



KEYSTONE WILD – 2026-2027 SEASON COACHES, PROGRAM & FEES

Keystone Wild provides a higher-level hockey experience for local players supplemental to their home association, while collaboratively scheduling to allow the players to remain active in their home associations. Coaches are seeking players willing to commit to hockey with a higher level of training, effort, speed, skill and competition. Coaches will create a fun and exciting atmosphere to achieve those goals as well as developing players into mature, responsible individuals and future leaders.

State College Youth Ice Hockey Association will field one **Keystone Wild** team at each age division from 10U through 18U to compete at each team's highest competitive alignment (striving to be competitive at the state and national AA level). All 14U and up teams will declare as Tier 2 national bound to allow them the opportunity to advance to and compete in the State playdown tournament for a chance to participate in the USA Hockey National Tournament.

Teams will be formed using an on-ice evaluation. Selection will be based on qualities necessary to compete at a high level while playing a team-focused game. Selection is up to the discretion of the team Head Coach with input from evaluators, and may be made after the first or second tryout. Coaches may offer practice only positions to players who are not initially rostered on the team for game play (alternate fee structure as indicated), with an opportunity to earn roster positions before rosters are set. Rosters for Wild teams are not considered final until December 31. Player adds or removals are at the sole discretion of the Head Coach.

See program below for fees and included practices and tournaments at each age level. Player fees will include practices, tournament fees, and uniforms (for 14U and up: home and away jersey, pant shell, home and away socks, and two practice jerseys, for 10U/12U two practice jerseys and home away socks, team will have the option to purchase full uniforms based on team agreement); any returning player who opts out of new uniform parts will be offered a credit to their player fees. Optional player jackets and bags can be purchased at approximately \$100 each. Players are expected to wear a white helmet and dark (black or navy) gloves. Goalie fees are 50% of those indicated. Practice Only fees include practice jerseys only. Reimbursement for travel and mandatory hotel stays for away tournaments is not included.

Players committing to playing at the Tier 2 level as part of Keystone Wild are expected to attend 80% of practices or risk forfeiting their roster spot. Players are also expected to attend off-ice activities and commit to their own personal fitness using their own program or one recommended by the coaches. Participation in team building activities is mandatory except for absences as excused by the coaches (sickness, family event, etc). During tournament weekends, players will be expected to follow an itinerary as defined by the coaches. Itinerary is expected to include at least one team activity per weekend, one team meal, defined meal times, quiet hours, waking time and off-ice exercises. Players will be provided with nutritional recommendations. Additional optional activities may be scheduled and encouraged by the coaches.

The Team Manager for each team will be tasked with creating tournament schedules that are accommodating to the players on the team. Schedules will be established as early as possible (identifying tournament weekends prior to season scheduling for any other teams). As with any scheduling effort, we cannot guarantee that schedules will be free of conflict.

Keystone Wild Registration & Selection:

- Refer to the SCYIHA registration and team selection document for information on how to register for Keystone Wild tryouts.
- Team placement for Keystone Wild will be based on a selection process involving an on-ice tryout. Head coaches are expected to lead the evaluation process and whenever possible will include assistant coaches or other non-parent evaluators for feedback.
- Tryout ratings and rankings can be used to inform selection, but are not required. Placement is at the sole discretion of the coach. The intent is to field a team that is of uniform competition at the highest skill level possible based on available players. Roster offers will not be made to fill to a full roster unless skill alignment is met based on the coach evaluations.
- At the discretion of the coach, following the scheduled evaluation, a player may be asked to attend practices for additional evaluation before being offered a roster position.
- Practice-only positions may be offered. While practice-only players have through hard work, attitude and commitment earned roster offers in the past, a practice-only offer is not an indication or guarantee that the player will be offered or even preferred over others for a future roster position.
- Coaches are encouraged to provide feedback to those who were not selected with suggestions to improve the player's chances in the future.
- Rosters for Wild teams are not considered final until December 31. Player adds or removals are at the sole discretion of the Head Coach. Players removed from roster or practice-only will be provided a pro-rated refund. Players leaving the team on their own discretion will not be provided refunds.
- Head Coaches will contact players/parents shortly after tryouts with offers for roster positions, offers for practice only positions, requests to attend practices for additional evaluation, or regrets.
- **Offers will include a deadline to accept the offered position. The deadline to decline an offered roster position will be the earlier of Wednesday, April 15th at midnight, or 48 hours after being offered a spot on a Wild team. If you do not communicate to the Head Coach your intent to decline a roster position by the appropriate deadline, you will be charged your first non-refundable ¼ installment of your season dues the next day.**
- Remaining payments will be withdrawn on June 15th, January 15th, 2027 and February 15th, 2027.
- Player fees are subject to change if target roster size is not met; players will be given an opportunity to decline if team size results in a fee increase.

18U (Midget) – Birth Years 2007, 2008

Hayden Fried, Head Coach – Coach Hayden returns for his second year as Head Coach of the 18U Wild team.

Hayden enters his 5th year of coaching teams in State College including successful seasons as Head Coach of 16U and 18U State College Icers, State College High JV and Middle School Teams, as well as assisting with the 18U Keystone Wild 18U Team in 24-25 which won a Western PA State Championship. Hayden is originally from Long Island, NY. As an older sibling, Hayden has always had a way of communicating with those younger than him. Hayden played for the AAA Long Island Royals before being offered and accepting a spot at Shattuck St. Mary's in Minnesota. Hayden had the rare and distinct honor of representing the United States overseas and returned home as a Gold Medal winner. Forced to retire from competitive play due to shoulder injuries, Hayden chose to enroll at Penn State where he graduated with a B.S. in Sociology. As a lover of all people, a teacher to anyone willing to learn, and a deeply passionate, experienced and committed hockey player, Hayden has become part of the fabric of hockey in State College. He brings a high

level of skill to push player development and a high-level hockey IQ. His passion for the game manifests in his investment in film study of teams and his research to identify new ways to translate concepts and skills to players, both of which support the team and players ability to meet their potential.

Matt Erlichman, Assistant Coach – Matt’s leadership as the Head Coach of 18U Wild for the first four years of the program resulted in the first Western PA State Championship for Keystone Wild in 2025. While Matt also serves as Head Coach for the Penn State Men’s Club Hockey team, he has dedicated his time to support the 18U Wild team as an Assistant Coach as well. Matt has competed at the highest levels throughout his playing career playing Tier 1 for the Pittsburgh Hornets (now rebranded as Pens Elite) before coming to Penn State and joining the Nittany Lions where he was a member of the BigTen championship winning team. Matt’s knowledge is surpassed only by his energy and enthusiasm. He is excited to return his knowledge of the game to the local players. Matt bases his coaching style from his former coaches, Guy Gadowski and Dave Weaver, both of whom he still consults for guidance. His leadership and positivity serves as a perfect example for fellow coaches and players.

Ben Lee, Assistant Coach – Ben is a product of State College Hockey having played from a young age as a State College Icer, as well as the State College Middle School and High School Varsity programs. Ben was a key part of the first two 18U Keystone Wild teams. Over the past few years, he has been contributing to player development as part of the Pegula coaching staff for Learn to Play and NLDP. Ben joined the 18U team as an assistant coach for the 24-25 season and brought a quiet and steady leadership to the team as they earned their way to a Western PA State Championship in 2025. He has also taken on a role as an Assistant Coach with the State High Varsity team and is excited to continue to share his love and knowledge of the game with another group of players in State College.

Aiden Pournaras, Assistant Coach – Aiden played his youth hockey at the AA level on various clubs throughout Pittsburgh. During his first year at Penn State (24-25), he joined Keystone Wild as a way to continue to play and compete in hockey at a high level. He was a major contributor to the team’s Western PA State Championship. Aiden continues to play competitively on the Penn State Men’s Club Hockey M3 team. He is excited to reunite with his former coaches to help push the skill development and hockey IQ of the next Keystone Wild team toward another championship season.

18U Program

- Teams will compete using an independently determined schedule at regional tournaments as agreed upon by the players. Six tournaments are included to achieve the 20 games necessary to be eligible for USA Hockey postseason play.
- Five home scrimmages may be added to provide competition between tournaments
- Players may be offered a roster spot following tryouts, but may also be given a summer practice offer. Summer practice offers allow the coaches to further evaluate players. Coaches will balance summer players with incoming Penn State Freshmen and make additional season offers in September. It is not uncommon for summer practice players who show a commitment to their own development to later earn roster positions.
- Summer practices are anticipated to include incoming Penn State Freshmen and other local players who have returned home from academy or junior programs to fill out practices until Penn State freshmen arrive.
- Full Season fees for this team are \$3,095 per player and include 80-minute practices as follows:
 - Summer Session (early July thru late Aug): 7 Weeks / two practices per week (anticipated to be Sunday evening + 1 weeknight)
 - Season Session (Sept thru early March): 23 weeks / 1 full-ice practice per week (anticipated to be Sunday evenings)

- Summer Session Practice Only Fees are \$455 per player; In-Season Practice Only Fees are \$1,135 (total for summer and in-season practice only is \$1,590).

18U Program (continued)

- Player fees for those joining the team after the summer session are \$2,640.
- A full 18 player roster with 2 goalies is anticipated; roster is expected to be filled out in September by incoming Penn State students who are birth-year eligible. Players starting late will have fees prorated accordingly.

16U (Midget) – Birth Years 2009, 2010

Jake Suwan, Head Coach – Jake, a Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania native, is currently a student at Penn State University, where he is a member of the Penn State Men’s Club Ice Hockey M3 team. Growing up, Jake played AA hockey, most notably with the Armstrong Arrows, developing a strong foundation in leadership and teamwork. Beyond playing, Jake has devoted much of his time to coaching youth hockey. He has coached with the former Pittsburgh Vipers and the Pittsburgh Yetis, working with players from 8U through 18U across all levels of hockey from B to AA. His coaching philosophy emphasizes player development, discipline, and passion for the game.

Jonas Sontag, Assistant Coach – Jonas grew up in the Philadelphia area where he played for the Valley Forge Colonials and Conestoga High School. Jonas is currently a teammate of Jake’s on the Penn State Men’s Club Ice Hockey M3 team. When he’s not playing, Jonas has fueled his passion for the game through coaching. He has served as an assistant coach for the Valley Forge Colonials 14AA and an on-ice practice assistant for the Junior Flyers 19AA Girls team. Through a player development group near home, Jonas spent early mornings as a development coach for players age 12-16. He also served as a staff member at a hometown hockey training facility conducting learn to skate and learn to play classes, and offering private lessons and small group coaching.

Kieran Sullivan, Assistant Coach – Kieran Sullivan, a native of Washington DC, is currently a student at Penn State University. As a youth player, Kieran played with Capitals Hockey Academy (CHA), shaping a foundation in work ethic and teamwork. He will bring his perspective from the net to the team and will look to provide dedicated goalie training and feedback throughout the season. Beyond playing, coaching youth hockey has taken up much of Kieran’s time, especially in the summers. He has coached skaters with his home club, CHA, and goalies at Mitch Korn’s, the director of goaltending for the Nashville Predators, Goalie Camp. Kieran has worked with players from 8U through 16U across both B and AA levels. His approach to coaching is to build a team based on player development, discipline, and passion for the game.

16U Program

- Teams will compete using an independently determined schedule at regional tournaments as agreed upon by the players. Five tournaments are anticipated to achieve the 20 games necessary to be eligible for USA Hockey postseason play.
- Additional scrimmages may be added to provide competition between tournaments as agreed-upon by the team for an added cost.
- Roster of 14 to 16 players anticipated
- Fees for this team are \$2,895 per player and include team practices as follows:
 - Summer Session (early July thru late Aug): 7 Weeks / 1 full-ice (80 minute) and 1 half-ice (60 minute) practice per week (anticipated to be Sunday evening + 1 weeknight)
 - Season Session (Sept thru early March): 23 weeks / 1 full-ice (80 minute) practice per week (anticipated to be Sunday evenings).

- Practice Only player fees are \$1,755 per player. Summer session practice only player fees are \$355 per player.

14U (Bantam) – Birth Years 2011, 2012

Megan Klaus, Head Coach – Megan will return for her fifth year as Head Coach of our 14U Keystone Wild team where she has an excellent record of player development and team competitiveness. Megan brings her experience playing high-level hockey and shares her knowledge, passion, and enthusiasm with the local youth players. Megan was a four-year defenseman for Saint Anselm College where she completed her NCAA career with 113 games played and 70 points. Prior to Saint Anselm she was a member of the Pittsburgh Penguins Elite Tier 1 AAA program from 10U through 19U. In addition to playing for Pens Elite, Megan played for the State College Icercs and the State College Area Varsity & Middle School teams. Megan brings a wealth of experience and knowledge and puts an emphasis on skill development and skating to elevate the level of play, incorporating the newest style of play and trends into the game. Megan demands commitment, respect and accountability from her players, molding them into young adults as they make the jump to checking hockey. In addition to coaching youth teams, Megan is the Youth Hockey Director at Penn State leading the Nittany Lion Development Program staff which focuses on skill building and player development through the use of station-based practices and small area games. She looks forward to giving back to the same programs that gave so much to her as a youth player.

Rob Rosselot, Assistant Coach – Rob will return for his fifth year assisting Megan with our 14U Keystone Wild team. Rob has been a youth ice hockey coach since 2004 and served as an assistant or head coach at every level from 8U to 18U with the Keystone Wild, State College Jr Icercs, Altoona Trackers and Midstate Mustangs. Rob has also been the head coach for State College Hockey's Middle School, JV and Varsity teams. Rob sees coaching success as players learning not just team and game play, but also skills and lessons that they can take with them for a lifetime, both on and off the ice. Rob brings a wealth of not only hockey experience, but also life experience to the staff, serving as a guiding hand and sounding board for Megan. His attention to detail and knack for scouting opponents gives his players a mental edge and an increased opportunity for success.

14U Program

- Teams will compete using an independently determined schedule at regional tournaments as agreed upon by the players. Five tournaments are anticipated to achieve the 20 games necessary to be eligible for USA Hockey postseason play.
- Additional scrimmages may be added to provide competition between tournaments as agreed-upon by the team for an added cost.
- Roster of 14 to 16 players anticipated
- Fees for this team are \$2,895 per player and include team practices as follows:
 - Summer Session (early July thru late Aug): 7 Weeks / 1 full-ice (80 minute) and 1 half-ice (60 minute) practice per week (anticipated to be Sunday evening + 1 weeknight)
 - Season Session (Sept thru early March): 23 weeks / 1 full-ice (80 minute) practice per week (anticipated to be Sunday evenings)
- Practice Only player fees are \$1,775 per player. Summer session practice only player fees are \$355 per player.

12U (Pee-Wee) – Birth Years 2013, 2014

Frankie Hipp, Head Coach – Frankie grew up in State College, PA, with his earliest playing experience as a State College Icer. He quickly made a jump to AA hockey with the Hershey Junior Bears squirt and pee-wee teams, including participating with the Bears in the Quebec PeeWee tournament as the only '04 birth year to participate on the team for two years including as an Assistant Captain. Frankie gave back to that same team the following season as a Coaching Assistant. Frankie went on to play Tier 1 for the Valley Forge Minutemen (top 10 in USA), Pens Elite (top 10 in USA), Skipjacks Hockey Club, and Elite Hockey Academy. He then moved on to play 3 years of prep hockey for Northfield Mount Hermon School where he was a senior captain and leading scorer. After prep school, Frankie played juniors for Johnstown Tomahawks (NAHL). Frankie is excited for the opportunity to lead a team after serving as an assistant coach for the 25-26 season, and to share his experience with the players to promote their own growth and development path.

Davis Ross, Assistant Coach – Davis, a State College, PA native, brings a wealth of hockey experience and passion to the Keystone Wild as an Assistant Coach. Davis began his hockey journey with the Altoona Trackers at the Mites level before advancing through various elite programs. He competed in prestigious events such as the Brick Tournament as a member of Team PA, the Quebec Pee-Wee Tournament with the Pittsburgh Pens Elite, and was selected for the STX 68 (now CCM 68). At 14, Davis advanced his career by playing for top Tier 1 organizations, helping his teams achieve success, including a runner-up finish at the Tier 1 National Championships. Davis continued his growth at Cushing Academy, where he helped lead his team to an Elite 8 Runner-Up campaign. Following prep school, Davis transitioned to junior hockey, playing two seasons with the Johnstown Tomahawks in the NAHL. During his time in Johnstown, he earned recognition as the PA Lottery Player of the Week twice. After completing his junior hockey career, Davis returned home to focus on academics and is currently pursuing his degree while continuing to play hockey at the club level.

As an assistant coach of the Keystone Wild, Davis is passionate about giving back to the hockey community. With years of experience at the highest levels of youth and junior hockey, he is committed to developing young players and fostering a love for the game. His philosophy starts with skill development, increasing players' skills on the ice as well as awareness and hockey IQ. He believes that if every player on the team improves their skills and IQ, the wins will follow.

Andrew Hipp, Assistant Coach – see write-up under 10U (Head Coach).

12U Program

- Teams will compete using an independently determined schedule at regional tournaments as agreed upon by the players. Five tournaments are anticipated for roughly 20 games. Schedules will be set early to accommodate scheduling for those players participating on PAHL season teams.
- Roster of 13 to 15 players anticipated
- Fees for this team are \$1,995 per player and include team practices as follows:
 - Summer Session (mid June thru late Aug): 7 Weeks / 2 practices per week (30 minute full-ice / 30 minute half-ice each). These practices may be extended to 90 minutes shared with 10U at the coach's discretion; coaches may choose to combine for the full practice.
 - Season Session (Sept thru early March): 23 weeks / 1 half-ice (80 minute) practice per week (anticipated to be Sunday evenings)
- Practice Only player fees are \$1,100 per player. Summer session practice only player fees are \$355 per player.

10U (Squirt) – Birth Years 2015, 2016

Andrew Hipp, Head Coach – Andrew, a native of State College, PA, began playing travel hockey at the age of 7. His early years included time with the Altoona and Hershey youth programs, then advancing to play three seasons of Midget AAA, and finally playing another three seasons of Junior A. A standout moment in his career came in 2012 when he won the Pee-Wee World Championship with the Hershey Quebec team. Since concluding his playing career, Andrew has earned a bachelor's degree in Kinesiology and is currently competing in CrossFit.

Andrew began assisting with skill development and coaching when he was just 13 years old, initially as a Coaches' Assistant with Hershey Quebec. His philosophy is anchored in developing a strong skating foundation, emphasizing stride mechanics and edge control. He is committed to fostering well-rounded players by enhancing their skill sets and hockey IQ. A student of the game, Andrew continuously studies hockey at all levels to refine his expertise and bring fresh insights to his coaching. With a passion for player development, Andrew is dedicated to raising the level of competition in the area. His goal is to not only improve players' technical skills but also create an environment where they can build lasting memories and a lifelong love for the sport.

Luke Janac, Assistant Coach – Luke is a sophomore at Penn State, pursuing a degree in Professional Golf Management with a Smeal Certificate and a minor in Economics. Luke brings an impressive hockey background, beginning with his time on the Pennsylvania Brick team in 2014, where he played as a defender in tournaments held in Toronto and Edmonton. He was also a member of the Hershey Quebec team and played for notable club teams, including the Pens Elite Spring/Summer team, the Hershey Bears, and the Mt. Lebanon Hornets. As an 18U player for the Hornets, Luke's team capped their season by winning States and representing the Mid-AM District at Nationals. During his senior year with the SCASD high school team, Luke helped secure a League Championship and earned the title of League Defensive Player of the Year (DPOY) for two consecutive seasons. Luke is an integral part of the Penn State Men's Club Hockey M3 team as a defenseman. In addition to his playing career, Luke has coached at Pegula Ice Arena, contributing to learn-to-play programs, power skating sessions, and skills clinics. His combination of competitive experience and coaching expertise reflects his dedication to the sport of hockey. Luke looks forward to passing down his extensive knowledge to the next generation of players.

Mike Broderick, Assistant Coach – Mike started playing hockey as a youth in the mid seventies, continuing to play through high school and finishing his competitive playing days at Millersville University. Mike began to give back to the game as an Icers coach and State College High School Varsity coach when his son was playing. Mike volunteered time during the 2024-2025 season as an Assistant Coach and helped to lead sessions for our players in 2025-2026. He is excited to coach at a level where he can focus on skill building and hockey IQ while fostering a profound love for the sport that drives players to want to continue as they get older.

10U Program

- Teams will compete using an independently determined schedule at regional tournaments as agreed upon by the players. Five tournaments are anticipated for roughly 20 games. Schedules will be set early to accommodate scheduling for those players participating on PAHL season teams.
- Roster of 13 to 15 players anticipated
- Players are expected to return to their home associations to play with their local teams during the season

10U Program (Continued)

- Fees for this team are \$1,995 per player and include team practices as follows:
 - Summer Session (mid June thru late Aug): 7 Weeks / 2 practices per week (30 minute full-ice / 30 minute half-ice each). These practices may be extended to 90 minutes shared with 12U at the coach's discretion; coaches may choose to combine for the full practice.
 - Season Session (Sept thru early March): 23 weeks / 1 half-ice (80 minute) practice per week (anticipated to be Sunday evenings)
- Practice Only player fees are \$1,100 per player. Summer session practice only player fees are \$355 per player.