

## Team Colorado 14U Tier I Program

### Mission

The mission of the Team Colorado 14U Tier I program is to provide an opportunity for the top 14U players in Colorado and other parts of the Western United States to train and develop their talents together in a full season program with the intention of preparing them for 16U Tier I hockey and eventually 19U Tier I hockey, NCAA DI, NCAA DIII, or ACHA competition.

### Competition Schedule\*

The 14U Tier I team will compete in nine (9) Tier I events throughout the 2026-2027 season in addition to the Rocky Mountain District Tournament and hopefully USA Hockey Nationals. Each of the following events has been selected because of its exposure to high caliber competition and NCAA/ACHA college coaches.

NAHA Labor Day Tournament	9/4 – 9/6, 2026	Boston, MA
Stoney Creek Showcase	9/25 – 9/27, 2026	Stoney Creek, ON
CCM Dallas	10/10 – 10/12, 2026	Dallas, TX
Minnesota NIT Tournament	10/16 – 10/18, 2026	Minneapolis, MN
Midwest Showcase	11/6 – 11/8, 2026	St. Louis, MO
Windy City Elite	12/4 – 12/6, 2026	Chicago, IL
PIP Mountain Mayhem	1/15 – 1/17, 2027	Denver, CO
Motor City Girls Classic	2/5 – 2/7, 2027	Detroit, MI
JWHL Challenge Cup	2/12 – 2/15, 2027	Washington, DC
Rocky Mountain Districts	3/4 – 3/7, 2027	Phoenix, AZ
USA Hockey Nationals	3/30 – 4/4, 2027	Location TBD

*\*With the exception of one or two weekends, this schedule is largely confirmed. As those weekends are confirmed, we will make sure to update families in a timely manner. Local games will also be added to the schedule as it allows.*

### 14U Season Training Schedule

Players making a commitment to play hockey at this level are making hockey a top priority in their life and will be treated as such by players, families, coaches, and the association alike.

The following weekday schedule is designed to provide 14U players with the opportunity to train in an elite athlete setting while still allowing these young ladies to succeed academically.

TUESDAYS OFF ICE	4:45PM – 5:45PM	The Drill House @ FSC
TUESDAYS ON ICE	6:00PM – 7:00PM	Family Sports Center
WEDNESDAYS OFF ICE	4:45PM – 5:45PM	The Drill House @ FSC
WEDNESDAYS ON ICE	6:00PM – 7:00PM	Family Sports Center
FRIDAYS SKILLS SESSION*	3:30PM – 5:00PM	South Suburban
SATURDAYS ON ICE	8:10AM – 9:20AM	Family Sports Center
SUNDAYS ON ICE	10:40AM – 12:00PM	Family Sports Center

*\*Fridays on ice is optional skills training open to all players in the Tier I program and will be led by skills coach, Chris Lockrem, along with other Tier I coaches in our program.*

### **Video Breakdown System/Video Sessions**

The video system we use is The Prospect Exchange, which breaks down games that are submitted by the discretion of the head coach. Each player also receives a breakdown of their own shifts from games that are submitted, which can be used for review, putting together highlight videos, or sending raw video to college coaches.

Video sessions will be added to the schedule at the Head Coaches discretion.

### **Fortitude Mental Performance**

For the 2026 - 2027 season these will start in August and will be scheduled throughout the season each month (sometimes twice).

### **Selection Process**

We are looking for 17 - 20 student-athletes who have a commitment to train and compete at the Tier I level with the desire to advance their game to the 16U Tier I level. Players must also be committed to excelling in academics and hold themselves to a higher standard of good character and integrity.

No spots are guaranteed for any of our Tier I teams – even returning players. We expect these tryouts to be extremely competitive and every player must showcase their talent to the best of their ability during tryouts to earn a spot with any of our Tier I teams.

### **Player Age Eligibility**

Players must be a 2012 or 2013 birth year to be eligible for the 14U Tier I program. Underage players or “Play Ups” will not be considered for this age group per USA Hockey Rules.

### **Residence/Commuting Policy**

Making a commitment to a high performance 14U Tier I program often means players must move away from home to take advantage of the training opportunities that enable them to develop their skill set and reach the NCAA and earn a roster spot on a DI or DIII program.

If a player lives outside the Denver Metro area, they will be asked to either move full time to Denver, CO or commute for practices to take full advantage of the training program and contribute to the team development and dynamic. i.e. this team will not have “tournament only” players.

### **14U Season Fees (estimated to be \$6995)**

- All practice ice at Family Sports Center
- Off Ice Training at The DrillHouse (located at Family Sports Center)
- Fortitude Mental Performance Sessions
- Goalie Coaching w/ Mountain High Hockey (Goalie Coach: Colin Champine)
- TPE Video Breakdown System
- Local game ice and officiating costs
- Misc. Fees such as supplemental association insurance, coaches USA Hockey registrations, background checks, coaching clinics, etc.
- Crossbar and Quickbooks Fees
- Sports Recruit Recruiting Platform

### **Equipment Package (~\$830 for new player packages; TBD for returning players)**

This season the equipment and apparel package or items will be paid by families directly to the vendor. Players who are new to the program will be required to purchase the whole package while returning players will only need to purchase items that need replacing.

### **Travel Fees (estimated to be \$500 - \$600/month)**

Includes tournament fees, travel costs for Coaches (flights, hotel rooms, and rental vehicles), and per diem for coaches.

Travel for this team is largely family based with the exception of three or four trips agreed upon by the Head Coach, Team Manager, and Director of Hockey. On Team Travel trips, travel fees are expanded to cover player hotel rooms, and any additional team related travel costs such as meals, rental vehicles, and flights, etc.

### **Fundraising**

Team Colorado is aware of the financial burden playing hockey can put on a family and engage in three (3) fundraising events throughout the season:

- Practice Jersey Logo Drive (team basis; funds go directly to the teams first travel fee payment and is spread equally across all players)
- Skate-A-Thon (done on a player basis; funds go directly to the players travel fees)
- Kendra Scott "Share the Love" Event (done on a program basis; funds go directly to Team Colorado)

Should you have any questions reviewing this information, please feel free to contact me directly.

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