

South Dakota Boys Development Committee-Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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“Do you want to be a hockey player or just want to play hockey?”

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SD Boys Development Web Site: <http://www.sdaha.org/page/show/102354-sd-development-committee>

NPDDC Web site: <http://www.npdistrict.com/page/show/83912-np-district-development-camps>

GENERAL DEVELOPMENT FAQs

What about girls development events?

There is a Girls Development Committee to work on events for the girls. Check the SD Development web site for info. For further info, contact Wendy Meyer teamsdgirls@sdaha.org or Shelby Edwards 605-431-4955 or shelby.edwards18@gmail.com.

Is there anything new for 2019?

Yes-We are separating out the 17 year olds (2002's) from the 15s and 16s. We also bringing in 18 year olds (2001s). The 2001s/2002s will have separate ice times from the other groups. The 2001s/2002s are eligible to go to the Northern Plains District Development Camp (NPDDC). We are also bringing in 12 year olds (2007s). They are also eligible to go to NPDDC. The 2007s will have separate ice times from the other groups.

What and how are the birth years chosen for the 2019 Camp/Tryouts?

All USA Hockey development programs are organized on a birth year calendar. Those born between 2001 and 2007 are eligible for possible advancement to the District, Regional and National Development programs depending on their age.

<u>Birth Year</u>	<u>Age Group</u>
2007	12 Year Olds-Eligible for NPDDC
2006	13 Year Olds-Team SD U14 National Tournament Team Tryout/Eligible for NPDDC
2005	14 Year Olds-Team SD U14 National Tournament Team Tryout/Eligible for NPDDC
2004	15 Year Olds-Team SD U16 National Tournament Team Tryout/Eligible for NPDDC
2003	16 Year Olds-Team SD U16 National Tournament Team Tryout/Eligible for NPDDC
2002	17 Year Olds-Eligible for NPDDC
2001	18 Year Olds-Eligible for NPDDC

Why are there no development events for other birth years?

Limited ice availability, national team commitments, Easter Holiday, spring sports that begin, etc.

Where do the proceeds go?

This program is a self-funded program. Any profits go to fund state development programs. This compares to many regional and local organizations that are “for-profit”.

Where do I find my USA Hockey ID #?

When you registered in the fall with USA Hockey, you would have been sent an email with your ID# on it. Find that email or contact USA Hockey to get your #.

BOYS DEVELOPMENT CAMP-APRIL 26-28, 2018-SIOUX FALLS FAQs

What is the camp in April 2018 about?

The camp will take place at the Sioux Falls Scheel's Triplex. It is for boys only. There will be practice/development sessions as well as scrimmages. As at last year's camp, the camp will start on Friday. There are two objectives for the camp-**Allow for development of SD players and to evaluate/select players for the NPDDC (Northern Plains District Development Camp).**

Our lead on-ice coach will be Craig Larson. Craig is currently the General Manager for the Breezy Point North Stars in the NA3HL. Craig has over 15 years of junior hockey coaching, high school coaching and scouting experience. Most recently, Craig was a head junior hockey coach in the NA3HL and MNJHL junior hockey leagues. The past five seasons were spent as head coach of the Minnesota Flying Aces and Granite City Lumberjacks. During that time his teams advanced over twenty players to the college level and higher level junior ranks. Craig served as head coach for the St. Cloud Apollo High School boy's hockey team from 2000-2007. He has also served as a coach/evaluator for the USA Hockey Advanced program for Minnesota from 2000-2009 and the Northern Plains district in 2011-2013. During the 2009-2010 season Craig served as a Minnesota scout for the Alexandria Blizzard (NAHL), as well as a U.S. regional amateur scout working for the International Scouting Service. As a regional scout for ISS, Craig evaluated and filed reports on players eligible for the NHL Draft. During the 2008-2009 season Craig was the associate head coach and director of scouting for the Granite City Lumberjacks of the Minnesota Junior Hockey League. While there, he scouted, recruited, and helped form the expansion team now playing out of St. Cloud, Minnesota. His role with the Lumberjacks helped bring the expansion team to a third place finish at the 2009 USA Hockey Junior A Tier III National Championships in Marlboro, Massachusetts. Craig spends his summers working as a coach at the prestigious Minnesota Hockey Camp in Nisswa, Minnesota.

Also on the ice will be DJ Vold. DJ played two years of AAA hockey for the Madison Capitols Program who are now members of the NAPHL. He then moved on to play for the Granite City Lumberjacks for 3 years, winning a Silver Cup during the 2011-2012 season. Due to a season ending injury during his last year with the Lumberjacks, he hopped on the bench with Head Coach Brad Willner as his assistant, a role he's held for the last 4 years, also taking on the role of Recruiting Coordinator during the 2015-2016 season. While on the bench for Granite City, he helped the Lumberjacks to two more Silver Cup Championships in 2015 and in 2017.

Is there a final schedule for the camp?

Not yet! Final ice times and schedules will not be set until the final registrations are done. This should be within a week of when the camp starts and will be posted to the web site. Two meals (Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast) will be provided. **Again, this year's camp will start on Friday night with development sessions.** The schedule for 2018 was--

Date/Times	Leadership Rink	Furniture Mart Rink	Meeting Room
Friday Apr 20			
6:00-9:00	Check-in at Rink		
7:00-7:45	Powerskating-01/02/03s		
8:00-8:45	Powerskating-04/05s	8:00-9:00	Goalies Session

Saturday Apr 21

7:30-9:00 Check-in at Rink for those that did not check in on Friday

8:30-9:30 2001/02/03s-Blue/Yellow-Skills

9:00-10:00 2004/2005-Blue/Yellow-Stations

9:45-10:45 2001/02/03s-Green/Red-Skills

10:15-11:15 2004/2005-Green/Red-Stations

10:30-11:10 Strength Training Talk

11:00-11:40 Goalies session #1--02/03s

for all Blue/Yellow

11:40-12:20 Goalies session #2--04/05s

11:45-12:25 Strength Training Talk

Break for Lunch on your own

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for all Green/Red

1:30-2:30 2001/02/03s-Blue/Yellow-Stations

2:00-3:00 2004/2005s-Blue/Yellow-Skills

2:45-3:45 2001/02/03s-Green/Red-Stations

3:15-4:15 2004/2005s-Green/Red-Skills

4:00-4:45 01/02/03 Defensemen

4:30-5:15 01/02/03 Forwards

4:30-5:00 Goalie Chalk Talk

Break for meal provided by SF and Q & A Sessions w/ Coaches-In concession area

Scrimmages-4 Teams

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6:00-6:40 2004/05s-Yellow vs Blue

6:30-7:10 2001/02/03s-Blue vs Yellow

6:55-7:35 2004/05s-Green vs Red

7:25-8:05 2001/02/03s-Green vs Red

Sunday Apr 22

Breakfast provided by SF in concession area-Come & Go

8:00-9:00 Goalies session #2-04/05s

9:00-10:00 2004/2005s-All-SAGs

9:15-10:15 Goalies session #1-02/03

10:15-10:45 2004/2005s-Defensemen

10:30-11:30 2001/02/03s-All-SAGs

10:45-11:15	2004/2005s-Forwards		
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12:15-1:00	2004/05s-Green vs Blue	1:00-1:45	2001/02/03s-Green vs Blue
1:15-2:00	2004/05s-Yellow vs Red	2:00-2:45	2001/02/03s-Yellow vs Red

Please note that for 2019 we will be using the third rink for the 2001/02s alternating with the 2007s.

Tell me about the 2019 Northern Plains District Development Camp (NPDDC)

At the SD Developmental Camp, some players with birth years of 2001-2007 will be selected to attend the NPDDC. The dates for the NPDDC are May 2-5, 2019 in Grand Forks ND at the ICON Sports Center. The camp brings together the best players from SD/ND/WY/MT that have gone thru their state camps. The camp consists of a series of on-ice development/practice sessions, scrimmages, and off-ice sessions. To get to the NPDDC, you must be selected from the SD Development Camp. The NPDDC camp instructors are college, junior, prep school, and high school hockey coaches. **The primary focus of the camp is to develop players in the four state district.** A secondary feature of the camp is that a few players from each of the 2002-2004 birth years are selected for USA National Hockey Development Camps and some 2005s are selected to go to the Western Regional Camp in Colorado Springs. You are responsible for your registration, transportation, motels, and meals.

Is there a block of motel rooms for the NPDDC?

No as there are many motels in Grand Forks. The ICON rinks are south on Washington Street. Motels on 32nd Avenue are as follows-

C'Mon Inn	701-775-3320	BW Harvest Inn	701-775-5000
Days Inn	701-314-2997	Fairfield Inn	701-775-7910
Quality Inn	701-775-7503	Holiday Inn Express	701-772-7700

Motels along 42nd street are as follows-

Country Inn	701-757-2200	Hampton Inn	701-757-2255
Spring Hill Suites	701-757-4150	Sleep Inn	701-757-2900

If I'm selected to go to NPDDC, do I have to go? Will my NPDDC attendance affect whether I am selected for either of the National Teams? If I am selected to go to the NPDDC, does that mean I have been selected for one of the National Teams?

If you are selected for NPDDC and are not going to attend, notify the SD Development Committee ASAP thru email at the address above. Your attendance at the NPDDC has no effect on whether you are selected for a National Team or not. If you are selected to attend NPDDC, this does not necessarily mean you are selected for a National Team.

How will I be notified if I'm selected for the NPDDC?

You do not have to stay after your ice time is complete at the SD State Camp. You will receive an email within a few days from the SD Committee. You will then receive another email from USA Hockey (Rocky Mountain

Registrar) notifying you how to register on-line for NPDDC. Please make info@usahockey.com a "friend" on your email system so your invite does not go to "junk mail".

Can players that live outside of South Dakota attend the Development Camp in April and be selected to go to NPDDC?

Yes; however, you must be registered thru and play for an association that functions under the auspices of SDAHA. You could then be selected to go to NPDDC; however, you could not be selected to go to any of the National Camps. Any permanent resident of SD no matter where they played during the past hockey season (i.e. AAA hockey outside SD) can participate completely in development program thru and including national camps.

Will there be checking in the scrimmages?

Yes-There will be body checking allowed in the scrimmages except for the 2007s where there will be no body checking.

Is there a block of motel rooms for the 2019 SD Camp?

Yes-A room block has been reserved at the Best Western Ramkota, 3200 W Maple, Sioux Falls 57107. Phone #-605-336-0650. The block has been reserved under "SDAHA Hockey". There are many motels in Sioux Falls.

What equipment do I need?

As this is a USA Hockey Event, full equipment including mouth guard is required. Players also need to bring their own water bottles.

Are parents supposed to or allowed to stay and observe the activities?

Parents can certainly watch any and all sessions but are not required to.

What happens to the players between on-ice sessions?

After players leave the ice, they are on their own, and SDAHA will not be responsible for them. There are no off-ice sessions/activities. They can certainly watch the other sessions; however, younger players should have their parents meet them after their sessions.

What is the fee for the SD Development Camp? By what date is registration required? How do I register?

The \$140 covers the SD Camp. The player keeps the camp jersey. You need to register by April 1, 2019. All registration is done thru the SD Development website.

What if I want to be considered for the NPDDC but I am unavailable to come to the SD Camp?

- 1-Register for the SD Camp
- 2-Send a detailed email to the development email address above explaining why you cannot come to the SD Camp. The Development Committee will then make a decision on your status. No refunds will be issued if you do not advance to the NPDDC.

Can refunds of the registration fee be made?

If a registration refund is requested before one week before the camp (in 2019, that will be before April 19), the entire fee minus the credit card fee will be refunded. A request made between the one week before and the date of the camp, all but \$50 will be refunded. There are no refunds on the day the camp starts or after.

TEAM SD TIER II NATIONAL TOURNAMENT TEAMS FAQs

For information or questions on the SD National Tournament Teams, please contact John Sievert at john.sievert@mail.com

What are the dates and locations of the 2019 and 2020 National Tournaments that SD teams will play in?

Tier II U14s-South Bend IN April 4-8, 2019

Tier II U16s-Plano TX April 4-8, 2019

Tier II U14s-Kalamazoo MI April 2-6, 2020

Tier II U16s-Troy MI April 2-6, 2020

What is the difference between Tier I and Tier II teams?

SDAHA sponsors **Tier II** teams that go to the Tier II National Tournaments. The Sioux Falls Power, Des Moines Jr Wild, and others organizations have **Tier I** teams that go to a different set of national tournaments. These Tier I teams are generally recruited from all over the country. Players usually stay with billet families. Do not confuse these Tier I teams with the Team SD Tier II teams.

Can SD teams compete satisfactorily at these national tournaments?

Absolutely!! The SD teams play at **Tier II level** at Nationals. We play against teams from other states that have similar numbers of registered hockey players as SD has. South Dakota has achieved the following results-

2011 U16 Team finished second to ND

2012 U16 Team won the National Championship

2013 U16 Team finished third

2014 U14 Team finished second

2014 U16 Team won the National Championship

2015 U16 Team won the National Championship-REPEAT!!

2018 U16 Team won the National Championship

How are the 2020 teams to be picked?

We will be selecting U14/U16 teams. The tryouts will be held in Sioux Falls on April 26-28, 2019 in conjunction with the SD Boys Development Camp. A separate group of independent evaluators will evaluate players for team selection. This group of evaluators will be non-parents with years of hockey experience as players and coaches. Our goal is to get the best 18 skaters and 2 goalies to fill out each roster. This tryout encompasses the entire process for those that want to play on one of the national teams. The coaches will have the final say.

Players will not be notified of their selection for a National Team for several weeks after the tryouts. Emails will be sent to the selected players.

Due to the lack of ice available to us out-of-season, we are not able to hold alternative tryouts. The Committee keeps names of alternates based on the tryouts. The coach has the ability to replace a player if a chosen player is not able to fully commit to the program for one reason or another. We understand that kids in this age bracket are incredibly busy.

What does it mean if I am an “alternate”?

If one of the players that is picked for one of the national teams cannot fulfill his obligations, you will be one of the players considered for his replacement.

Can players that live outside of South Dakota be selected for any of SD’s National Teams? What are the eligibility requirements to be on one of the National Teams?

Yes; however, you must be registered thru and play for an association that functions under the auspices of SDAHA. Anyone that is a permanent resident of SD is eligible.

How many games do the national teams play?

Each national tourney bound team must play at least 20 games, and each individual player must play at least ten games. We would like every player to play as many games as they can. Our preseason schedule is a compact two months trying to fit 20 games into eight weeks. We will continue to play competition above what the level that South Dakota typically offers. Our kids will not get better unless we play against considerably better competition. This pushes our development and teaches us to play at a pace required at National Tournaments. **It should be remembered that you are not playing these games just to qualify for the national tournament, but playing to improve thru better competition.**

What is the schedule for games/practices, and can I play a fall sport while still participating on a national team?

We will start practice late August/early September when ice is available, and the games will continue thru early November at which point the players return to their local association teams. Practice is difficult because most locals do not put ice in until late September or early October. Games and practices will be Saturdays and Sundays. You can play a fall sport.

How are these teams funded?

This program is self-funded. We are constantly looking for alternative ways to fund it. Fundraising is optional, but each player will be assessed an amount by the team. The fundraising can be used for all of the assessment or part of it. This levy will take these factors into account--site, transportation, coaches, ice time, uniforms, etc.

What is the fee to tryout for a national team? By what date is registration required?

The \$140 covers both the April 26-28 national team tryout and development camp. You need to register by April 1, 2019.

What if I want to be considered for one of the national teams but I am unavailable to come to the SD Camp/National Team Tryout?

- 1-Register for the SD Camp/National Team Tryout
- 2-Send a detailed email to the development email address above explaining why you cannot come to the SD Camp. No refunds will be issued if you do not make a National Team.

What is the cost to be on the U14 or U16 team?

The cost to be on either the U14 or U16 team is around \$2000.00. Players can sell raffle tickets to offset that cost. Included in the \$2000 is ice time for games and practices, coach expenses, airfare for the player to the national tournament, tournament fees, warm up gear, etc.