

STATE COLLEGE YOUTH HOCKEY 2025 SPRING TEAMS PROGRAM & FEES

State College Youth Ice Hockey Association is accepting registrations to determine interest in Spring Teams for 2025. The intent of these teams is to provide a supplemental opportunity for those players interested. Players who register are committing to playing if a team is available and will be expected to attend practices (minimum 80%) and both tournaments (unless otherwise agreed upon by the coach due to conflicts provided prior to scheduling).

The Spring 2025 program will be used to provide exposure to players moving up an age group in the 2025-2026 season to the next level of competition. As such, teams will be based on 25-26 birth year age group alignment (current 2nd year players in any age group will move up to the next age group; 2014 birth year 8U players will be eligible to participate at the 10U age group). Based on committed registration numbers, some players may be asked to remain in their current age group.

The spring season will start following the completion of the current SCYIHA season with practices staring in early-April and concluding in early June (9 weeks of practice). All teams are open to male and female players.

With an unknown level of interest at this time, if registration numbers are sufficient to form multiple teams at any given age group, the team assignments will be made based on coaching evaluation at practices. Teams may be formed based on skill division or might be mixed skill. Teams will be generically branded as State College Hockey.

We will strive to staff each team with a non-parent head coach, but anticipate that parent coaches will help to fill out staff for these teams. Coaches will be assigned after player commitment levels are determined. Any parent interested in coaching should reach out to scyiha.president@gmail.com to express their interest. Head coaches are responsible for selecting their assistant coaches and identifying a team manager.

Fees for the season are estimated at \$625 for a 15-skater team. Final player fees will be determined based on the number of committed players and final ice utilization. The estimated fee includes two practice style jerseys that will be worn for games and a pair of single-color socks; teams may choose to wear available uniforms in which case the cost will be removed from the fee. Estimated player fees include compensation for non-parent head coaches to offset their cost of travel and their time managing the team.

Interested players must register using the <u>SportsEngine registration link</u> by January 30th. An up-front \$200 commitment fee is required. The commitment fee is non-refundable if a team with sufficient player interest is formed and the player is offered a roster spot. Should a team not be formed due to lack of interest, commitment fees will be refunded. Commitment fee will be put toward the player fee.

Other Important Details

- Estimated fees include one full-ice and one half-ice 80-minute age group practice per week (approximately 18 practices).
- Teams will compete using an independently determined schedule at regional tournaments as agreed upon by the players. Two tournaments are included; parents and coaches may opt to attend up to one additional tournament at an added cost.
- The minimum viable roster size is 13. Rosters of approximately 13 to 16 players are anticipated.









