

TEAM SOUTH DAKOTA 2026-2027

Coaching Overview:

TSD positions are primarily active from the start of August through October. Team

South Dakota's practices and games will be held on weekends (Friday-Sunday) during the Fall

and will then break for the SD Hockey league season. Teams generally start up again mid

March following the end of their SD Hockey State Tournament. The Spring season usually

includes one to two practice/game weekend before the USA Hockey National Tournaments.

The High School Nationals dates for this season are March 17-21, 2027 and the Tier II Nationals

are March 30-April 4th, 2027. Head and Assistant Coaching positions are compensated and a

Per Diem is available for lodging, meals and mileage.

Main TSD coaching duties include, but are not limited to the following:

-Attend TSD tryouts May 29-31, 2026, attend Fall practices and qualifying games.

-Lead and/or assist in design and execution of both on/off ice plans for practice weekends.

-Oversee team activities and preparation (video, meetings, itineraries, communication,

etc.) for the practice weekends, qualification games, and National Tournament

-Cooperation with TSD Committee members and TSD Manager to ensure quality experiences for parents and players.

-Attend any scheduled zoom meetings for TSD coaches to create consistency within the values and principles of TSD, South Dakota Hockey and USA Hockey.

Additional Info:

-Youth Teams: The youth teams will play 18-20 games from August through October which are generally held in MN, ND, NE and SD over a period of 5-6 weekends (does not include practice weekends).

-Girls Teams: The Girls teams will play 18-20 games August through early November which are generally held in MN, ND, WI and SD over a period of 5-6 weekends (does not include practice weekends). If there are more than two Nationally bound teams in any division in our district there will be District Championships at the end of the Fall season to determine which 2 teams in each age division will advance to the National Tournament. All teams eligible for the National Tournament will reconvene after the South Dakota Hockey State Tournaments for one to two practice/game weekends prior to the National Tournament.

Apply Here: <https://form.jotform.com/261222908488059>

APPLICATION DEADLINE MAY 10TH, 2026!

If you have any questions, please email Jenni Wirkus, Team South Dakota Manager, at sdahadirector@outlook.com or call 605-880-8097.

USA HOCKEY NATIONAL TOURNAMENT LOCATIONS 2027

March 17th-21st, 2027: High School Nationals-Amherst, New York

March 30th-April 4th, 2027: Youth 14U Tier II Nationals-West Chester, Pennsylvania

March 30th-April 4th, 2027: Youth 16U Tier II Nationals-Perinton, New York

March 30th-April 4th, 2027: Youth 18U Tier II Nationals-Madison, Wisconsin

March 30th-April 4th, 2027: Girls 14U Tier II Nationals-Coral Springs, Florida

March 30th-April 4th, 2027: Girls 16U Tier II Nationals-Pittsburg, Pennsylvania

March 30th-April 4th, 2027: Girls 19U Tier II Nationals-Irvine, California