



## **VEGAS JR. GOLDEN KNIGHTS 16U AA 2020-21 SEASON PLAN**

Welcome to the 2020-21 Vegas Jr. Golden Knights hockey season! It has been a trying off-season, to say the least, and we hope that everyone has endured it as well as humanly possible.

As we approach tryouts and a new season, we are mindful of the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic. To that end, this season plan will serve as a general framework for the upcoming season. It will require flexibility and patience on everyone's part, as no one can predict when or how we will return to "normal" as it relates to youth hockey. This season's budget is based on the "best case scenario" of a regular, with the understanding of the unpredictability of what competition will look like during a "Covid season."

Over the last several months, the VJGK advisory group has been working on a new budget process that will work under a Covid-19 restricted season. It will be a team based budget, and will provide for monthly adjustments as necessary, given the information at that time. Excess funds may be utilized to purchase additional weekend ice for "VJGK Inter-squad" or may be credited to the next month's assessment. VJGK Inter-squad will be a competition day of 3 on 3, 4 on 4, or 5 on 5 gameplay and instruction.

It is impossible to know what the future will hold for youth hockey throughout the United States, but all decisions made by the VJGK Board of Directors will be made with the safety of our players and families first. We will follow the guidelines of our governing bodies, including State of Nevada, USA Hockey, and NAHA.

**TEAM PERSONNEL:**

Head Coach: Wally Lacroix  
Assistant. Coach: Todd Owen  
Manager: TBD  
Director of Coaches: Brian Salcido

**SEASON STRUCTURE:**

- 78 60 minute full ice practices.
  - Clinics and practices will be held at Pepsi Ice Arena
- 56 game schedule
  - Four home tournaments (16 games).
  - Three away tournaments (12 games), including travel to Chicago, Frisco, and Denver.
  - Participation in the Tier 2 Affiliate Hockey Alliance, including 3 away and 1 home showcase tournaments (16 games).
  - Participation in the NAPHL Showcase League, including 2 away showcase tournaments (12 games).
- Weekly supervised off-ice and Zoom training sessions.

**COST**

- After donation from Vegas Golden Knights Foundation, the projected cost based on an 18 player roster will be approximately \$4,927 for the season. This does not include travel expenses.
- Cost includes workout apparel, administrative fees, concussion baseline testing, entry fees into above tournament/showcases, power skating coach, and coaches travel expenses and stipends.
- Cost does not include uniforms. Players may choose to wear uniforms from prior seasons if they are in good condition and still fit properly. There will be an online team store available for players that need to purchase new team jerseys and socks, or other team equipment. Players are required to have team bags and apparel for off-ice training.
- \$1,000 deposit is due at signing. Season costs will be divided into 8 equal payments, from September through April.

Any questions may be directed to Head Coach Wally Lacroix, or Director of Coaches, Brian Salcido.