



# Montana Wolves

## 2025/2026 Program Information

### Summary & Mission

The Montana Wolves are a Tier II, AA organization based out of Bozeman, MT.

The goal of the program is to have the very best Montana players from each age group practicing and playing together. The Wolves are committed to developing all hockey players from across the state on and off the ice, regardless of their hometown or association. The Wolves are a pre/post team and will not interfere with a player's ability to play with their regular season team throughout the year.

The mission of the Montana Wolves Program is twofold:

- 1) To further develop the character and hockey skills of our players and prepare them to play at a higher level.
- 2) To give our players the best Tier II hockey experience and compete for a National Championship (National Tournament Bound teams).

### Teams

#### **National Tournament Bound (NTB)**

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

#### **Development**

16U Prospects  
14U Prospects  
12U

*\*\* 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

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 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

2025 Training Weekends: June 12-15 | June 26-29 | July 10-13 | August 7-10 | August 21-24

### 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 \$800 is also due before tryouts, for a total of \$900.

### TRYOUT TIMES - all to be held in Bozeman, MT

|                                  | <u>12U</u>          |                                  | <u>14U</u>       |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Saturday, April 19 <sup>th</sup> | 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM | Saturday, April 19 <sup>th</sup> | 10:15 – 11:15 AM |
|                                  | 7:00 – 8:00 PM      |                                  | 5:45 – 6:45 PM   |
| Sunday, April 20 <sup>th</sup>   | 8:30 – 9:30 AM      | Sunday, April 20 <sup>th</sup>   | 9:45 – 10:45 AM  |

|                                  | <u>16U</u>          |                                  | <u>Girls 14U</u> |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Saturday, April 19 <sup>th</sup> | 9:00 – 10:00 AM     | Friday, April 18 <sup>th</sup>   | 5:45 – 6:45 PM   |
|                                  | 4:30 – 5:30 PM      | Saturday, April 19 <sup>th</sup> | 7:45 – 8:45 AM   |
| Sunday, April 20 <sup>th</sup>   | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM |                                  | 12:45 – 1:45 PM  |

|                                  | <u>Girls 19U</u> |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Friday, April 18 <sup>th</sup>   | 7:00 – 8:00 PM   |
| Saturday, April 19 <sup>th</sup> | 7:45 – 8:45 AM   |
|                                  | 2:00 – 3:00 PM   |

|  | <u>Additional Goalie Sessions</u> |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| Friday, April 18 <sup>th</sup>                             | 8:15 – 9:15 PM                    |
| Saturday, April 19 <sup>th</sup>                           | 3:15 – 4:15 PM                    |
| *each goalie is responsible for bringing their own shooter |                                   |

## **Registration**

Registration will open February 19th. 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. If you don't want to pay the 2% Credit Card fee, ACH payments are available as well.



## **Refund Policy**

- If you do not make a team or training, then you will be refunded the \$800 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 31<sup>st</sup> (USA Hockey roster deadline).

## **Team Fees**

All players will pay the \$100 tryout fee and the \$800 Summer training fee before tryouts. The additional team fees are outlined below.

### **12U**

|                         |                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Skater Payments         | Goalie Payments         |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> : \$550 | 1 <sup>st</sup> : \$300 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> : \$550 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> : \$300 |
| Total: \$1,100          | Total: \$600            |

### **Girls 14U**

|                         |                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Skater Payments         | Goalie Payments         |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> : \$750 | 1 <sup>st</sup> : \$450 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> : \$750 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> : \$450 |
| Total: \$1,500          | Total: \$900            |

### **14U & 16U Prospects**

|                         |                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Skater Payments         | Goalie Payments         |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> : \$450 | 1 <sup>st</sup> : \$300 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> : \$450 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> : \$300 |
| Total: \$900            | Total: \$600            |

### **Girls 19U**

|                         |                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Skater Payments         | Goalie Payments         |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> : \$800 | 1 <sup>st</sup> : \$500 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> : \$800 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> : \$500 |
| Total: \$1,600          | Total: \$1,000          |

### **14U & 16U Tier**

|                         |                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Skater Payments         | Goalie Payments         |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> : \$825 | 1 <sup>st</sup> : \$500 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> : \$825 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> : \$500 |
| Total: \$1,650          | Total: \$1000           |

### **Payment Due Dates**

1<sup>st</sup> Payment: July 13<sup>th</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup> Payment: August 10<sup>th</sup>

## **Informational Zoom Meeting**

There will be a zoom meeting on **Wednesday, March 12th at 6:00 PM** for an overview of the program and to answer any questions.

Please use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83590480894>

The link will also be on the Gallatin Ice Website.

## **Contact**

If you have any questions, please contact:

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