

## Subject: Welcome to the Ice Dog 8U House Program

Welcome to the Northern Virginia Ice Dog 8U House Program for the 2018-2019 Season. Please read this carefully, it contains 1) schedule for first 4 weekends, 2) how to order jerseys, 3) travel tryout information as well as other plans for the season.

### Schedule

Practices start on Saturday, August 18th. All practices and 8U House League games are at Mt Vernon Ice Rink. The first four weekends will be training camp and player evaluations. We will then divide into two divisions (Atlantic & Metropolitan) and teams prior to the practices on September 15. During the first 4 weeks, we will be splitting the group by Last Name (A-L, M-Z). Starting on September 15th, all practices and games will be by division.

Facility	Day	Date	Start	End	Nova	Last Name
MVIA	Sat	08/18/18	6:15 AM	7:30 AM	8U HOUSE PRACTICE	A-L
MVIA	Sat	08/18/18	7:30 AM	8:45 AM	8U HOUSE PRACTICE	M-Z
MVIA	Sun	08/19/18	6:15 AM	7:30 AM	8U HOUSE PRACTICE	M-Z
MVIA	Sun	08/19/18	7:30 AM	8:45 AM	8U HOUSE PRACTICE	A-L
MVIA	Sat	08/25/18	6:15 AM	7:30 AM	8U HOUSE PRACTICE	A-L
MVIA	Sat	08/25/18	7:30 AM	8:45 AM	8U HOUSE PRACTICE	M-Z
MVIA	Sun	08/26/18	6:15 AM	7:30 AM	8U HOUSE PRACTICE	M-Z
MVIA	Sun	08/26/18	7:30 AM	8:45 AM	8U HOUSE PRACTICE	A-L
MVIA	Sat	09/01/18	6:15 AM	7:30 AM	8U HOUSE PRACTICE	M-Z
MVIA	Sat	09/01/18	7:30 AM	8:45 AM	8U HOUSE PRACTICE	A-L
MVIA	Sat	09/02/18	6:15 AM	7:30 AM	8U HOUSE PRACTICE	A-L
MVIA	Sun	09/02/18	7:30 AM	8:45 AM	8U HOUSE PRACTICE	M-Z
MVIA	Sat	09/08/18	6:15 AM	7:30 AM	8U HOUSE EVALUATIONS	A-L
MVIA	Sat	09/08/18	7:30 AM	8:45 AM	8U HOUSE EVALUATIONS	M-Z
MVIA	Sun	09/09/18	6:15 AM	7:25 AM	8U HOUSE EVALUATIONS	M-Z
MVIA	Sun	09/09/18	7:25 AM	8:35 AM	8U HOUSE EVALUATIONS	A-L

### House Jamborees



In addition to our end of season jamboree (Feb 24), we will be hosting two multi-club jamborees this season: an 8U House-only Jamboree on February 3rd and a 6U Jamboree on February 17th. We will need lots of help to put on these three events! We will also have opportunities to bring house teams to other club's jamborees as well. Please note that 8U players on Travel rosters may only play in travel jamborees and are not eligible to play in house-only jamborees against other clubs.

### Birth Certificates



All players must bring a photocopy of their birth certificate to the evaluations on Saturday September 8th. Carrie Stewart, our club's USA Hockey registrar, will be there to collect them and submit them to USA Hockey as part of our team registrations. The photocopies will be returned to you after verification.

## TeamSnap

The first four weeks of the season are detailed above. Once teams are selected and prior to the Sep 15/16 weekend, a TeamSnap site will be setup for each individual team. Each player will be invited to their team's site midweek and prior to Sep 15. These individual TeamSnap sites will be co-administered by the NoVA Hockey Club and the Team Managers for each individual team. The remainder of the 2018-2019 Schedule will be on each team's site. You will be asked to populate your attendance to all events weeks in advance for overall planning purposes. This will be an invaluable tool for you, your player, your coach and the entire 8U Program.

## Coaches & Volunteers

We are always in need of coaches at the 8U level. No coaching experience is required – you just need to be able to skate and own a helmet. USA Hockey provides both online training and an in-person clinic. Please email David if you're interested in joining the coaching staff. All administrative and online training must be completed before you are allowed on the ice.

We will also need a lot of other off-ice volunteers to make the season successful (jamboree commissioners, bumper/board setup & teardown, team managers, etc). Please contact either David or Aimee.

## Equipment

Please put a piece of tape with the players first name on the front of their helmet. Take a few minutes to ensure that your players skates and equipment still fit. Every piece of equipment should have their name on it, including sticks & water bottles. Every player should bring a water bottle that they can drink from using one hand and without taking their helmet/facemask off.

## Jerseys

We will be using the House-style jerseys again this year. If you have jerseys from last season and they still fit, you do not need to order new ones. If you need to order replacement jerseys with the same number as last season, skip to step 2. The club distributes jersey numbers on a two-year cycle, so if anyone requests a number that someone in the current age, one year older or one year younger already has, that number is not available. We do this to eliminate the risk having duplicate numbers on future teams.

### Jersey Ordering Instructions:

First Step: Secure Jersey Number

If you do not yet have an approved Jersey number:

Send an email to [aimeemspencer@gmail.com](mailto:aimeemspencer@gmail.com),

Subject: "Player Name, Birth year, Jersey #"

In the body of your email include your top five picks for Jersey Numbers. If all your 5 numbers are unavailable, we will assign you a number.

Second Step: Once you have a confirmed Jersey Number, you may Order Jerseys from Concrete Pond. [https://concretepond.com/teamslist.php?pageNum\\_rsCWResults=0&team=50](https://concretepond.com/teamslist.php?pageNum_rsCWResults=0&team=50), (House Jerseys are on Page 2 or 3 – do NOT buy a Travel or Girls jersey)

Required:

Customize each Jersey with **Last Name** and **Jersey #**:

1. (1) Blue Jersey: "Nova Ice Dogs – Navy House Jersey" \$48.00-\$50.00

2. (1) White Jersey: "Nova Ice Dogs – White House Jersey" \$48.00-\$50.00

Optional:

1. Blue Socks: "Nova Ice Dogs-Navy Knit Sock" \$13.50
2. White Socks: "Nova Ice Dogs-White Knit Sock" \$13.50

Jerseys must be ordered between: August 2, 2018 and August 27, 2018

### Travel Tryouts

This year we are intending to field two CBHL 8U travel teams, one at Upper-A and one at Lower-A. The Travel players will continue to practice and play in the House program and have additional mid-week practices and weekend games. The travel program is open to birth years 2010-2011 only and is for players looking for a higher level of hockey. The additional cost of 8U travel is \$350.

Tryouts for the travel teams will be on **Monday, September 10 at 5:45pm-7:15pm** at Mt Vernon. There will also be 3 additional training slots available for players trying out for 8U travel. To register for Tryouts, <https://www.nova-icedogs.org/page/show/1975592-nova-8u-travel-program>. There is a \$40 tryout fee that covers the 3 practices and tryout

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MVIA	Tue	08/21/18	7:30 PM	8:45 PM	8U TRAVEL TRAINING
MVIA	Tue	08/28/18	7:30 PM	8:45 PM	8U TRAVEL TRAINING
MVIA	Tue	09/04/18	7:30 PM	8:45 PM	8U TRAVEL TRAINING
MVIA	Mon	09/10/18	5:45 PM	7:15 PM	8U TRAVEL TRYOUTS

We're looking forward to a great season and let us know if you have any questions!

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