Bonhomme's Ice Palace. Other points of interest include:

- Old Québec – Take the funicular from the Haute-Ville to the Basse-Ville
- Le Château Frontenac
- Hôtel de Glace
- Musée National des Beaux-Arts
- Place Royale
- La Citadelle de Québec & the Fortifications of Québec

- Musée de la Civilisation
- Hôtel du Parlement & Parliament Hill

Packing checklist

PLAYERS

Equipment and sticks
Extra skates for pond hockey
Home & away jerseys and socks
Khaki pants
Boots and/or shoes
Team apparel (jacket, hat, shirt)
Off-ice warmup clothing
Sneakers
Long underwear
2 pairs of gloves
Ski mask and/or scarf

Ski pants
Snow boots
Extra hat
Warm layers (sweatshirts and/or sweaters)
Old skates for pond hockey
Casual clothing
Dinner/evening outfit
Toiletries & Medications
Charger
Homework

PARENTS

Long underwear
2 pairs of gloves
Ski mask and/or scarf
Ski pants
Snow boots
Extra hat
Warm layers (sweatshirts and/or sweaters)

Long underwear
Everyday/casual clothing
Dinner/evening outfit
Toiletries & Medications
Charger
Humidifier (optional)

Please Note:

- Uggs are not good footwear for the slushy and slippery sidewalks of Québec.
- Remember that you will be bundled up most of the time, so no one will know if you've worn the same outfit more than once.
- You will be constantly moving between the freezing, wet outdoors and the hot, dry indoors so wear many layers.
- Consider bringing a humidifier if you can fit it in your luggage or send it with someone else, because the hotel has just a few available and the air is very dry.



Assignment of Responsibility Form

We, _____ (print P/G 1 name) and _____ (print P/G 2 name), parent(s) of _____ (print player name) will not attend all or part of the Québec International PeeWee Tournament in Québec City, Québec, Canada from Thursday, February 12 - Sunday, February 22, 2026. We hereby authorize _____ (print name of responsible adult) to accompany the above-named minor and act on our behalf in the event of an emergency.

Please print clearly

Player Full Name:			
Player Passport Number:			
Parent/Guardian 1 Full Name:			
Parent/Guardian 1 Signature:			Date:
Address 1:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Phone 1:		Phone 2:	
Parent/Guardian 2 Full Name:			
Parent/Guardian 2 Signature:			Date:
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Phone 1:		Phone 2:	
Responsible Adult Full Name:			
Responsible Adult Passport Number:			
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Phone 1:		Phone 2:	

State of _____
 County of _____

On _____ (date), before me, _____ (notary), personally appeared _____ and _____ (signers) and proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) are subscribed to the within document and acknowledged to me that they executed the same in their authorized capacity(ies).

WITNESS my hand and official seal:

My commission expires:



Acknowledgement of Responsibility Form

_____ (print P/G 1 name) and _____ (print P/G 2 name), parent(s) of _____ (print player name) will not attend all or part of the Québec International PeeWee Tournament in Québec City, Québec, Canada from Thursday, February 12 - Sunday, February 22, 2026. I, _____ (print name of responsible adult), hereby accept responsibility for the above-named minor and will act on their parent(s) or guardian(s) behalf in the event of an emergency.

Please print clearly

Player Full Name:				
Player Passport Number:				
Parent/Guardian 1 Full Name:				
Address 1:				
City:			State:	Zip:
Phone 1:		Phone 2:		
Parent/Guardian 2 Full Name:				
Address:				
City:			State:	Zip:
Phone 1:		Phone 2:		
Responsible Adult Full Name:				
Responsible Adult Signature:				Date:
Responsible Adult Passport Number:				
Address:				
City:			State:	Zip:
Phone 1:		Phone 2:		

State of _____
 County of _____

On _____ (date), before me, _____ (notary), personally appeared _____ (signer) and proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) are subscribed to the within document and acknowledged to me that they executed the same in their authorized capacity(ies).

WITNESS my hand and official seal:

My commission expires:



Consent for Travel with a Minor Child Form

I, _____ (print P/G 1 name), am the lawful custodial or non-custodial parent or guardian of _____ (print player name). _____ (print P/G 2 name) has my consent to travel with the above-named minor to the Québec International PeeWee Tournament in Québec City, Québec, Canada from Thursday, February 12 – Sunday, February 22, 2026.

Please print clearly

Player Full Name:			
Player Passport Number:			
Parent/Guardian 1 Full Name:			
Parent/Guardian 1 Signature:			Date:
Address 1:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Phone 1:		Phone 2:	
Parent/Guardian 2 Full Name:			
Parent/Guardian 2 Passport Number:			
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Phone 1:		Phone 2:	

State of _____
 County of _____

On _____ (date), before me, _____ (notary), personally appeared _____ and _____ (signers) and proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) are subscribed to the within document and acknowledged to me that they executed the same in their authorized capacity(ies).

WITNESS my hand and official seal:

My commission expires:



School Letter

February 1, 2026

Dear _____:

_____, a student-athlete who attends your school, is one of just 19 players selected to represent the Atlantic District of USA Hockey at the 66th Québec International Pee-Wee Hockey Tournament in Québec City, Québec, Canada from Thursday, February 12 - Sunday, February 22, 2026 as a member of the New Jersey Devils/Philadelphia Flyers team. This tournament is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for talented hockey players and many current National Hockey League players have fond memories of their participation in this event.

Each year, approximately 100 teams from around the world come together to participate in what some refer to as the "Little League World Series of Hockey." In addition to playing tournament games at the Videotron Centre, the 18,259-seat home of the Québec Remparts, players will participate in exhibition games at various rinks around Québec City.

While Québec is officially bi-lingual, French is the primary spoken and written language in the area. Québec has a rich history, and players will have the opportunity to visit sites such as the Old City, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Château Frontenac, site of the First Québec Conference in 1943 where Franklin D. Roosevelt and Winston Churchill met to plan the allied invasion of occupied Europe. The tournament is held during Carnaval, the city's winter celebration of the region's art and recreation. In addition, the players all stay with local host families, where they are immersed in the French-Canadian language and culture.

We understand the importance of school, and players are expected to make arrangements with their teachers prior to the team's departure for Québec so they do not fall too far behind. Our team agenda includes time for the players to complete their schoolwork.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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