

# Montana Yeti

## 2026/27 Program Information



The Montana Yeti Program is a competitive AA hockey program based in Helena, MT, overseen by the Helena Area Youth Hockey Association (HAYHA). Our mission is to strengthen Montana hockey by helping players elevate their skills through elite training and competitive opportunities. We aim to unite top players from all corners of Montana and provide them with the chance to enhance their skills, compete at a higher level, and foster a sense of sportsmanship and respect on and off the ice.

We are proud to offer summer training camps and tournament teams for 10U, 12U, 14U and age groups.

**10U:** Four weekends of summer development (four hours of on-ice instruction per weekend) + two tournaments (option for third tournament)

**12U AA:** Four weekends of summer development (five hours of on-ice instruction per weekend) + three tournaments

**14U AA Tier II\*:** Four weekends of summer development (five hours of on-ice instruction per weekend) + tournaments

**16U AA Tier II\*:** Four weekends of summer development (five hours of on-ice instruction per weekend) + tournaments

**Schedule:** Tournaments and games held during preseason, postseason, and holiday weekends to avoid conflicts with TSL schedules

**Tryouts:** Tryouts will be held April 24-26 at Steed Arena in Helena. The 2026 registration fee is \$105 for each age group.

**Registration:** To register for tryouts, please visit [www.hayha.org](http://www.hayha.org). The MT Yeti link can be found under the Programs tab on the HAYHA homepage.

**Adherence to Standards:** All participants must follow USA Hockey, MAHA, and HAYHA policies for a safe and structured environment.

**Training Weekends:** We have scheduled four training weekends throughout the summer where players will get four practices, beginning with one on Friday afternoon/evening, two on Saturday, and one on Sunday morning/early afternoon.

### **Scheduled Training Weekends:**

June 12-14 (Helena) | July 10-12 (Billings) | August 14-16 (Helena) | August 28-30 (Helena)

**Team Building & Program Culture:** The Montana Yeti program prioritizes not only skill development, but also team camaraderie and chemistry. During each training/tournament weekend, we will work to incorporate team-building/volunteer activities to strengthen bonds, foster teamwork, and create lasting friendships. Whether through organized events or informal gatherings, we make every effort to ensure players develop strong connections both on and off the ice.

\*14U & 16U MT Yeti coaching staff reserves the right to adjust the team's NTB status (prior to October 1) if it is determined that the team is not competitively suited for that level.

## Teams and Summer Training Information

### 14U Tier II - Tryout Information

#### April 25, 2026

The Montana Yeti program will hold open tryouts on April 25 with details publicly announced on the HAYHA website and shared with all MAHA affiliates. Any age-eligible Montana resident registered with USA Hockey is welcome to participate.

#### Important Eligibility Guidelines:

- Must be a Montana resident or play for a team that plays in TSL (Salmon)
- Maximum of one athlete considered to be out-of-state can be rostered
- "Play-up" requests will not be granted

#### Tryout Details:

- Date: April 25
- Location: Steed Arena, 400 Lola Street, Helena, MT
- Cost: \$105 per player (due at registration)

#### Tryout Schedule:

Saturday, April 25

1:00 pm: Check-in begins

- Players will receive a jersey at check-in that they'll keep for the entire tryout. Jerseys will be collected after the second session on Saturday.

1:30 pm - 2 pm: Parent Meeting

- A brief, optional parent meeting will be held inside the rink hosted by Coach Bob Richards

2:00 pm - 3:15 pm: Skills Session

8:15 pm - 9:30 pm: Scrimmage

Players unable to attend tryouts should contact [mtyeti@hayha.org](mailto:mtyeti@hayha.org).

### 14U Tier II - Team Selection

A portion of the team will be announced shortly after tryouts, with players classified under one of the following designations:

- **Rostered:** You have been selected for the team and placed on the official roster.
- **Training:** You have not yet been rostered, but coaches want you to participate in all training weekends. You have the opportunity to earn a final roster spot, which will be determined after the last training weekend.
- **Not Selected:** You were not selected for the roster or training group.
- **Did Not Tryout:** If you were unable to attend tryouts due to injury, illness, or other sports commitments, you are invited to attend the first training weekend for an evaluation. Tryout and summer training fees must be paid before stepping on the ice.

The remaining roster spots will be determined throughout the summer training weekends. Final rosters will be announced no later than August 30. Coaches will address team selection at the parent meeting in greater detail. Montana Yeti reserves the right to add players to the roster until the December 31 deadline. Our goal is to include as many players interested in summer training as possible. However, spots may have to be capped depending on the number of players trying out.

## 14U Tier II - Tournaments & Games

The tournaments and games will be pre-and-post season and holiday weekends. Approximately 20+ 14U AA games will be played. Tournament dates TBD.

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## 16U Tier II - Tryout Information

### April 24-25, 2026

The Montana Yeti program will hold open tryouts on April 24-25 with details publicly announced on the HAYHA website and shared with all MAHA affiliates. Any age-eligible Montana resident registered with USA Hockey is welcome to participate.

### Important Eligibility Guidelines:

- Must be a Montana resident or play for a team that plays in TSL (Salmon)
- Maximum of one athlete considered to be out-of-state can be rostered

### Tryout Details:

- Date: April 24-25
- Location: Steed Arena, 400 Lola Street, Helena, MT
- Cost: \$105 per player (due at registration)

### Tryout Schedule:

*Friday, April 24*

7:00 pm: Check-in begins

- Players will receive a jersey at check-in that they'll keep for the entire tryout. Jerseys will be collected after the second tryout session.

7:30 pm - 8:00 pm: Parent Meeting

- A brief, optional parent meeting will be held inside the rink hosted by Coach Will Parr

8:15 pm - 9:30 pm: Skills Session

*Saturday, April 25*

3:30 pm - 4:45 pm: Scrimmage

Players unable to attend tryouts should contact [mtyetihsoccer@hayha.org](mailto:mtyetihsoccer@hayha.org).

## 16U Tier II - Team Selection

A portion of the team will be announced shortly after tryouts, with players classified under one of the following designations:

- **Rostered:** You have been selected for the team and placed on the official roster.
- **Training:** You have not yet been rostered, but coaches want you to participate in all training weekends. You have the opportunity to earn a final roster spot, which will be determined after the last training weekend.
- **Not Selected:** You were not selected for the roster or training group.
- **Did Not Tryout:** If you were unable to attend tryouts due to injury, illness, or other sports commitments, you are invited to attend the first training weekend for an evaluation. Tryout and summer training fees must be paid before stepping on the ice.

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number of players trying out.

## 16U Tier II - Tournaments & Games

The tournaments and games will be pre-and-post season and holiday weekends. Approximately 20+ 16U AA games will be played. Tournament dates TBD.

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## 12U AA - Tryout Information

The Montana Yeti program will hold open tryouts on April 25-26. Any age-eligible Montana resident registered with USA Hockey is welcome to participate.

### Important Eligibility Guidelines:

- Must be a Montana resident or play for a team that plays in TSL (Salmon)
- Maximum of one athlete considered to be out-of-state can be rostered

### Tryout Details:

- Date: April 25-26
- Location: Steed Arena, 400 Lola Street, Helena, MT
- Cost: \$105 per player (due at registration)

### Tryout Schedule:

*Saturday, April 25*

9:45 am: Check-in

- Players will receive a jersey at check-in that they will keep for the entire tryout. Jerseys will be returned after the second tryout session.

10:45 am -12:00 pm: Skills Session

- A brief, optional parent meeting will be held inside the rink hosted by Coach Will Parr after this session.

*Sunday, April 26*

8:00 am - 9:15 am – Scrimmage

Players unable to attend tryouts should contact [mtyeti@hayha.org](mailto:mtyeti@hayha.org).

## 12U - Team Selection

A portion of the team will be announced shortly after tryouts, with players classified under one of the following designations:

- **Rostered:** You have been selected for the team and placed on the official roster.
- **Training:** You have not yet been rostered, but coaches want you to participate in all training weekends. You have the opportunity to earn a final roster spot, which will be determined after the last training weekend.
- **Not Selected:** You were not selected for the roster or training group.
- **Did Not Tryout:** If you were unable to attend tryouts due to injury, illness, or other sports commitments, you are invited to attend the first training weekend for an evaluation. Tryout and summer training fees must be paid before stepping on the ice.

The remaining roster spots will be determined throughout the summer training weekends. Final rosters will be announced no later than August 30. Coaches will address team selection at the parent meeting in greater detail. Montana Yeti reserves the right to add players to the roster until the December 31 deadline. Our goal is to include as many players interested in summer training as possible. However, spots may have to be capped depending on the number of players trying out.

## 12U AA - Tournaments & Games

The tournaments and games will be pre-and-post season and holiday weekends. This list is TBD and is subject to change.

- September/October: Possible Tournaments include Boise, Las Vegas, or Wyoming
- November: Possible Tournament - Denver or SLC
- March: Salt Lake/Provo

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## 10U - Tryout Information

The Montana Yeti program will hold open tryouts on April 25-26. Any age-eligible Montana resident registered with USA Hockey is welcome to participate.

### Important Eligibility Guidelines:

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- Maximum of one athlete considered to be out-of-state can be rostered

### Tryout Details:

- Date: April 25-26
- Location: Steed Arena, 400 Lola Street, Helena, MT
- Cost: \$105 per player (due at registration)

### Tryout Schedule:

*Saturday, April 25*

8:15 am Check-in

- Players will receive a jersey at check-in that they will keep for the entire tryout. Jerseys will be turned in after the second tryout session.

9:15 am - 10:30 am: Skills Session

*Sunday, April 26*

9:30am-10:45 am – Skills Session + Scrimmage

- A brief, optional parent meeting will be held inside the rink hosted by Coach Will Parr after this session.

Players unable to attend tryouts should contact [mtyeti@hayha.org](mailto:mtyeti@hayha.org).

Team selection and tournament schedule for 10U will be dependent on our summer training numbers and interest in tournament travel. Coaches will go into more detail during the parent meeting. We plan to attend two tournaments for the 10U team with an option for a third. The tournaments will be scheduled pre-and-post season and/or holiday weekends so as not to interfere with TSL weekends. Tournament dates TBD.

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## Registration Fees

A Tryout Fee of \$105 will be due upon tryout registration. The tryout fee is due upon registration. Summer training fees are due by June 11, 2026. Tournament fees are due by August 30, 2026. Payment can be made online via credit card or ACH payment on the HAYHA website.

## Refund Policy

When the Summer Training and Final Rosters are selected and payment is made, there is no refund as that is final acceptance of the Summer Training Sessions and Roster spot.