

<u>2025- 2026 BAHA ADULT PROGRAMS</u>

Details subject to adjustment or cancellation as necessary.

2025–2026 Skating Season: Sept. 2, 2025 – April 19, 2026 (dates subject to change).

- HHL Adult Hockey: Open to men & women, 18+.
- USA Hockey Membership: Required for all BAHA participants – register at <u>usahockey.com</u>.
 - IMPORTANT: All BAHA/HHL must pre-register online at bozemanhockey.org.



Online Registration opens Monday, August 4th

Hocktober Scramble

Season Dates: September 2 – October 14
Registration Deadline: August 17

*Late fees apply after this date (if space is available)

Gallatin League (Alpha / Bravo / Charlie / VHW)

For Skaters Rated: 3-5

Fee: \$235 total (\$225 + \$10 Rink Enhancement Fee)

- ~13-15 games with referees & league perks
- Target: 2 games/week
- Scramble format (BAHA forms ~16-player teams)
- Goal: 6 teams

Madison League (Charlie / Delta / Echo / VHW)

For Skaters Rated: 1-3

Fee: \$230 total (\$220 + \$10 Rink Enhancement Fee)

- ~13-15 games with referees & league perks
- Target: 2 games/week
- Scramble format (BAHA forms ~16-player teams)
- Goal: 8 teams

Goalie Package: \$80 total (\$70 + \$10 Rink Enhancement Fee)

HOCKEY SKILLS

Echo/Delta/Charlie \$175/Session **Ice Time on Monday evenings**

Fall Session: September 8th - November 10th, 2025 Winter Session: January 5th - March 9th, 2026

- Skaters rated 1 & 2 combine for fundamental group drills and scrimmaging with 60 minutes of coaching.
- Minimum of 15 skaters and Maximum of 35 skaters.



Greenhorn 1 (Newbies); Greenhorn 2 (GH-alumni) \$175/Session **Ice Times on Mondays**

Fall Session Offerings: GH1; GH2; October 20th- December 22nd, 2025 Winter Session Offerings: GH-1; GH-2; January 5th - March 9th, 2026

- For adults who have never played hockey and returning Greenhorns from last season.
 - GH-1 (skills, game basics, coaching, scrimmaging. Intended for brand new players); 10 ice time slots/session
 - GH-2 (skills, game basics, coaching, scrimmaging. Intended for returning Greenhorns); 10 ice time slots/session
- A maximum of four Greenhorn Sessions, and you are off to the Echo Level teams and beyond.



HAYNES HOCKEY LEAGUE

October 15th, 2025- April 19th, 2026

*Regular season online registration closes Sunday September 14th; \$150 late fee applied after this date (IF space is available).

Returning players sign up for establihed teams listed with online registration. New players may sign up as "unknown" and will be drafted onto a team.

Echo Level: \$735 total (\$695 + \$40 Rink Enhancement Fee)

The average player at this level has a basic understanding of hockey fundamentals and is focused on improving. They are familiar with at least one position and may be learning others. Many players enjoy the league as much for the camaraderie and social aspect as for personal development on the ice.

Minimum Requirements:

- At least 1 year of organized hockey experience
- Ability to stop in both directions and maintain control at all times
- Understanding of face-off positioning, offsides, and other basic rules

<u>Note</u>: If you are still learning these skills, we recommend starting with the Greenhorn League.

Target Number of Games: 32 Recommended Self-Rating: 1

<u>Delta Level:</u> \$735 total (\$695 + \$40 Rink Enhancement Fee)

The average Delta player has a solid grasp of hockey fundamentals, intermediate positional strategy, and a basic understanding of special teams. Most players at this level began playing as adults and have 4–10 years of experience. The focus is on both individual skills and team enjoyment, with an emphasis on improving skating, stickhandling, positioning, and overall gameplay.

Players at this level may be advancing from the Echo League or, due to age or injury, may no longer keep pace with the Charlie League. Some may have strong skills but prefer the slower, more recreational style of play.

<u>Important</u>: If you've played Varsity High School, Juniors, or any higher level, this league is not the right fit.

Target Number of Games: 32 Recommended Self-Rating: 2

Charlie Level: \$735 total (\$695 + \$40 Rink Enhancement Fee)

The average player in this league has been playing hockey for many years and has a strong grasp of the fundamentals. Many have received coaching at some point in their hockey journey. While some may have picked up the game as adults, they skate well, compete aggressively for the puck, and often reach Charlie as the highest level they'll play as adults.

This is a competitive league focused on winning and overall team performance. Players have an intermediate understanding of special teams and game strategy. Many have played High School hockey at the A or AA level in the past. Players at this level can pass, shoot, and skate at a competitive pace and are looking to continue improving their team play.

<u>Important</u>: If you've played Collegiate Hockey or Juniors within the last 20 years, this league is not a fit.

Target Number of Games: 32 Recommended Self-Rating: 3

VHW (Intermediate Plus 40+) Level: \$530 total (\$490 + \$40 Rink Enhancement Fee)

This league is designed for players age 40+ who currently play—or have previously played—in Alpha, Bravo, or Charlie leagues and are seeking a high-skill game at a slightly slower pace. There is no maximum skill level, but players should be able to compete confidently.

While High School, Junior, or College experience is ideal, it's not required if the player has extensive adult hockey experience.

Requirements: Must be 40 years of age or older to participate

Target Number of Games: 24 Recommended Self-Rating: 3–5

<u>Bravo Level:</u> \$735 total (\$695 + \$40 Rink Enhancement Fee)

This league features fast, aggressive, heads-up hockey. The average player is a high-level athlete capable of competing in a fast-paced game. Many have experience at the High School level or lower-tier Collegiate or Junior levels and have received formal coaching during their hockey career.

Players at this level have strong game awareness, and skills like positioning, stickhandling, and skating come naturally. Alpha League players who are no longer competing at their peak may also find this league a good fit.

<u>Important</u>: If you have played NCAA, ACHA D1/D2, Juniors, or Stingers within the last 3–5 years, this league is not the right fit.

**Players over 40 at this level are encouraged to also consider the VHW League.

Target Number of Games: 32 Recommended Self-Rating: 4

Alpha Level: \$620 total (\$580 + \$40 Rink Enhancement Fee)

This is the highest level of competition in BAHA, and there is no maximum skill limit. The average player in this league has played AA/AAA or High School hockey (MA, MN, etc.), Junior A/B, Senior A, any form of Collegiate (NCAA, ACHA), or professional hockey.

**At minimum, to play in this league, you must have played High School, Junior, or collegiate hockey at a competitive level.

**If you were at this level a year ago and are looking for a place to enjoy your later years, consider joining our VHW League or Bravo League. **

Targeted Number of Games: 26

Recommended Self-Ranking: 5

<u>Goalie Package</u> (Echo, Delta, Charlie, VHW, Bravo, Alpha) \$200 + \$40(Rink Enhancement Fee) = \$240

- Includes puck lunch sessions (subject to availability, reservation policies, and any additional changes)
- Goalies may participate in any league, pending adherence to substitution policies, rules, and ranking guidelines.

50+ Legacy (Coed League - age 50+ & all skill levels) \$190 (Goalies \$60)

- A recreational, mixed-skill league for players age 50 and older.
- Targeted 10-game schedule (approx. 2 games/month)
- Includes referees and other league benefits
- Can be added to other league play or joined as a stand-alone option
- Teams will be formed by league staff
- Includes discounted Puck Lunch fees
- Target: 60 players / 4 goalies



Women's Weasels Elective (Ladies - 18+ & all skill levels) \$190 (Goalies: \$60)

- Mixed skill recreational play with a targeted 10-game schedule (Approx. 2/month) with referees and other league benefits
- Players can add the elective with other league play, or sign up just for this option
- Teams will be formed by league staff
- Target: 60 players/ 4 Goalies

PUCK LUNCH

MOST WEEKDAYS / ALL SEASON \$10 per session / \$300 Season Pass / \$100 for 11 sessions

- 11:00am 12:45pm on designated dates (normally Monday through Friday see web schedule for exceptions)
- First come, first serve. Limited to the first 30 skaters and the first 4 goalies per session.
- USA Hockey Insurance is NOT in effect.
- Poachers and unsportsmanlike players will forfeit puck lunch privileges for the season and face league suspensions.
- Prepaid Punch Cards are available for convenience online and at the sign-in desk at the rink.
- 18 years of age and older

STICK & PUCK

VARIES / ALL SEASON

\$10 FOR ADULTS / \$7 FOR YOUTH / \$180 FOR YEARLY ADULT PASS / \$125 FOR YEARLY YOUTH PASS

- See web schedules
- Sticks, Pucks, Helmets. Free Form: No game play
- First come, first served. Limited to the first 40 skaters and the first 4 goalies per session
- Poachers and unsportsmanlike players will forfeit privileges for the season and face league suspensions.
- Prepaid Punch Cards are available at the sign-in desk at the rink. Prepayment does not guarantee reservation and are valid for same season only

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Please note: Helmet half-shields or cages (HECC Approved) are required for all players in adult hockey programs.

PAYMENT PLANS: If you would like to take advantage of our payment plan, you will need to register by August 17th, regardless of the program. The plan includes 5 total payments, with the last payment being in December. **No other payment plans are available!**

Space is limited and filled on a first-come, first-served basis. No cross-rostering (multiple league memberships) allowed during initial registration, except for Weasels and 50+ Legacy League. Cross-rostering in other leagues may be permitted after regular registration closes, depending on space and program capacity. No discounts for cross-rostering. New HHL teams may be formed during the off-season with approval from the Hockey Director and Adult Commissioner, and if registration numbers support it.

Rink Enhancement Fee: This small fee goes toward repaying the bond owed to Gallatin County, which supports the *Finish the Ice Barn* campaign. Thank you for your continued support and patience as we work to expand and improve our ice facilities for everyone!

A \$150 late fee applies to Echo, Delta, Charlie, VHW, Bravo, and Alpha HHL registrations submitted after September 14th. Late sign-ups will only be accepted if space is available and will not be prorated for missed games. Rosters will be filled as needed by the League Director to meet minimum team sizes. If you'd like to skate with specific individuals, make sure they register on time and indicate the correct team—no roster reservations will be held for late sign-ups. Teams may be combined or disbanded at the league's discretion based on numbers, skill levels, or scheduling needs. Refunds may be considered in limited cases, subject to:

- A \$75 processing fee
- A written request submitted to the Hockey Director

No new roster additions will be accepted after March 1st, before the playoffs. All inseason additions require approval from the Hockey Director and Adult Commissioner.

Adult league structure and schedules will depend on registration numbers and available ice time. Games are expected every night of the week, with varied evening start times, plus early morning (6:00/6:30 AM) and some weekend games. Schedules will be posted before the season begins and updated throughout. Absolutely NO unregistered, nonconfirmed, or non-USA Hockey skaters are allowed in league games. Captains and experienced skaters are responsible for ensuring all players are properly registered. Skater Ratings (1–5 Scale) Ratings apply to all players and goalies (1 = beginner, 5 = highest skill). Visit the Gallatin Ice website for Skill Rating Guidelines and the Skill Calculator. Accurate self-ranking is essential. Registering for the wrong league can result in:

- Re-ranking or reassignment
- Loss of roster spot if leagues are full
- Prorated refund and no league play

Choose your league fairly and honestly—spots fill quickly!

Regular season games will consist of three 18-minute run-time periods with certified referees. If an official scorekeeper is present, tied or one-goal games will have the final 3 minutes played as stop time. Schedules are subject to change and may be affected by tournament weekends. Game schedules will be posted and updated as needed. The 12th Annual Woodstick Hockey Tournament (November 7th - 9th, 2025), 26th Annual BAHA Winter Classic Invitation Hockey Tournament (February 13th- 15th, 2026), Get Lucky Cup (March 13th- 15th, 2026), Legends of Hockey 50+ (March 6th- 8th), and Legends of Hockey 60+ (March 27th - 29th) team fees are not included with individual membership.

See 2021-2025 USAH Rule & Case Book online or download the mobile app: https://cdn1.sportngin.com/attachments/document/fdc6-3383240/2021-25_USAH_Playing_Rules___Casebook.pdf

SKATERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND REFEREE TRAINING and the pursuit of official certification and service (it pays!). The annual fall referee training seminar will be announced at a later date. Learn a few things, get paid, and exercise. Incentives for first-time referees are available. For information, contact Gallatin Hockey Officials Association: www.ghoamt.com

Questions can be directed to:

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN AND SUPPORT FOR BAHA AND HHL ADULT HOCKEY.