



Jr. Ducks announce 2026-27 Tier 1 coaching lineup

The Anaheim Jr. Ducks are pleased to announce their Tier 1 coaches for the 2026-27 season. **All Tier 1 tryouts will be held at Great Park ICE and Fivepoint Arena on April 17-18. Specific times and rink assignments will be announced in the near future.**

The Tier 1 program continues to experience massive team and individual success

- Jr. Ducks Tier 1 teams are thriving on the national level. The 15U, 16U and 18U teams won Pacific District championships in 2025 to advance to the USA Hockey Nationals. The club has had 22 Tier 1 Nationals qualifiers and 16 Tier 1 CAHA titles since 2015. Excluding the 2020 season, when Nationals were not held due to Covid, the 18U team has been to Nationals every year since 2016, and the 16U team has gone seven times in those 10 years. The club also has sent multiple teams to the Tier 1 Elite Hockey League's heavily scouted playoffs for 11 consecutive years, including the 14U, 15U, 16U and 18U teams this season.
- The club's reputation for player advancement also continues to grow. Five more players with ties to the club made NCAA Division I commitments, bringing the total to 87 players since the Jr. Ducks' inception and 56 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 more competing in junior hockey.
- Former Jr. Ducks defenseman Brendan Dunphy was selected in the 2025 NHL Entry Draft, giving the club 18 total NHL picks. That includes Zeev Buium, who went 12th overall to Minnesota in 2024, making him the highest-drafted California-born and -trained player. Two homegrown picks went in the first round in 2019. Cam York was taken 14th overall by Philadelphia. Ryan Johnson went 31st overall to Buffalo. York made his NHL debut in 2021; Johnson made his in 2023.

The 2026-27 coaching lineup

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