

# Montana YETI 2025/26

## 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 providing elite training and competitive opportunities, helping players elevate their skills and compete at a higher level.

This year, we're excited to expand our offerings with **training camps for 10U and 16U** players in addition to our established **12U and 14U AA teams**. Our goal is to unite top players from all corners of Montana, providing 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.

**12U AA:** Three weekends of summer development (5 hours of on-ice instruction per weekend) + three tournaments

**14U AA Tier II:** Four weekends of summer development (5.5 hours of on-ice instruction per weekend) + one final weekend in August for rostered team + tournaments

**10U & 16U:** Four weekends of summer training camps to enhance skill development

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

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

# Coaching and Teams

Head Coaches: Will Parr & Bob Richards

12U - AA

14U - AA Tier II

10U - Summer Training Camp Series

16U - Summer Training Camp Series

*\*\* 14U 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.*

## 14U Tier II - Tryout Information

### May 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

The Montana Yeti program will hold open tryouts, 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: May 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025
- Location: Steed Arena, 400 Lola Street, Helena, MT
- Cost: \$100 per player (due at registration)

#### Tryout Schedule:

- **Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**
  - 5:15pm: Check-in begins
    - o 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.
  - 5:30pm-6:00pm: Parent Meeting
    - o A brief, optional parent meeting will be held inside the rink hosted by Coach Will.
  - 6:15pm-7:15 pm: Skills Session
- **Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**
  - 10:45am-12:15pm: Scrimmage
  - 4:00pm - 5:30pm: Scrimmage

## 14U Tier II - Team Selection

Teams will be announced within one week 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 21. Montana Yeti reserves the right to add players to the roster until the December 31 deadline.

## 14U Tier II - Tournaments & Games

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

- Tournament dates TBD
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## 12U AA - Tryout Information

The Montana Yeti program will hold open tryouts on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025. 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: June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Location: Steed Arena, 400 Lola Street, Helena, MT
- Cost: \$100 per player (due at registration)

### Tryout Schedule:

- **Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025**
  - o 3:00-4:30 pm: Check-in
    - Players will receive a jersey at check-in that they will keep for the entire tryout.
  - o 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm: Tryouts
    - A brief, optional parent meeting will be held inside the rink hosted by Coach Richards after this session.
  - o 8:00-9:00 pm – Tryouts

Team selection will be announced within one week after tryouts. Players will be selected for summer training immediately after the last tryout session. Summer development will begin on **Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.**

Players unable to attend tryouts, should contact Coach Richards.

Our goal is to include as many players interested in summer training as possible. However, there is a cap of 18 forwards, 8 defensemen, and 4 goalies for the summer development camp.

## 12U AA - Tournaments & Games

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

- September/October: Possible Tournaments – Boise or Las Vegas
- November: Possible Tournament - Denver
- March: Salt Lake/Provo

## 12U/14U Summer Training Weekends

June 13-15

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June 27-29  
(14U only)

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July 25-27

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August 15-17

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August 22-24  
(**rostered** 12U & 14U only)

## 12U Weekend Training Times

**Friday:**  
5:00-6:00 PM

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**Saturday:**  
9:00-10:30 AM  
4:00pm-5:30 PM

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**Sunday:**  
9:00 AM-10:00 AM

## 14U Weekend Training Times

**Friday:**  
6:15pm-7:45 PM

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**Saturday:**  
10:45am-12:15 PM  
5:45pm-7:15 PM

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**Sunday:**  
10:15am-11:15am

## Team Fees

A Tryout Fee of \$100 will be due upon tryout registration. The additional team fees are outlined below.

	12U Training	12U Rostered	14U Training	14U Tier II Rostered
Tryouts	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Summer Training Fee	\$500	\$500	\$750	\$750
Tournament Fee	N/A	\$850	N/A	\$1150
Total:	\$600	\$1450	\$850	\$2000

The tryout fee is due upon registration.

Summer training fees are due by June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Tournament fees are due by August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.

Payment can be made online via credit card or ACH payment on the HAYHA website.

## 10U & 16U Summer Training Camp Series

June 13-15

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June 27-29

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July 25-27

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August 15-17

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## 10U Weekend Training Times

**Friday:**

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**Saturday:**

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**Sunday:**

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## 16U Weekend Training Times

**Friday:**  
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**Saturday:**  
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**Sunday:**  
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## 10U & 16U Summer Training Camp Series Fees

	10U	16U
Tryouts	N/A	N/A
Summer Training Camp Fee	\$550	\$750
Tournament Fee	N/A	N/A
Total:	\$550	\$750

## 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.

## 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 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.

## Registration

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

