



8U JAM INTO THE NEW YEAR

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Hosted by



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To apply, please contact Tournament Director (information above)

The goal of the Tournament is to promote good sportsmanship, Competition and fun. The Tournament Committee will evaluate any activities which do not help the tournament pursue these goals.

PIONEER CLASSIC HOLIDAY BREAK JAMBOREE RULES

- 1) The Pioneer Classic Tournaments are USA Hockey sanctioned tournaments.
 - a) USA Hockey ADM rules will be used.
 - Games will count towards maximum allowed per ADM policies.
 - b) USA Hockey Certified Coaches and older USA Hockey Certified older players will officiate the games.
 - c) Safe Sport Compliance: **The USAH sanctioned Tournament Safe Sport Program protocol will be adhered to.**
 - d) **NECK GUARDS** are **Mandatory** for all youth, girls and adaptive players
- 2) A mandatory credentials check will take place for all team managers.
 - a) Team managers must submit the Team's official USA Hockey roster (T1) approved/certified by the state/league organization registrar 2 weeks prior to arrival
 - Rosters must include at least one (1) team manager.
- 3) The entry fees for the tournament and Guaranteed games are as follows;
 - a) Divisions
 - 8U Beginners
 - 8U Intermediate
 - 8U Advanced
 - b) All Divisions
 - US \$800.00
 - 6 Mini Games Guaranteed
- 4) *Checks are payable to **University of Denver**.*
 - a) *Credit card payments are also accepted.*
- 5) The Pioneer Classic Tournaments are invitational tournaments. Due Dates for applications are as follows;
 - a) Registration Opens – August 30, 2025
 - b) Registration Ends – December 21, 2025 or until levels are full
(if levels are full by this time, you will be placed on a waitlist)
 - c) Deposits Due – Time of Application
 - d) Final Balance Due – December 27, 2025
- 6) No deposit will be required. All teams must be paid in full prior to the first game of the Jam.
- 7) FORFEITS/REFUSAL TO PLAY
 - a) Any Team which enters a tournament and fails to appear on time for a scheduled Game or any Team (CAHA registered or otherwise) who fails to provide a valid 1-T roster to the Tournament

Director prior to the first Game of the tournament will be subject to: 1) Forfeit all tournament Games as determined by the Tournament Director. 2) Pay for all expenses, including but not limited to Referee fees and ice costs for each forfeited Game. 3) Denied entry in any Colorado tournaments for the remainder of the season and in the case of a CAHA team, any approved travel permits will be rescinded.

8) Notification Deadlines

- a) Teams will be notified of their acceptance or denial within 7 days of acceptance of application and deposit. If the tournament is full, teams will be placed on wait list and accepted if a team decides to withdraw from the tournament.

9) Admission for spectators is free.

10) Category of Play

- a) 8U Beginner
- b) 8U Intermediate
- c) 8U Advanced

11) Classification

- a) 8U Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced **(2017 Birth year and Younger)**

12) There will be a minimum of 5 teams at each classification.

- a) The Pioneer Classic Tournament reserves the right to cancel a classification based on underperforming application enrollment. Should the Pioneer Classic Tournament cancel a classification, the remaining classifications may be increased if there are teams on the waitlist that still want to participate.

13) Each team must have a light "Home" and a dark "Away" jersey. If your team only has one jersey, please notify the tournament director so the opposing team can wear the opposite.

14) Length of Games

- a) 60 mins.

15) Length of Periods

- 3 Minute Warm Ups
- 24 Minute mini games (2 mini games each hour) – Run Time
- 1 min. 30 sec. buzzer for shift changes
- Ice make after each hour

16) Game Rules

- a) Each team will have a 3-minute warm-up, which will begin as soon as the coaches are on the ice and the playing area(s) is set up.
 - The Pioneer Classic will provide warm up pucks for each team and game pucks.
- b) **For Beginners Division**, Games will be played cross-ice and No goalies

- c) **For Intermediate and Advanced Division**, games will be played half-ice and goalies will be needed
 - Intermediate sized game nets will be used
 - d) 1:30 min. buzzer for line changes
 - e) 4 players per shift for each team
 - f) Blue pucks will be used
 - g) **Coaches will call Penalties.** Player must take knee for 20 secs. Coaches will monitor penalty time infractions. If a player continues to have issues with playing the game without infractions, the coaches will remove them from the remainder of the game.
 - h) No scores will be kept.
- 17) Due to space limitations, each team should check in for their games no earlier than 30 minutes prior to their game and must exit the locker room within 10 minutes of the conclusion of their game to facilitate locker room use.
- a) Players should come partially dressed to assist in moving in and out of changing areas quickly.
 - b) Someone from each team should be responsible for cleaning up in assigned locker rooms after each game and for collecting any items left behind by players.
 - c) No food or drinks in locker rooms (except water/sport drinks type beverages).
- 18) Pioneer Classic Tournament Series will provide scorekeepers and clock personnel.
- a) Each team will be required to provide certified coaches to assist on the ice and on the benches for shift changes.
 - b) The Locker Room is the responsibility of the Head, Assistant Coaches or team manager/designated team official only. However, parents are allowed to assist players with changing in and out of gear.
 - c) Damage to Rinks and their Facilities will not be tolerated. The repair and replacement costs involved with any damage done to any property at any ice arena, hotel or other facility will be the responsibility of the team(s) and the individual(s) causing such damage. Immediate arrangements for restitution must be made and violations of this rule are cause for disqualification from the tournament. Locker rooms will be checked before and after competition. Lockers rooms damaged or trashed may result in a \$200 fine or costs of the damages whichever is higher.
- 19) Zero Tolerance
- a) The Tournament Committee will enforce the USA Hockey zero tolerance policy for spectators, parents, coaches and players. Anyone who violates these principles will be removed from the Tournament. Pioneer Classic Tournaments stresses sportsmanship. Fighting, abusive behavior or unsportsmanlike conduct by players, coaches or parents will not be tolerated on or off the ice. Such conduct will be grounds for disqualification from the tournament as determined by the tournament director or the site directors.
 - b) Tournament and site directors reserve the right to remove anyone from the Ritchie Center facilities.
- 20) **No** game results will be posted on the CAHA Electronic Scoring System at the conclusion of each game.

APPLICATION

- Please contact the Tournament Director to apply for the tournament of choice.
- Payments will be due at the appropriate deadlines outlined in the tournament rules.
- We will request and/or send information via email as applications are confirmed.
- This is not a stay and play tournament requiring you to stay at one of our sponsored hotels. The tournament will provide you with lodging options and teams may choose to use them or use any other options of their choice.

Agreement

You, your organization's officers, officials, players and parents agree by submitting this application for the Pioneer Classic Tournaments, that the host, Jr. Pioneers Hockey and the University of Denver, its officers, sponsors and members assume no legal liability for injuries or any losses or damages as a result of participation in or traveling to and from said tournament. All coaches, managers, players and their parent(s) and/or guardian(s) and team officials of applicant team hereby agree and will abide to all tournament rules and regulations set forth by the Pioneer Classic Tournament Series and further represent that all player registrations are correct. The Pioneer Classic Tournaments Series may have Photographers and video providers at the games, by submitting this application you also agree to allow your players to have pictures taken during games and games to be captured on video.

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VISITING TEAM INFORMATION

LODGING/HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The Pioneer Classic is pleased to have a variety of hotels as partners of the tournaments. Visiting teams traveling to Denver are *not* required to contact one of the lodging facilities to secure overnight accommodations. The lodging facilities will be sent to teams upon registering for the tournament.

OFFICIALS

Officials must check in with the arena front desk prior to your shift. You will be directed to the appropriate locker room for officials to use. Please keep the room clean and know that you will be sharing the locker room with other officials, so please respect each other's property. Tournament rules will be posted in the locker room for your review. Please have a good grasp of the rules prior to stepping on the ice.

HOST STAFF

Facility team members are staffed at the front desk during game. They are trained to assist our guests with questions, concerns and emergency protocol. Visiting teams are required to check in with the front desk in order to gain access to locker rooms.

LOCKER ROOMS

The visiting team locker room(s) will be available immediately following a team check out, approximately 30 minutes prior to game time. We ask that no valuables be brought or left in locker rooms. The Host arenas are not responsible for lost or stolen property. We ask that all teams respect arena properties and monitor the activity within the locker rooms. It is required by USA Hockey and Colorado Amateur Hockey Association (CAHA) that only coaches or managers are in the locker room at all times. Please make sure the locker room is clean after your team uses it and that your team gets out of the locker room as soon as possible after the game as we will have teams requesting access for upcoming games.

WARM UP PUCKS

Teams will not need to travel with warm up pucks. The Pioneer Classic Tournament will provide pucks for warm ups.

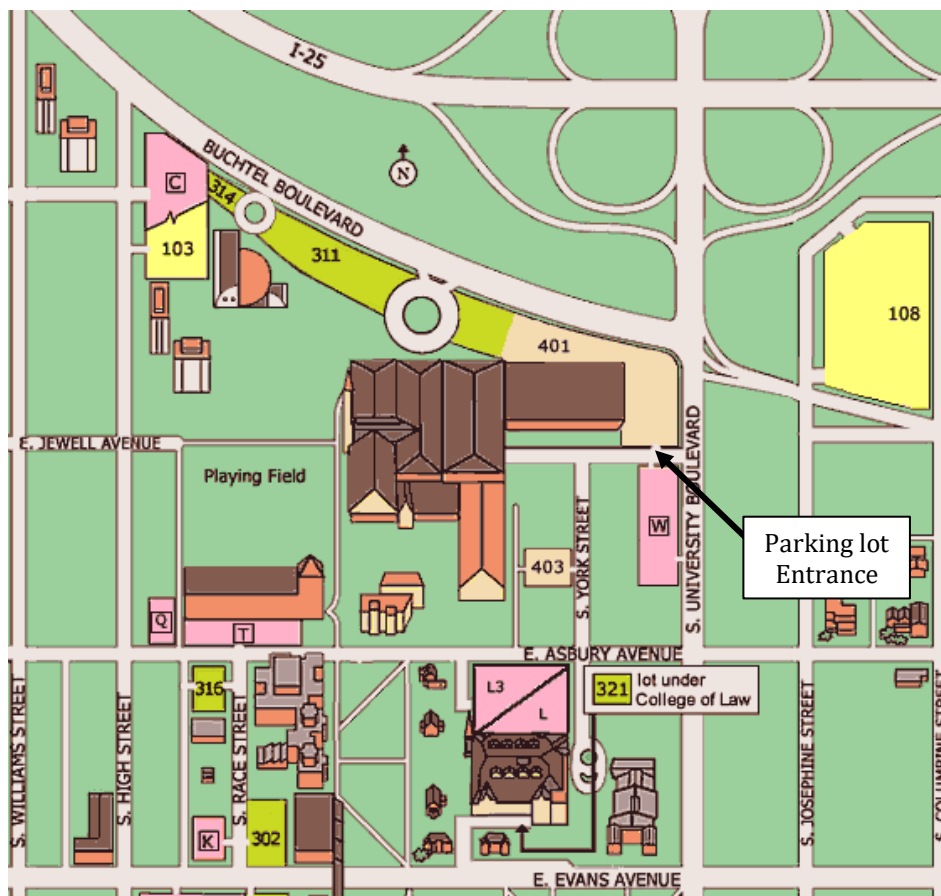
GAME DAY PROTOCOL

- Keys or locker room codes will be issued for your locker room. Please pick up a locker room key or code at the front desk upon arrival.
- Referees will blow the whistle when teams are allowed to take the ice.
- 3min. Warm up will begin.
- Game will play.
- Teams must be out of the locker room within 15 minutes of the end of their game.
- Please return the locker room key it to the desk.

VISITING TEAM PARKING AND ENTRANCE

The University of Denver is a campus that has many events and activities going on throughout the day and evening. When visiting teams arrive they may park in lot 401 (as indicated on the attached parking map).

All teams are required to display a parking pass in their cars. The manager/tournament coordinator of each team will receive a parking pass via email to be distributed to the members of their teams. Additional passes will be on hand should a member of your team forget.



AROUND THE TOWN

If you are going to come to Denver to play ice hockey, why not make it a family vacation as well? Here are some of the things you can do and see while visiting Denver:

Attractions and Museums

- Denver Zoo www.DenverZoo.org
- Denver Museum of Nature and Science www.dmns.org
- Colorado State Capitol <http://www.colorado.gov/capitoltour>
- Wings Over The Rockies Air and Space Museum <http://www.wingsmuseum.org/>
- Children's Museum of Denver <http://mychildsmuseum.org/>
- Denver Firefighter's Museum <http://www.denverfirefightersmuseum.org/>
- Forney Museum of Transportation <http://www.forneymuseum.org/>
- Chamberlain Observatory @ Denver University <http://mysite.du.edu/~rstencil/Chamberlin/>
- Molly Brown House Museum <http://www.mollybrown.org/>

Parks & Recreation

- Denver Botanic Gardens www.botanicgardens.org
- Cherry Creek State Park <http://www.parks.state.co.us/parks/cherrycreek/Pages/CherryCreekHome.aspx>
- Dinosaur Ridge <http://www.dinoridge.org/>
- Red Rocks Park and Amphitheatre <http://www.redrocksonline.com/>
- Public Golf Courses Near Denver University
 - Highlands Ranch Golf Club <http://www.du.edu/highlandsranchgolf/>
9000 Creekside Way, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129
Phone: 303-471-0000, Email: hrgc@du.edu
 - Highlands Ranch Golf Club is an 18-holes over 7,719, semi-private golf club, designed by three-time U.S. Open champion Hale Irwin. Offering magnificent views of the Rocky Mountain Front Range, par-72 course boasts expansive bentgrass greens that many say are the best in the region.
 - The Homestead Golf Course <http://www.lakewood.org/Homestead/>
 - 18 holes over 5,048 yards with a par of 65 (Municipal) 11500 W Hampden Ave Lakewood, CO 80227-4238 (720) 963-5181
 - Red Hawk Ridge <http://www.crgov.com/index.aspx?NID=262>
 - 18 holes over 6,942 yards with a par of 72 (Municipal) 2156 Red Hawk Ridge Dr Castle Rock, CO 80109-3524 (720) 733-3500
 - The Links at Highlands Ranch <http://thelinksgolfcourse.com/>
 - 18 holes over 4,800 yards with a par of 62 (Public) 5815 Gleneagles Village Pkwy Highlands Ranch, CO 80130-3314 (303) 470-9292
- The Ridge at Castle Pines <http://www.playtheridge.com/index.php>

- 18 holes over 7,103 yards with a par of 71 (Public) 1414 Castle Pines Pkwy Castle Rock, CO 80108-8228 (303) 688-4301
- Lone Tree Golf Club <http://www.golflonetree.com/>
 - 18 holes over 7,054 yards with a par of 72 (Municipal) 9808 Sunningdale Blvd Littleton, CO 80124-3124 (303) 799-9940
- Deer Creek Golf Club at Meadow Ranch <http://www.deercreekgolfclub.net/>
 - 18 holes over 7,003 yards with a par of 72 (Public) 8135 Shaffer Pkwy Littleton, CO 80127-4100 (303) 978-1800

Sports Venues

- Ball Arena – Home of the Denver Nuggets, Colorado Avalanche and Colorado Mammoth. They also host concerts and other events.
 - Denver Nuggets <http://www.nba.com/nuggets/>
 - Colorado Avalanche <http://avalanche.nhl.com/>
 - Colorado Mammoth <http://www.coloradomammoth.com/>
 - Calendar of Events <http://www.pepsicenter.com/content/calendar/>
 - Tours of Facility <http://www.pepsicenter.com/fan-guide/guest-info/tours/>
- Coors Field – Home of the Colorado Rockies.
 - For tours of the facility: <http://colorado.rockies.mlb.com/col/ballpark/tours/index.jsp>
- Mile High Stadium – Home of the Denver Broncos.
 - Denver Broncos <http://www.denverbroncos.com/>
 - Stadium Tours http://www.sportsauthorityfieldatmilehigh.com/stadium_info/stadium_tours
- Denver Coliseum – Concerts and other events.
 - Denver Coliseum Calendar of Events <http://www.denvercoliseum.com/EventCalendar.aspx>

Shopping

- Cherry Creek Shopping Center <http://www.shopcherrycreek.com/>
 - Located in the heart of Denver, Cherry Creek Shopping Center is the Rocky Mountain region's premier shopping environment with over 160 shops.
- Downtown Denver – 16th Street Mall <http://www.denver.org/what-to-do/attractions/16th-street-mall>
- Belmar Outdoor Shopping District <http://www.belmarcolorado.com/>
 - Located just 10 minutes from downtown Denver, Belmar's outdoor shopping and dining district includes Sur La Table, White House|Black Market, Charming Charlie, The Gap & more!
- Antique Row <http://www.antique-row.com/>
 - Over one hundred dealers offering unique art, antiques and collectibles for the discriminating buyer. A unique shopping experience.
- Park Meadows <http://www.parkmeadows.com/>
 - With 185 popular retailers and restaurants; American Girl, Microsoft, Nordstrom, Sephora, and more, shoppers enjoy the lush landscaping, soaring timber ceilings and relaxing outside beside a bubbling stream in The Vistas.
- Outlets at Castle Rock <http://www.outletsatcastlerock.com/>

- Highlands Square <http://highlands-square.com/>
 - Highlands Square at 32nd and Lowell is a charming neighborhood of quaint boutiques and restaurants, situated among bungalow-style houses. It's got an undeniably small town feel to it, even though it's just minutes from downtown. Here, you'll find shops offering anything from books and gifts to fine lingerie and contemporary fashions. Grab a cup of coffee at the popular hangout Common Grounds and start browsing.