



# CAROLINA AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Designated USA Hockey Affiliate Association of North and South Carolina

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## **CAHA 8U Jamboree Guidelines Effective 12/1/18**

Our objective is to support a season schedule of 8U Jamborees around the CAHA affiliate. The Jamboree schedule should be such that 2-3 Jamborees in a season are accessible by all Associations. This will limit travel and overall cost to member families and Association costs. CAHA will support some of the Jamborees as a Youth Committee budget item and some via CAHA grants. Any CAHA-supported Jamborees must be sanctioned via USA Hockey (instructions below). We encourage Associations to set up Jamborees that are self-funding and occur annually.

### **8U Jamboree Guidelines**

- CAHA encourages a season schedule of Jamborees to maximize the number of players that are able to participate. In some cases, CAHA will fund some Jamborees via Grants or Youth Committee.
- The timing of the Jamborees will be scheduled to try and avoid conflicts with 8U House programs. By definition this may mean scheduling during periods like holidays. However, each Association may schedule the events at any time that fits their schedule and ice availability.
- Host Associations may consider 2-3 skill divisions when signing up players. If this approach is used, it can be determined via sign-up with parent designating player in a category or by the host Association when making up teams. Our suggestion is to use a simple A-B-C designation for the skill level of each player.
- Jamborees should be limited to House versus Travel players and should be focused more on 8U than 6U. All ages are welcome but 8U should get priority if there are limited sign-ups. Generally, we want to avoid 5 year olds playing with 8 year olds. If there are enough sign-ups, a 6U and a 8U division format can be used.
- All games will be cross ice or half ice, all teams will have no more than 8-10 players with no full-time goalies, and the same player shall play goalie no more than 2 games on any Jamboree day.
- Ideally a Try Goalie For Free event and/or a Try Hockey For Free event will be included in the Jamboree. The Goalie TGFF event could be done by holding this in the middle of the Jamboree for 30-45 minutes and inviting all participants. The THFF event could be held before the Jamboree and these players could be invited to watch the Jamboree to see their next step in the program.
- Games shall be of a length (recommended 18 minutes) where each team gets 4-5 games in the Jamboree. To ensure equal ice time, a horn shall be sounded every 1:30 to 2 minutes signaling a line change. The game length is at the discretion of the Associations given ice time and number of participants.
- There shall be no tracking of wins or losses, likewise there shall be no jamboree or season championship. The exception is that the host Association may keep score privately so that they can change schedules during the Jamboree to match up teams that are more equal in skill. Game scores may not be posted publicly during or after games. This includes scoreboard, flip chart, posters, and any other showing the score of a game.
- Host associations MAY NOT claim players in other associations through their USA Hockey Registry.
- Participation awards may be used but no awards, banners, etc. for placing in a certain order or “winning”.
- Referees shall not be required. If they are used, it is to keep the game moving and drop the puck. It is strongly recommended that these are volunteers and that Associations use their 8U coaches. Minor penalties should be addressed/coached by USA Hockey (approved) coaches on hand and be deemed “significant”. If a penalty is called, play may be stopped and a breakaway style can be given to the offended team.
- All on-ice volunteers must have the following: USA Hockey Coach/Player registration, CEP Level 1 or greater (even if expired), 8U age appropriate module, SafeSport and background screening.

### **Guidelines to Sanction Your 8U Jamboree**

- All Jamborees must be publicized and open to all 8U players from all CAHA Associations. All USA Hockey-sanctioned Jamborees can be publicized on the CAHA website and calendar.
- All Jamborees must be sanctioned using the Invitational Tournament Application form. A completed application, a copy of the rules and a check payable to USA Hockey for the sanctioning fee must be submitted to the Associate Registrar a minimum of two (2) weeks before the Jamboree date. Please note that CAHA cannot advertise or add the Jamboree to our calendar until sanctioning is approved.
- All players must be USA Hockey registered. Each association with participating players must submit an approved USA Hockey Master Roster(s) (1-T) that lists all players and coaches participating in the Jamboree. An association may not refuse to roster any player that desires to attend a Jamboree except for players not in good financial standing.
- A fee may be charged by the host Association to each player. Every player must sign up individually, notify their association that they will be participating, provide a copy of their government issued birth certificate (if they have not done so already), and request to be added to the Master Roster (1-T) for that association. The players listed on Master Rosters will be assigned to a Jamboree team by the host association. CAHA encourages all Associations to hold Jamborees that scramble players for fun versus teams signing up for participation as teams.

### **Procedure to Sanction Your Jamboree**

The definition of a USA Hockey sanctioned event: A “sanctioned event or activity” is one which: is authorized by a USA Hockey organization; is played under the Playing Rules of USA Hockey; has all members (players and coaches) properly registered; and is officiated by properly registered and certified USA Hockey officials.

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- Jamboree host associations shall not ask for a player’s confirmation number and MAY NOT claim players participating in other associations through their USA Hockey Registry.

Questions on Sanctioning Events? Please contact:

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