



SANTA CLARA BLACKHAWKS

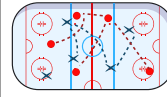
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FROM THE BOARD

Hello 'Hawks Families! Welcome to the 2025-26 season! We hope you are all enjoying the summer. For our returning families, welcome back. For those who are new to the Blackhawks, a big welcome! The Santa Clara Blackhawks have been fielding youth hockey travel teams in the Bay Area for over 50 years and we are thrilled to be heading into another season supporting bay area youth in this sport that we all love. We are also excited to bring back our club newsletter! The newsletter gives us an opportunity to stay in touch with the 'Hawks community, to provide information throughout the season, and share stories and successes across teams. The Blackhawks are a non-profit organization and at the heart of its operations are our volunteers, whether it be coaches who were former 'Hawks players, board members whose kids have aged out and continue to volunteer, or parents who actively engage at the team level. The newsletter is a great way for the 'Hawks community to stay tuned in to what's happening across the club. Thank you to those of you who indicated your volunteer areas of interest on the financial agreement. Coaches, Team Managers and the Board will reach out soon as we begin focusing on logistics and operational elements over the next couple of months. Looking forward to a new season of hockey - Let's Go 'Hawks!



COACHES CORNER

Coach Jeremy (12U-3 team) grew up in a small town in Ely, Minnesota. He learned to skate on a frozen lake in front of his house. His first pair of skates were figure skates, courtesy of his two sisters. Coach Jeremy learned about hockey when an informational flyer was passed out in kindergarten. He played youth and high school hockey for Ely, MN and then took a break to play baseball in college. After graduating college he continued his education at the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill where he got the itch to play hockey again. He played in the mens league and during one game he played against the head coach of the UNC hockey team. The UNC coach recruited Jeremy and he played defense for the Tar Heels until he graduated. Coach Jeremy's coaching philosophy is "The legs feed the wolf!" He focuses on skill development, skating fundamentals, and stride mechanics. Playing as a team, learning how to control the puck and make plays is just as important. Off the ice Coach Jeremy enjoys fishing, hunting, skiing, and carpentry. He also enjoys time with his three kids, three cats, three dogs, and three horses.



BLACKHAWKS COMMUNITY EVENT

(VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS NEEDED)

The Blackhawks will be hosting its annual skating party for foster youth in Santa Clara County. This year the event will take place on Saturday, August 23, 2025 at Sharks Ice San Jose. We are looking for 40+ Blackhawks coaches, players, and parents to volunteer their time to help make this event successful. Volunteers will greet the kids and their Advocates, share lunch, help kids with their skates, and skate with the foster youth (provide one-on-one skate instruction). On-ice volunteers must be at least 12U and above. Parent volunteers can be from any age group! We could also use a few volunteers to help setup as needed. This is a great, annual event for the 'Hawks to connect with the local community.

Sign up to volunteer at: <https://forms.gle/FdaDsNnQM4snYjn66>

THE REF ROOM

What's the Call:



Tripping - If a player uses his/her stick or any other part of the body to cause an opponent to fall or trip it results in a 2 minute tripping penalty.

Accidental trips which take place simultaneously with a completed play or at the stoppage of play won't result in a penalty.



UPCOMING DATES

- 8/11 (week of) A/B and AA practices officially begin
- 8/23 CASA Skate 3-5pm Sharks Ice San Jose (gray rink)
- TBD - Scorekeeping Clinic for parent volunteers

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TO DO LIST

Have you completed your background check, Safe Sport and Anti-Bullying Training (AB&I) yet?
Now is the time!

Players will not be added to the roster until their Anti-Bullying Training is complete.

2025/26 USAH Number: [USA Hockey Registration](#)

Background Screening (Every 2 Seasons): [Background Screen](#)

SafeSport Training (Annual): [SafeSport Program Training](#)

AB&I Training (Annual): [Safesport training .t](#)



CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to our 18U-AA Summerhawks team for winning first place in the California Dreamin' Memorial Day Showdown in Riverside, CA. These athletes have been playing together since they were squirts. Most of them are off to play Juniors, college hockey, or hanging up their gloves for other adventures. This was their last youth hockey tournament together. Go Hawks!

