



River City Hockey Travel Association, LLC



Welcome to the San Antonio Jr. Rampage Travel
Hockey 2018-19 Season



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What's New for 2018-19???

New Board Members

Team Wear

Pre-Season Training Camp

Player Contract Signing



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Team Wear for 2018-19

- **Smart Hockey is our primary vendor – Brad Mayer**
- **We are reviewing item selections for 2018-19 and will have them completed in time for fitting.**
- **Team Wear fitting will be on June 25.**
- **Orders will be placed that day.**
- **We are looking to develop a new, fresh, clean and lighter look and feel.**



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Pre-Season Training Camp

July 9-August 9, 2018

- On and Off Ice Training for 10U/12U/14U rostered players
- Conducted by a Former Jr. Rampage and Current Professional Hockey player – Nick Miglio
- Designed for younger players to be better conditioned for the start of the season
- No additional cost



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Player Contract Signings

- **DSTHL requires all Member Associations to use Player Contracts**
- **Contracts will be signed on June 25th during a special ceremony and pictures.**
- **Contracts contain forms from RCHTA, DSTHL and USAH and include Releases and Authorizations**



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Player and Parent Handbook (updated)

ASSOCIATION HISTORY
PLAYER EXPECTATIONS
PARENT EXPECTATIONS
NEW MEMBER INTEGRATION
SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY
MEMBER PARTICIPATION
COMMUNICATION GUIDELINES
BOARD MEMBERS 2018-2019



TRYOUT FAQ's



Q: Who is eligible to tryout?

A: Any child wanting to participate in Travel Hockey and who resides in/near San Antonio is eligible to try out for the SA Jr. Rampage.

USA Hockey and the Texas Amateur Hockey Association (TAHA) establish the rules and regulations governing youth hockey on all levels including Tier I, Tier II and House/Rec.

In San Antonio, our association fields teams in House/Rec Divisions. As such, our association and players must follow the Community Based Rule.



COMMUNITY BASED RULE



For Tier II **AND** House/Rec teams playing in a USA Hockey league, all players must be community based.

Community based teams shall include in-State players whose family's domicile or permanent residence is in the same local community of the registered TAHA member association's home rink.

1. Residency must be their **PRIMARY** domicile meaning they cannot have a residence somewhere else that the other spouse or other children live during the year.
2. Utility bills in the name of the parent will be required as well as additional documentation.
3. Merely having a residence in a city is NOT sufficient!!
4. If you want to play in another city in Texas, you will have to move your family there



TRYOUT FAQ's



Q: What should I expect during tryouts?

A: Each Age Division Head Coach is responsible for organizing and conducting the tryouts for their respective age groups. However, expect a good amount of skating and drills designed to test their understanding of the game, ability to take direction and apply it and, of course, their general skill set and work ethic.



Roster Announcements



Q: When will rosters be announced? When will practices start?

A: Each coach is responsible for naming their own team and will make personal phone calls to each player who tries out to inform them if they will be offered a roster spot for 2018-19.

Formal announcement of rosters will occur on www.sanantonioyouthhockey.com NLT **June 30, 2018.**

First practices are scheduled for **August 9, 2018.**



ROSTER FAQ's



Q: Are there certain roster sizes?

A: Dallas Stars Travel Hockey League (DSTHL) has established minimum roster sizes for each age division. Those numbers for the 2018-19 season are:

- Squirt - ten (10) skaters and one (1) goalie
- Pee Wee - eleven (11) skaters and one (1) goalie
- Bantam - fourteen (14) skaters and one (1) goalie
- Midget Minor - fifteen (15) skaters and one (1) goalie
- Midget Major - fifteen (15) skaters and one (1) goalie

Maximum roster sizes for all levels is eighteen (18) skaters and two (2) goalies.



ROSTER FAQ's



Q: Are coaches required to take the maximum number of players?

A: No, while coaches must meet the minimum number of players, coaches will evaluate each player and his team to determine the proper make-up for that team based on multiple factors. It may be possible that a coach chooses to carry fewer or more players based on the players/team.

Coaches must review their decisions with the Commissioners prior to finalizing their rosters.



PLACEMENT



Q: I would like my player to “play up” at the next highest level. Is this possible?

A: USA Hockey establishes general rules and regulations governing age divisions and playing standards. In turn, the Dallas Stars Travel Hockey League (DSTHL) establishes the guidelines their teams are required to follow.

While “play ups” and “play downs” may have been allowed in previous years, the DSTHL changed their policies over the last few years to virtually eliminate this from happening.



DSTHL PLAY UP GUIDELINE



- **DSTHL Game Rules- Section 1 (Policies), #2 Eligibility**
- **The DSTHL recognizes the recommendations of USAH regarding age divisions. Therefore, 10U players (2008-09) must be rostered only on 10U teams, 12U players (2006-07) must be rostered only on 12U teams, and 14U players (2004-05) must be rostered only on 14U teams (e.g. an '08 player is not eligible to be rostered on a 12U team; an '06 player is not eligible to be rostered on a 14U team; and a 2004 player is not eligible to be rostered on a Midget team). Exceptions to this rule will be considered for single market areas and for goalie situations. Requests must be made to DSTHL Board.**



TRYOUT FAQ's



Q: What if my player has a bad tryout or can't make tryouts?

A: Tryouts are important for your player to earn a roster spot. However, coaches may have the opportunity to see your player participate in local camps/house sessions so they can see them in a different setting. Similarly, if you or your player feels they would like to gain additional exposure, they are encouraged to attend those sessions.



TRYOUT FAQ's



Q: What if I have questions about my players' tryout and the results?

A: During the phone calls, coaches will be open to discussing your player and his/her performance. If you would like to have a more in-depth discussion after initial roster posting, RCHTA Commissioners will be glad to help.



WE GOT A SPOT, NOW WHAT?



Q: What will I need to do to accept a roster position if one is offered to my player?

A: Once tryouts is completed and rosters posted to the Jr. Rampage website, a special registration will be posted to the Jr. Rampage website for those players being offered a roster spot.

The registration will include Player Contracts, USAH Forms, the Jr. Rampage Parent/Player Codes of Conduct and information on registration fees and payment options.

If your player is new to USAH, you will need a copy of his/her birth certificate.



FINANCIAL FAQ's



Q: When my child makes the team, what other expenses should I expect?

A: Each player will be issued practice jerseys, game socks and shell as a part of the annual fees. RCHTA will also cover the cost of one (1) additional travel tournament for each team.

GAME JERSEYS. TRACK SUITS, WORKOUT T AND TEAM BAG will need to be purchased for each player. The cost of this kit is currently being negotiated but is expected to be between \$250 and \$350.

Additional game socks can be purchased for \$40 per set. Payment via check, payable to RCHTA or SAYHA.

Optional **SPIRIT ITEMS** (T's, hats, jackets, etc.) can be purchased at any time through the Jr. Rampage Spirit Store at www.sanantonioyouthhockey.com. Payment is made online.

From time to time, a coach may request additional practice ice. Should that occur, the cost of that ice will be shared by the players on the team.

Teams choosing to play in more than one (1) additional travel tournament will share the cost of entry.

Travel expenses (gas, hotel, food) will vary according to scheduling and personal decisions.



EQUIPMENT FAQ's



Q: What restrictions are there on hockey equipment?

A: All hockey equipment (gloves, helmet, pants and skates) must have black as the primary color. Players will be provided Jr. Rampage helmet stickers and numerals.

For practice, player will be required to wear the appropriate color Jr. Rampage issued practice jersey. Socks may be any color, but must be a matching set.



JR. RAMPAGE UNIFORM GUIDELINES



All Jr. Rampage players must wear the Jr. Rampage official jersey and socks for all DSTHL games.

- **Helmets:** All helmets worn for games play will be of a uniform color – black
- **Helmet Logos:** All player helmets will have Jr. Rampage approved logos and player number prominently displayed.
- **Gloves:** All gloves worn for game play will be of a primary color – black. Minimal piping is permitted. (No neon colors)
- **Pants:** For 2018-19, Jr. Rampage Players will wear black shells with the embroidered Jr. Rampage logo and number.
- **Skate Laces:** All skate laces worn for game play must be white, black or grey.
- **Stick Tape:** Stick tape must be black or white on the blade. If desired and approved by the coach, the stick knob may be of another color.
- **Exception:** During the month of October only, pink laces may be worn for Breast Cancer awareness as long as the entire team is uniform. (Your Head Coach and/or Team Manager will make this decision for your respective team)



DSTHL SEASON FAQ's



Q: What should I expect for the DSTHL season?

A: Typically, the DSTHL Season consists of a regular season with twenty (20) games played against teams from Austin, Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, Odessa, Oklahoma City and/or Tulsa. There is a leveling tournament over Labor Day weekend and schedules are generally finalized and communicated two to three weeks after leveling. Games are scheduled on weekends between October and February.

Playoffs take place at the end of the season and are scheduled Late February/Early March.

Banners are awarded to teams that win the regular season and the end of season playoffs.



FUNDRAISING



ORGANIZATIONAL FUNDRAISING – all members are expected to participate in the following organizational fundraising:

- **Golf Tournament**
- **Rampage Tickets**
- **Chuck-a-Puck**
- **Optional Fundraising Opportunities**
 - **Co-op Advertising with Northwoods Ice**

All funds raised by these efforts will be placed into the general fund of the association.

More information will be forthcoming on this.



FUNDRAISING



TEAM FUNDRAISING – each team can do separate fundraising for purposes such as additional tournaments/team events:

- **Calendar Sales**
- **Candle Sales**
- **Frame Sales**
- **Other opportunities identified by the Team**

Funds required for and received from these activities will be the responsibility of the individual teams.



VOLUNTEER



As a small market association, we cannot achieve our goals without the valuable contributions of our volunteers. While we do not have “mandatory” volunteer requirements, we hope everyone will find a way to volunteer their time and talents to the association. Some volunteer opportunities for parents are:

Team Managers

Scorekeepers

Scoreboard Operators

Committee Chairs and Committee Members

Special Event Volunteers

For the 2018-19 season, we are working to create a partnership with Northwoods Ice that will offer volunteer opportunities to our players:

Mentoring

Coaching



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Thank you for attending the 2018-19
Parent Tryout Presentation.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS