Tryout and Registration Policies for 8U-12U
Jr Black Bears 2025-26

The Jr Black Bears plan to field 8U, 10U and 12U coed teams at the AA, A and B and C/ Rec levels, as well as a 12U (includes birth years 2013-2016) Girls teams. All teams with the exception of 8U and C/ Rec will participate in both the CBHL and the AHF.

Online registration **@ www.nelsonhockey.org**
must be complete no later than
Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at Midnight.

Tryout Fee:

- **The tryout fee will be $125**. All players will be required to wear the black and white reversible Junior Black Bears jerseys. Anyone that does not have a black and white reversible Jr Black Bears Jersey must purchase one for an additional **$35** at the time of online registration. No loaners will be available during tryouts.
- Tryout fees are non-refundable.

Procedures During Tryouts:

- Players are expected to arrive no more than 1 hour and no less than 45 minutes prior to the tryout start time to check in and receive jerseys.
- Players must wear the assigned tryout jersey for all sessions.
- Players must check in for each tryout session prior to taking the ice.
- No spectators will be permitted during tryouts. Parents of 8U and 10U parents may assist with dressing/skates and will exit the building prior to the start of the tryout. All others are asked to wait outside the building.
- If a player will be unable to attend one or more of the tryout sessions, please email nhadevelopment@gmail.com in advance.
- Participation in all sessions is highly encouraged to allow for proper evaluation.

Team Announcements:

- All players should plan to attend the first and second tryout as assigned below:

  Players will receive a follow up email indicating the time of the second session. Please plan to attend the session assigned in the follow up email.

- Notification regarding team selection and/or updated tryout times will be completed as selections are made.

- Notifications will be made via email to the email address designated at registration. Coaches may opt to follow up via phone using the designated phone number. **It is critical that the registration email address and phone numbers be monitored throughout the tryout process to ensure timely selection of all teams.**

- The final level of play for each team will be declared at a later date and will be based upon the overall skill level of the team as determined by the coaching staff, the hockey director and any parity event held by the league.

Season Registration:

- Once a roster position is offered, players will have 12 hours to accept the position by registering for the season @ www.nelsonhockey.org.

- First payment is required at registration (see below for payment details).

- Players who do not accept a roster spot within **12 hours** of the results email being sent will risk forfeiting their spot to another player.

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- Once registered for the season, any player seeking a release to play for another team must pay the full season fee in order to receive a release.

Team fees:

TEAM	Year of Birth	FEES	PAYMENT PLAN Initial Deposit
8U	2017-younger	$1,950	$390
*10U	2015-2016	$3,200	$640
*12U	2013-2014	$3,200	$640
**Girls 12U	2013-2016	$3,200	$640

** Prices for Rec teams will $2700.*
***Price subject to change based on 12U Girls schedule.*

Payment options:

- Credit Card Full Season Fee: Full payment of season fees and processing fees can be completed by credit card during online registration.
- Credit Card Payment Plan: A credit card payment plan may be set up through the website. Payments will be made in five equal payments; an initial deposit at the time of registration and four additional payments due on 4/26, 5/24, 6/28 and 7/26.

Discounts:

- Sibling Discount: Families with more than one registered Jr Black Bears player will be offered the following **sibling discount**(s): Youngest player is full price; each additional player will receive $100 off the season fees.
- Goalie Discount: A 50% discount will be applied if there are two goaltenders on a given team and the player DOES NOT SKATE as a forward or defenseman in any game.
- If the goalie discount applies, the sibling discount is no longer applicable.
- Please email nhabusinessmgr@gmail.com to receive a discount code.

Uniform Fee:

- Season fees do not include the cost of equipment or uniform items.
- All uniform and swag purchases will be made via Breakaway Sports. Directions and links will be provided via email at a later date.

Season Schedule:

- Practices will begin mid August and will continue through 2/27/26.
- No practices or league games between 11/27-11/30 (Thanksgiving Break).
- No practices or league games between 12/24-1/1 (Winter Break).
- Practice schedules will be made available as soon as possible.

Practices:

- All teams will have 2 spring practices/scrimmages dates TBD.
- All teams (excluding 8U C) will have approximately 2 practices per week throughout the season.
- 8U C will have 2 practices and an additional practice, jamboree, or scrimmage most weekends

Game Counts:

- 10U-12U co-ed teams will play approximately 40 games (includes CBHL/AHF and non-league games). 12U girls game count is TBD.
- 10U-12U C/REC teams will play approximately 20 games
- 8U A & B teams will play approximately 28 games (league game format for CBHL games is TBD)
- 8U C does not participate in a league but will participate in scrimmages and jamborees throughout the season.

Note: Tournaments are NOT included in season fees however the AHF showcases (10U and older non-rec teams) are included.