

TRI-CITY EAGLES HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

2026-27 SEASON

TRAVEL TRYOUT & SEASON

PROGRAMMING INFORMATION



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ABOUT US & CLUB VALUES |

Who we are...

Founded in 1993, The Tri-City Eagles Hockey Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping young individuals develop as athletes, leaders, and contributing members of the community. For over 30 years, we have successfully accomplished this through our house, travel-lite and elite hockey programs that stress excellence, self-sacrifice and places the needs of the player above all else.

At Tri-City we **SOAR** with . . .

R

RESPECT

*Treat everyone in a manner that says, ‘**you have value.**’ That includes teammates, other club members, rink employees, coaches, opponents, referees, strangers and most importantly yourself.*

I

INTEGRITY

*Doing the right thing, **especially** when no one is watching.*

C

COMMITMENT

*Made up of two parts, an ‘**agreement**’ and ‘**action**’. The agreement is what you say you are going to do. The action is doing it.*

H

HONESTY

*Beyond just telling the truth and beyond being honest with coaches, teammates and opponents; the game demands you are **always honest with yourself.***

G

GRATITUDE

*A **thankful mindset** is quintessential to make the most of the opportunities created by the efforts of so many. **Success always finds the grateful hockey player.***

2026-27 EMPHASIZED EXPECTATIONS

Work Hard

All players are expected to bring their best effort at all times. We want players to develop pride in their work ethic and constantly push their comfort zone boundaries. Hard work is to be celebrated, not judged.

- Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard.
- Perfection in sports exists only in two areas: effort and attitude. You control both.
- Getting better every day starts with effort.

Support Your Teammates

Players must embrace the dynamic of a team sport. Being a positive force within a team is contagious. The opposite is also true. Build your teammates up, have their backs, work hard together, and special things happen. Very important to understand that this extends to parents to support players and parents (your teammates) alike.

- True victory, in any team sport, is found in the transformation of individuals into one, united group.
- The most important player on any hockey team is the one who makes everyone around them better, on AND off the ice.

Commitment

All scheduled events, practices, and games, are mandatory. Excused absences include observed religious holidays and graded school events (direct conflicts), illness, injury, and emergencies. All absences must be communicated with team staff as far in advance as possible. Schedules are different for each program (see below), but emphasis in upholding a commitment is consistent.

24 Hour Rule

Parents/guardians are not allowed to confront team staff to discuss any negative game or practice situation until at least 24 hours after the completion of the event. This includes in person, text, call, email, etc. Parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to avoid discussing the situation with others until the time is appropriate to address directly with team staff.

At no time will a parent/guardian EVER engage with or provide negative feedback to a referee or opponent (player or staff) on site. Parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to avoid negatively engaging with any/all supporters of opposing teams at all times. Reports providing feedback re: referees and/or opponents (players, staff, supporters) may be submitted by parents/guardians as appropriate, exercising discretion to the nature of the 24 Hour Rule.

NOTE: Situations addressed by SafeSport are to be reported as prescribed through SafeSport training.

***NEW* INTRODUCING SPLIT SEASON TEAMS (16U/18U)**

The Tri-City Eagles are excited to announce the introduction of the “Split Season” team option at the Youth Travel 16U and 18U ages!

Last season, we adjusted the programming for ALL 16U and 18U Youth Travel Teams, modifying the structure of the season post-Thanksgiving. While we put a lot of time and effort into the research and support of the model, it failed to hit the mark. With continued research and feedback, we have developed the following model for the 2026-27 season, creating programming options that vary based on interest.

Full Season Travel Teams

[Details found on Travel Programming page](#)

Traditional “Full Season” teams will return to a consistent, season-long schedule that is not adjusted based on the time of the year. Just like the rest of Youth Travel programming, 16U and 18U Travel teams will compete in both the CBHL (local) and AHF (regional), practice twice weekly, and participate in 2 tournaments.

Split Season Travel Teams

Details found on Split Season Programming page.

Available for 16U and 18U aged players, the Tri-City Eagles will now field “Split Season” team options. These teams will participate in an abbreviated season, potentially re-starting activities at a later date based on team results/standings.

The goal is to provide a product of interest for those seeking an alternative to the challenges experienced with simultaneous and overlapping club and high school hockey seasons.

TRAVEL PROGRAMMING: YOUTH & GIRLS

FULL SEASON TEAMS

Youth: 8U-18U

Girls: 12U-19U

Range of Competitive Levels: B, Low A, High A, AA

Season

10U-18U teams compete in both the local Chesapeake Bay Hockey League (CBHL) and regional Atlantic Hockey Federation/Atlantic Girls Hockey Federation (AHF and AGHF respectively).

8U teams compete in the CBHL and exhibition games.

Team activities begin in late August and continue through the conclusion of league playoffs in late February/early March. Travel teams declaring as "National Tournament Bound" (NTB) may have their seasons extend as far as early April, should they achieve a position at the USA Hockey National Tournament.

Practices

Twice weekly (exceptions occur during holidays) with 14U and Older teams receiving a mix of full and half ice practices.

Games

Registration guarantees AHF/AGHF (16 games) and CBHL (16-24 games) league schedules, as well as two team selected tournaments (~8 games). Variance for CBHL games is due to how each age/division is constructed by the league during the summer. Exhibition games are only provided at the discretion of the club. Teams may petition club approval to participate in additional events with the understanding that fees/costs would need to be covered by the participants.

SPLIT SEASON TRAVEL TEAMS (16U/18U YOUTH ONLY)

The Tri-City Eagles will now field “Split Season” team options for 16U and 18U aged players. These teams will play an abbreviated season with a definitive stop date and, based on league schedule results, potential re-start of activities at a later date.

Season

Teams will compete only in the AHF. Team activities will begin in late August and conclude with the 2nd AHF Showcase (October 16-18, 2026). Should the team qualify for AHF Playoffs (President’s Day Weekend, 2027), the team would reassemble for participation. Reassembly would include on ice practice time included in registration. Preparatory exhibition games are addressed below.

Teams

We are prepared to construct the following Split Season Travel Teams:

- 18U AA
- Additional 18U teams constructed based on interest

Teams and competitive levels are subject to change based on results. We are prepared to build additional Split Season Travel Teams based on interest, with those competitive levels TBD. All constructed Split Season teams will follow the same season model.

Roster

While the team(s) will compete in an 18U division, 16U aged players are eligible to be rostered, provided the fit is appropriate. Therefore, all players within the 16U and 18U age groups are eligible.

Tryouts

Players interested in a Split Season Travel Team roster spot should attend travel tryouts as scheduled. There is no separate tryout process. Any necessary adjustments will be communicated as necessary.

SPLIT SEASON TRAVEL TEAMS (continued)

Practices

Practices to begin prior to the 1st AHF Showcase (Labor Day Weekend) and concluding with the 2nd AHF Showcase. Teams will receive two weekly practices; one full ice and one split ice.

Games

Guarantee of AHF league schedule (16 games) and AHF Playoffs (if qualified):

- Two league showcases of four games each (8 games)
- Four home and four away league games (8 games)
- AHF Playoffs (TBD; February 13-15, 2027)

Exhibition games are not guaranteed and only provided only at the discretion of the club at no additional charge. Pending club approval, Split Season Teams are allowed to pursue additional events with the understanding that fees/costs would need to be covered by the participants.

Uniforms

Jerseys and socks are included in registration fees. Team specific shells will not be a part of the Split Season team uniform but may be purchased optionally. The team will wear the same jersey for both home and away games.

Registration

Roster spots are \$1,750 (plus processing fees), with discounts available for goaltenders. Registration is all inclusive, to include jerseys and socks. Additional apparel, events beyond provided programming, etc., are optional and charged separately.

Dual Rostering

Registration with a Split Season Travel Team is done with the understanding that a player may only be rostered on one USA Hockey Tier II team, i.e., Split Season team players will not be able to simultaneously roster with a full season travel team with the Tri-City Eagles or elsewhere.

1) This does not affect high school. ALL players may still roster with a USA Hockey and/or Federation High School program without any restriction.

2) Split Season rostered players must seek official release from the Tri-City Eagles prior to joining any other full season travel team at any point of the 2026-27 season. This would include any time following the completion of activities in October, regardless of whether the team achieves an AHF Playoff berth or not. Outside of PVAHA Rule 4.0, please understand that the Tri-City Eagles are under no obligation to provide release.

TRAVEL TRYOUT PROCESS AND PROCEDURES

General Information, Schedule, and Supplemental Tryouts

- [Youth Schedule: 14U-18U](#)
- [Girls Schedule: 14U-19U](#)

Check-In Process

- Check-in will take place in The Gardens Ice House front entrance lobby unless otherwise instructed.
- Please arrive to check-in at least forty-five (45) minutes prior to your first session.
- Players will receive an assigned tryout jersey and are to wear the same tryout jersey each session unless otherwise instructed.
- Players are responsible for their own warmup.
- Check in is only necessary prior to your first session.

Check-Out Process

- Tryout jerseys are to be returned in designated receptacles following your final session.
- If unreturned during tryouts, jerseys may be delivered to The Gardens Ice House at your convenience.
- There are no other check out requirements.

Evaluation Sessions

- Players are asked to attend all scheduled sessions for their age group unless otherwise instructed
- Group Assignments within an age classification will be communicated directly via email.
- Goaltender Evaluations are ONLY for goaltenders
- Goaltenders are to attend their age group session AND Goaltender Evaluations.

TRAVEL TRYOUT PROCESS AND PROCEDURES

Spectator Policy

- **8U-12U Travel Tryouts** are **OPEN TO SPECTATORS**.
 - Please observe all signs and markings to allow coaches and evaluators necessary space and privacy.
- **14U-18U/19U Travel Tryouts** are **CLOSED TO SPECTATORS**.
 - Parents/Guardians may enter the facility but are asked to respect our process.
 - Please understand that this measure is applied not for lack of transparency.
 - Our tryout process is much more effective and efficient with only evaluators, coaches, and club personnel in observation.
 - LiveBarn will be turned on for spectators to observe.

Evaluation Process

- Every tryout session is observed and recorded by multiple on and off ice evaluators.
- The Tri-City Eagles use ALL available information as part of our evaluation process.
- Our goal is to utilize the evaluation process to construct TEAMS that will be competitive at the appropriate level.
- Players are evaluated as thoroughly as possible for a fit within an appropriate team.
- Please note that coaches/evaluators both on and off ice will be spending time on their devices as part of the tryout process.
- ALL players and parents/guardians are asked to be respectful of the tryout process at all times.
- Keep all communication discreet.
- Do not create distractions for players, coaches, evaluators, or any others, participants or otherwise.
- Refer questions to the appropriate contact.

TRAVEL TRYOUT PROCESS AND PROCEDURES

Notification Process

- All tryout participants will receive communication regarding tryout participation **no later** than 3 days **AFTER** the final scheduled tryout date:

12U and Younger: FRIDAY, MARCH 26th, 11:59pm

14U and Older: FRIDAY, APRIL 24th, 11:59pm.

- Understand that travel roster offers are allowed, at the sole discretion of the club, to be given at any point on the first day of that particular age group's tryouts.
 - o as an example, 10U offer are allowed to be made on the first day of 10U tryouts, and 14U offers on the first day of 14U tryouts.
- The Tri-City Eagles' preference is to evaluate players for multiple sessions prior to offering roster positions. Circumstances do arise which prompt the club to operate using alternative timelines.
- Roster offers are distributed via email
- Parents/guardians are asked to monitor their mobile devices should there be a need to communicate directly at any point before, during, or after tryouts.
- Players and parents/guardians are asked to be respectful of the tryout process at all times.
- Please keep all notification communication discreet.

Acceptance Timeline

- Please make note of any expiration date/time provided with a roster offer.
- **Be aware that some offers will come with a very brief timeline.**
- The Tri-City Eagles roster construction process emphasizes quick decision making in an effort to effectively move through the tryout process efficiently.
- Compressed timelines are not designed to create confusion or impulse decisions, rather they are utilized to be respectful of ALL tryout participants.
- Extended timelines often result in delays in communication to more participants and our goal is to provide precise information as efficiently as possible.

REGISTRATION & PROGRAM FEES OVERVIEW |

Registration Process

USA Hockey Registration is required to accept any roster offers.

TCE utilizes TeamSnap for registrations

TCE provides a standard payment plan for five installment payments at no extra fee

- Pricing is exclusive of payment processing fees
- These fees are collected by the credit card processor and do not go to TCE
- Processing fee can vary depending on if payment is made via credit card or ACH
- Please note we do not accept cash or payment by check

A 20% deposit is due upon registration to secure your roster position.

Payment plan options for the balance of fees will be outlined on the Team Registration form when your deposit is made.

Travel Club Fees Cover:

- Practices, games, league registrations, tournament registrations
- Other fees associated with club administration and programming
- Expenses such as travel and lodging for non-parent head coach, and other miscellaneous expenses that pertain to the team/club itself

Fees do not cover:

- Registration processing fees
- Required uniform (including tracksuit)
- Optional Apparel
- Logistical costs (transportation and lodging)

TeamSnap offers Regsaver, optional insurance to cover costs of your registration should you child be unable to participate due to sickness or injury

- Option is available at checkout
- Program is completely voluntary and not administered by TCE
- TCE is not associated with Regsaver in any way and does not derive any income from this service
- Contact Regsaver directly with questions via their website
 - <https://www.registrationsaver.com/youth-sports/>

For assistance in applying any discounts, payment plans, or additional questions contact treasurer@tricityeagles.com

TRAVEL TEAM PROJECTIONS

Projections based on available information and are subject to change at the discretion of the club.
 TBD's will be communicated as available.
 Coaches will be announced as determined.

YOUTH TRAVEL						
	8U	10U	12U	14U	16U	18U
Projected Number of Teams	1	2	3	5	5-6	2
Projected Competitive Levels	TBD (A or B)	10U Lower A 10U B	12U Upper A 12U Lower A 12U B	13U AA 14U B 14U Lower A 14U Upper A 14U AA	15U AA 16U Lower A 16U Lower A 16U TBD 16U Upper A 16U AA	Upper A AA

SPLIT SEASON TRAVEL	
	16U/18U
Projected Number of Teams	1-2
Projected Competitive Levels	AA Additional teams level TBD

GIRLS TRAVEL				
	12U	14U	16U	19U
Projected Number of Teams	1	1	1	1
Projected Competitive Levels	12U A	14U AA	16U TBD (A or AA)	19U TBD (A or AA)

2026 – 2027 CLUB FEES | ALL PROGRAMS

	AGE LEVEL	LEAGUE(S)	SKATERS	GOALTENDERS
YOUTH TRAVEL	8U A/B	CBHL	\$2,275	\$2,275
	10U A/B	CBHL AHF	\$3,575	\$1,787.50
	12U A/B		\$3,875	\$1,937.50
	13U AA		\$4,100	\$3,075
	14U-18U A/B		\$4,100	\$3,075
	14U-18U AA		\$4,350	\$3,262.50
SPLIT SEASON	16U-18U A/AA	AHF	\$1,750	\$1,312.50
GIRLS TRAVEL	12U Girls A	CBHL & AGHF	\$3,875	\$1,937.50
	14U-19U Girls A/B		\$4,100	\$3,075
	14U-19U Girls AA		\$4,350	\$3,262.50
TRAVEL LITE	8U	Exhibition	\$1,785	\$1,785
	10U-18U	TBD	\$1,985	\$992.50
HOUSE HOCKEY: WINTER SEASON	All Ages	Exhibition	\$985	\$985

NOTE

- Processing fees not included

NOTE that there is no discount for 8U goaltenders.

- The club provides goaltender equipment at all 8U levels.
- All 8U teams rotate goaltender responsibilities, allowing all players to experience the position.

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2026-27 SEASON

TRAVEL-LITE & HOUSE HOCKEY

PROGRAMMING INFORMATION



TRAVEL-LITE PROGRAMMING

Travel-Lite is designed to bridge the gap between House and Travel Hockey, creating a fun, engaging, and manageable experience for players and families alike. Travel-Lite focuses on the development of the individual within the growth-based environment of a full season team. Practices are structured to build on fundamental skills while introducing competitive concepts and tactics.

8U Travel-Lite

Season

Team activities begin in October and conclude late February/early March. 8U Travel-Lite teams play an exhibition only schedule.

Schedule

One weekday practice and one weekend event (practice or game)

Games/Scrimmages

8U Travel-Lite should expect ~20 exhibition games and one out of state tournament. At this age/level, we attempt to provide as many opportunities as possible, so there are instances where more than one event is scheduled on a weekend, or even a singular day. Your registration at 8U Travel-Lite is a commitment to the schedule of one weekly practice and one weekend event, with all additional events as bonus opportunities.

Teams may petition club approval to participate in additional events with the understanding that fees/costs would need to be covered by the participants.

10U-18U Travel Lite

Season

Team activities begin in October and continue through the conclusion of league playoffs in late February/early March. Teams compete in a local league (CCHL/CBHL).

Practices

Once weekly

Games

Registration guarantees league schedule (16+ games), 4-6 exhibition games, and one out of state tournament (~4 games). Additional exhibition games are only provided at the discretion of the club.

Teams may petition club approval to participate in additional events with the understanding that fees/costs would need to be covered by the participants.

TRAVEL-LITE PROGRAMMING

Travel-Lite Team Construction

- Travel-Lite teams do not utilize tryouts for team construction.
- Interested players should attend specific Travel-Lite Interest & Evaluation Sessions (schedule below).
- Visit the [Tri-City Eagles Travel-Lite website page](#) for registration and details.

Travel-Lite Interest & Evaluation Schedule

AGE	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
8U	April 22nd	5:40-6:40pm	The Gardens Ice House, Laurel, MD
10U	April 1st	5:30-6:30pm	
	April 8th	5:30-6:30pm	
	April 15th	5:30-6:30pm	
12U	April 1st	6:40-7:40pm	
	April 8th	6:40-7:40pm	
	April 15th	6:40-7:40pm	
14U	April 21st	7:20-8:20pm	
	April 22nd	5:40-6:40pm	
16U/18U	April 22nd	8:00-9:00pm	

Additional sessions will be added as necessary.

Questions? Contact House and Travel-Lite Director Bill Palmer

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HOUSE HOCKEY PROGRAM INFORMATION |

Tri-City's House program is a fundamentals focused development program, utilizing an academy-like setting with station-based practices and cross ice competition. All events are in-house and held at TGIH. House Hockey is designed to establish a foundation for beginner players to develop skills, foster a love for the game, and prepare for future steps.

House Hockey is provided year round in two different formats:

Winter Season:

Season begins in November and concludes at the end of February.

The program includes two sessions per week (one weekday, one weekend). The weekday session focuses on station-based skill development and the weekend sessions provide a scrimmage event, featuring smaller area games and competition. At these beginning stages, we love the use of small area competition, creating increased repetition and experiences that will translate more easily to the full ice game found at the next level.

Mini Seasons:

Seasons begin in March and continue in various lengths through October (the start of the Winter Season).

Mini-Seasons sessions take place on Saturdays 1-2pm. Registration is available in full series or individual "drop-in" sessions depending on your needs and availability.

House Hockey Mini-Seasons is our design to provide hockey experiences year-round. Whether you're interested in trying hockey for the first time or you're excited to level up your skills, the Mini-Season series are there in the spring, summer, and fall to keep players developing!

Visit our [House Hockey website page](#) for additional information.

Questions? Please contact our House Hockey Director Bill Palmer:

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