



ISHA Announces Updates for Indiana Elite 2023–2024 Season

To build upon the success of the 2022–2023 season, including some of the highest ranked AAA teams Indiana has ever produced, the Indiana State Hockey Association (ISHA) is pleased to announce the return and expansion of Indiana Elite teams, which support ongoing hockey development for players in Indiana.

The ISHA collaborated to create Indiana Elite (IE) as a viable, in-state AAA option for Indiana’s top players and a top Tier 2 Girls option; both have exceeded our expectations in the inaugural season for full-time teams. With the support of all Indiana youth hockey associations, IE is a program that allows players from across the state to live at home; practice as a team with experienced, professional coaches; and compete at the highest level of AAA hockey – all for one of the lowest priced AAA clubs in the Midwest.

Building on Success

In the 2022–2023 season, this year’s 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012 AAA teams posted victories over some of the top AAA programs in the Midwest including the Chicago Fury, Team Illinois, Windy City Storm, Fox Motors, Biggby Coffee, Victory Honda, Ohio Blue Jackets, Belle Tire, Compuware and more! Many of these victories were firsts for Indiana 10U–13U AAA hockey.

Indiana Elite 16U has taken Indiana girls travel hockey to another level. With unparalleled practice time, coaching and training, Indiana girls have made huge strides toward their goal of women’s college hockey. In their inaugural season, the team was able to create a high-level schedule against several top-ten ranked, Tier 2 teams in the country and some AAA competition with impressive results. With extensive NCAA and AAA hockey experience, Coach Crown has laid the foundation for high level girls play and promotion to the top levels of women’s college hockey.

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Indiana Elite AAA Hockey Teams – This season will include an expansion of AAA teams to include the following full-time AAA teams:

- 18U AAA (2005/2006)
- 16U AAA (2007/2008)
- 14U AAA (2009)
- 13U AAA (2010)
- 12U AAA (2011)
- 11U AAA (2012)
- 10U AAA (2013)

The addition of Indiana Elite 16U AAA and 18U AAA gives Indiana players an in-state opportunity, to attend their high school of choice while showcasing their skills in front of hundreds of USHL, NAHL and NCAA scouts. The 14/16/18U coaching staff (to be announced in March) has decades of experience, playing, coaching and recruiting at the professional, collegiate and junior levels. With an expansive network at the next level, IE players will have access to the best opportunities available to achieve their goals of playing elite level hockey when their youth AAA experience comes to an end.



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Indiana Elite Girls Hockey Teams - This season will include an expansion of full-time Girls teams and support of local Girls and Co-ed Hockey at younger ages. This year's IE Girls teams will be:

- 16U Girls (2007/2008) full-time
- 14U Girls (2009/2010) full-time

The ISHA believes it is in player's best interest to offer a full-time Girls team option at 14U, which is the age when many girls decide to switch from co-ed to all girls hockey. This team will follow the same format as this year's full-time AAA teams, which offered limited travel to practice - one night of practice (two hours of ice) in Indy and a local skills session closer to home on another designated week night. The 14U Girls team will play a 35-45 game schedule against the top girls competition in the Midwest and compete in the Mid Am Tier 2 District tournament for a chance to go to the USA Hockey National tournament.

Indiana Elite Select Hockey Teams - NEW this year and open to all Indiana boys and girls through a tryout process for the following age groups:

- 12U (2011)
- 11U (2012)
- 10U (2013/2014)

The IE Select teams have been formatted to support continued local play for those players who don't desire full-time AAA teams yet but are ready for the next-level of competition as they continue their hockey development. All Indiana players are encouraged to tryout for the Select team - Including those rostered to the full-time AAA teams. IE Select teams will be comprised of *all* the top Indiana players and will compete in three, elite showcases. IE Select allows players to build a foundation for future, full-time AAA play by representing the best of Indiana hockey.

Informational Meeting on 3/15

The ISHA will hold a town hall meeting with President Tommy Schoegler, Vice President Derek Edwardson and Indiana Elite coaches on March 15 to outline comprehensive details on all IE teams for the 2023-2024 season. The meeting will be held via Zoom at 5:00 pm. season via Zoom. All registered players will receive the link and it will be posted on the IndianaStateHockey.com calendar. Information will be presented on coaches, season fees, tryout details, and there will be a time for Q&A.

Tryouts

AAA Teams

- 10U-16U - April 15 & 16 at the Fuel Tank (Indy)
- 18U - June 3 & 4 at the Fuel Tank (Indy)

AAA Tryout Registration

Girls Teams

- 14U & 16U - April 29 & 30 at the Fuel Tank (Indy)

Girls Tryout Registration

Select Teams

- Date TBD at the SportONE/Parkview Icehouse (Fort Wayne)

Select Registration Coming Soon

