

# Indy Jr Fuel

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## 2025 - 2026 ANNUAL REPORT

During the 2025-2026 season, the Indianapolis Youth Hockey Association either achieved or made progress toward all of our stated goals. With growth at almost every age group, we are now home to more than 1,200 hockey players spread across 60 teams.

The IYHA recreational league (317 Hockey League) has experienced incremental growth over the past two seasons, with more than 600 players registered from Nitros (6 & Under) to 18 & Under. Our priority is to not only continue but accelerate the growth of the 317 Hockey League to ensure that players of all abilities have a place to play. Coach Alvin McCarver was named the season's Coach of the Year. Not only did he win championships in two different age groups, he proved himself to be a measured and fair leader, and earned the trust of his players and families from day one.

317 Hockey League Guenin Cup Champions include:

- 18U: Froehlke
- 14U: Team McCarver
- 12U: Team McCarver
- 10U: Team Hutchings
- 8U Gold: Team Sprunk
- 8U Black: South Indy Sharks
- Girls: Team Cmejla (Kris May Cup)

Girls hockey in central Indiana has continued with steady growth, with more than 70 players on Girls-only teams, and many more spread throughout the various levels and teams in the program.

The Indy Jr Fuel Tier II travel teams have continued both short and long term success. Among the many accolades Indy Jr Fuel travel teams earned this season, 12U Red hold the title of regular season champions of the 12U A Gold division of the Buckeye Travel Hockey League, 14U White captured the championship trophy in the 14U A Bronze division playoffs, and 12U White was crowned state champions, winning the 12U Hoosier Division of the Governor's Cup.



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Although the CSDHL Prospects Division expanded to host a wider footprint with more teams competing, Gold teams at all three levels reached the playoffs, each went 2-1 during their respective tournaments. After winning the state advancing tournament in early March, 14U Gold competed at the USA Hockey Tier II National Championship tournament in Dallas, they finished the tournament with a record of 2-1.

Alumni and recent graduates from Indy Jr Fuel teams are achieving milestones in all corners of the game: Malaya Anaba, a freshman at Amherst College, participated in the 2026 NCAA DIII 'Frozen Four;' Trevor Young, Roman Gralak, and Charlie Rutz all signed tender offers with North American Hockey League teams for the 2026-2027 season.

The success of the Men's, Women's and Paralympic USA Hockey teams at the 2026 Winter Olympics has proven to broaden interest in ice hockey across the United States. Capitalizing on this momentum, the IYHA launched a social media ad campaign that reached close to 200,000 unique and active social media accounts in the Indianapolis area, and lead to more than 1,000 interactions on our Learn to Play webpage.

The 2025-2026 season has been a success in all aspects for the IYHA. We have been able to increase programming and hire new staff while continuing to be financially sustainable. We look forward to your support to help us continue to grow and improve our operations.

From the IYHA staff, a total of 125 coaches and volunteers, thank you for your support and contribution to the children's success.

Sincerely,

Derek Edwardson  
Executive Director

