



Montana Wolves

2026/2027 Program Information

Summary & Philosophy

The Montana Wolves are a Tier II, AA organization based in Bozeman, Montana. We strive to bring together the top players from across the state in each age group to train and compete at a high level. We are committed to developing hockey players, both on and off the ice, regardless of their hometown or home association. As a pre- and post-season program, the Wolves are designed to not interfere with player's regular season team throughout the year.

Program Goal

To bring together the top players from across Montana to train and compete at the highest level. By uniting elite talent, we elevate individual skill development while strengthening our overall team performance and cohesion.

The Mission

To expand and advance our players' hockey and life skills. Our teams aim to compete at the highest levels possible, including the National Championships.

Core Values

Respect - Our players, coaches, managers, and families are expected to demonstrate respect at all times; for teammates, opponents, officials, and facilities. We foster an environment built on integrity, sportsmanship, and accountability both on and off the ice.

Development - We challenge our players to pursue continuous growth, both on and off the ice. Our goal is to help each athlete develop not only their hockey skills, but also their character, confidence, and leadership abilities. We prepare our players for long-term success in hockey and in life.

Enjoyment - We want coaches, players, and families to truly value their experience within our program and the game of hockey. We foster a positive, supportive environment where the journey is celebrated, growth is appreciated, and success is measured not by results, but by the enjoyment of the process along the way.

Teamwork – Our players are coached to always support their teammates and to help each other become the best version of themselves. There is an emphasis on maintaining a good attitude and giving maximum effort while being accountable to everyone on the team.

Teams

National Tournament Bound (NTB)

Girls 19U
16U Tier
14U Tier
Girls 14U

Development

16U Prospects
14U Prospects
12U

18U team – We will be having an 18 team again this year, details are in the works. We are planning on 2 training weekends in Billings towards the end of the summer.

*** The Wolves reserve the right to change NTB status (prior to October 1) if we determine they will not be competitive enough at that level.*

Training Weekends

All in Helena, MT for 2026

Every team is guaranteed 4 training weekends (potential of 5) throughout the Summer where they will get 6 practices (includes a position specific skills practice) from Thursday night to Sunday afternoon. We will try to host games during the 4th or 5th weekend, but that depends on the availability of other teams. Practices will focus on skill development, team concepts, and improving each individual player's skills and overall team play. The weekends will also include video sessions and off-ice team-building activities. Due to construction on the arena in Bozeman, we will hold our training weekends in Helena.

2026 Training Weekends: June 25-28 | July 9-12 | July 23-26 | August 6-9 | August 20-23

Age Level Play & Eligibility

It is the Wolves philosophy that players and teams develop best when players participate at their age level. Therefore, players will try out and play within their age group. If the organization needs players to “move up” to accommodate numbers at either level, an exception can be made on a case-by-case basis. Players for the Wolves must play on a regular season team. All players (exception of one per team) must play on a TSL team and/or have a primary residence with Montana per MAHA Tier Rules.

Games

The NTB teams will participate in enough tournaments and exhibition games (20 games for 16U and 14U; 14 games for Girls 19U and 14U) to qualify for Nationals. It is our intent to play most of the games and tournaments before November with the possibility of also playing Thanksgiving weekend, during holiday break, and Presidents Day weekend.

The Development teams will play between 10 – 16 games through exhibitions and/or tournaments. The focus will be playing most of these games in the Fall before the TSL regular season begins and trying to minimize travel and costs as much as possible while still playing competitive games.

Team Gear & Apparel

All players on a Wolves Team will receive the following included in their fees:

- Game jerseys (club owned)
- Practice jersey (club owned)
- Game socks (player will keep)
- Apparel set (player will keep)

Players on the NTB teams (Girls 19U, 16U Tier, 14U Tier, & Girls 14U) will also receive:

- Hockey bag (club owned)
- Breezer shells (club owned)
- Hockey gloves (club owned)

**Players are responsible for providing their own helmet and it must be black.*

Tryouts

The tryout fee is \$100. The Summer Training payment of \$900 is also due before tryouts, for a total of \$1000.

TRYOUT Schedule – all in Bozeman, MT

	<u>12U</u>		<u>14U</u>
Saturday, April 18 th	3:15 – 4:15 PM	Saturday, April 18 th	9:00 – 10:00 AM
Sunday, April 19 th	7:30 – 8:30 AM		4:30 – 5:30 PM
	11:15 AM – 12:15 PM	Sunday, April 19 th	8:45 – 9:45 AM

	<u>16U</u>		<u>Girls 14U</u>
Saturday, April 18 th	10:15 – 11:15 AM	Friday, April 17 th	5:45 – 6:45 PM
	5:45 – 6:45 PM	Saturday, April 18 th	7:45 – 8:45 AM
Sunday, April 19 th	10:00– 11:00 AM		12:45 – 1:45 PM

	<u>Girls 19U</u>		<u>Additional Goalie Sessions</u>
Friday, April 17 th	7:00 – 8:00 PM	Friday, April 17 th	8:15 – 9:15 PM
Saturday, April 18 th	7:45 – 8:45 AM	Saturday, April 18 th	11:30 – 12:30 PM
	2:00 – 3:00 PM		*Each goalie is responsible for bringing their own shooter

Registration

Registration will open March 11th. Link to registration site will be on the Montana Wolves Website:

<https://gallatinice.org/youth-hockey/montana-wolves>

All players must register through the site.



Refund Policy

- If you do not make a team or training, then you will be refunded the \$900 summer training fee.
- If you make a team, and decide not to play, you will NOT be refunded any money.
- If you make training, and decide not to play, you will NOT be refunded the full summer training fee.

Team Selection

Teams will be announced within 1 week of tryouts being completed. Players will be listed under one of the following designations:

- Rostered
 - You made the team and are put on the official roster.
- Training
 - You are not on the roster yet but will attend all the summer training weekends and have a chance to make the team.
- Did not make the roster or training
 - You will be contacted and refunded the summer training fee
- Did Not Tryout
 - We expect that all players interested in participating in the Wolves program will attend the tryouts. If an unavoidable conflict arises, we may offer a tryout during the first weekend of training.

The Wolves reserve the right to add players until December 31st (USA Hockey roster deadline).

Team Fees

All players will pay the \$100 tryout fee and the \$900 Summer training fee before tryouts. The additional team fees are outlined below.

<u>12U</u>		<u>Girls 14U</u>	
Skater Payments	Goalie Payments	Skater Payments	Goalie Payments
1 st : \$550	1 st : \$350	1 st : \$800	1 st : \$450
2 nd : \$550	2 nd : \$350	2 nd : \$800	2 nd : \$450
Total: \$1,100	Total: \$700	Total: \$1,600	Total: \$900

<u>14U & 16U Prospects</u>		<u>Girls 19U</u>	
Skater Payments	Goalie Payments	Skater Payments	Goalie Payments
1 st : \$500	1 st : \$350	1 st : \$850	1 st : \$525
2 nd : \$500	2 nd : \$350	2 nd : \$850	2 nd : \$525
Total: \$1000	Total: \$700	Total: \$1,700	Total: \$1,050

<u>14U & 16U Tier</u>	
Skater Payments	Goalie Payments
1 st : \$900	1 st : \$550
2 nd : \$900	2 nd : \$550
Total: \$1800	Total: \$1100

Payment Due Dates

- 1st Payment: July 12th
- 2nd Payment: August 9th

Informational Zoom Meeting

There will be a zoom meeting on **Wednesday, March 18th, 7:00 PM** for an overview of the program and to answer any questions.

Please use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82198325124>

The link will also be on the Gallatin Ice Website.

Contact

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