



Jr. Ducks announce 2026-27 Tier II tryout times, coaches

The Anaheim Jr. Ducks are pleased to announce their Tier II coaches and tryout times for the 2026-27 season. **All Tier II tryouts will be held at Great Park ICE and FivePoint Arena on June 5-6. Specific times and rink assignments are listed next the respective team.**

The club has built a national-level profile and qualified nine Tier II teams for the USA Hockey Youth Nationals since 2013. The 18U team reached the 2024 tournament. Overall, the club has won 28 AA and AAA CAHA titles since 2014 and is positioned to win more this spring. The Jr. Ducks again will play host to the CAHA Tier II States at Great Park ICE and FivePoint Arena on March 6-8.

Not only does the Tier II program consistently achieve team success, but it is centered on player development and may serve as a feeder for the highly successful Tier I program. That in turn can be a launching pad for further educational and hockey opportunities. A total of 88 Jr. Ducks players have made NCAA Division I college commitments, including 57 in the past 12 years. During the 2025-26 season, 74 former Jr. Ducks played Division I, Division III and ACHA hockey. There were 23 playing professional hockey and at least 40 playing in various junior leagues. The club’s high visibility in the Tier 1 Elite Hockey League, where four teams competed in the 2026 playoffs, and beyond annually leads to a dozen or more Jr. Ducks signing junior tenders and/or being drafted by junior teams.

Defenseman Brendan Dunphy was selected in the 2025 NHL Entry Draft, giving the club 18 total NHL draft picks. The group includes Zeev Buium, who went 12th overall to the Minnesota Wild and became the highest-drafted California-born and -trained player. Two homegrown picks went in the first round in 2019. Cam York was taken 14th by the Philadelphia Flyers, and Ryan Johnson went 31st overall to the Buffalo Sabres. York made his NHL debut in 2021; Johnson made his in 2023.

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Tier II Director of Coaches	David Walker	davidwalkerjr@hotmail.com
Team	Coach	Home ICE
18U AA	Jeff Noviello	Great Park
	Tryouts: June 5 – 8:30 p.m., Rink 3; June 6 – 10:30 a.m., Rink 4	jeffnoviello@gmail.com
16U AA	Alex Vasilevski	Great Park
	Tryouts: June 5 – 7:15 p.m., Rink 3; June 6 – 9:15 a.m., Rink 4	alexvas95@gmail.com
14U AA	Larry Barron	Great Park
	Tryouts: June 5 – 7:45 p.m., Rink 4; June 6 – 9:15 a.m., Rink 4	larrybarron@barronhockey.com
12U AA-1	Sean Birkle	Great Park
	Tryouts: June 5 – 6 p.m., Rink 3; June 6 – 9 a.m., Rink 3	sean.birkle@yahoo.com
12U AA-2 (2015)	Co-coach Noah Clarke	Great Park
	Co-coach Alex Kim	Great Park
	Tryouts: June 5 – 6:30 p.m., Rink 4; June 6 – 9 a.m., Rink 3	noah.j.clarke@gmail.com alexmkim79@gmail.com

For more information on Tier II tryouts, visit www.jrducks.com/tryouts2627

