



## KEYSTONE WILD – 2025-2026 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 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/19U 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 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. 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 80-minute practices, tournament fees, and uniforms (home and away jersey, pant shell, home and away socks, and two practice jerseys); any returning player who opts out of new uniform parts will be offered a credit to their player fees. Player jackets and bags will be provided to new players; replacements for returning players can be purchased as needed at approximately \$100 each. Goalie fees are 50% of those indicated. Practice Only fees include only practice jerseys and player bag. 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. Team building activities will be held during summer training months, attendance 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. As with any scheduling effort, we cannot guarantee that schedules will be free of conflict.

The program and coaches at each age level will be as follows. Head coach and committed assistant coaches are listed. Other non-parent coaches are expected to support these teams as well and will be announced as confirmed. Coaching changes/updates approved March 31, 2025 are noted by an \*\* next to coach name.

## **18U (Midget) – Birth Years 2007, 2008**

**Hayden Fried, Head Coach** – Following 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 18U Keystone Wild this past year, Hayden will be taking on the Head Coaching duties for 18U from Matt Erlichman. 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 past four years has been exemplary. He has taken on the position of Head Coach for the Penn State Men's Club Hockey, but has committed to support Hayden as he takes over Head Coaching duties for the team. 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 starting with off-ice training. Matt bases his coaching style from his former coaches, Guy Gadowski and Dave Weaver, both of which he still consults for guidance.

**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 last year and looks to continue his growth as a coach while he also passes his love and knowledge of the game on to another group of players in State College.

### **18U Program**

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- 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.
- Summer practices are anticipated to include 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 \$2,775 per player and include 80-minute practices as follows:
  - Summer Session (mid June thru late Aug): 9 Weeks / practices two practices per week (anticipated to be Sunday evening + 1 weeknight); practices will be shared with 19U Girls (if formed)
  - Season Session (Sept thru early March): 27 weeks / 1 full-ice practice per week (anticipated to be Sunday evenings)

**18U Program (continued)**

- Summer Session Practice Only Fees are \$625 per player; In-Season Practice Only Fees are \$1,045 (total for summer and in-season practice only is \$1,665).
- Player fees for those joining the team after the summer session are \$2,150.
- 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 Lukasik, Head Coach** – Jake has spent the last three years as a member of SCYIHA. Jake was a player as a member of the 18U Keystone Wild during the 2022-23 season under Coach Erlichman and Coach Lee, along with spending the last two seasons assistant coaching. In the 2023-24 season, he assistant coached the 18U Keystone Wild team, along with being an assistant hockey coach for Pegula Ice Arena which saw him working NLDP and Learn to Play. Following the 2023-24 season, Jake had the opportunity to coach alongside Hayden Fried, Pete Brumberg, and Mike Marusa on the 18U Icers team. This team, a team consistently followed by adversity which they had to overcome, made it to the PAHL championship game, falling just short of a league championship. Through the hands-on experience he has gotten from coaching, along with the lessons that have been taught to him by coaches he has worked alongside, Jake has been able to establish a coaching philosophy that combines hard work and dedication to the program with fun and enthusiasm. He is extremely excited for the opportunity to step into his first head coaching role where he can make a difference to a group of players. Prior to his time within SCYIHA, Jake played high level hockey in the Chicago area his whole life, along with playing football up until college. Away from the rink, Jake is entering his senior year of college at Penn State where he is working towards an undergraduate degree in Data Science.

**\*\*Connor Murphy, Assistant Coach** – Connor has spent a lot of time around Pegula in the last three years, playing on the 18U Keystone Wild team during the 2022-2023 season under Coach Erlichman and Coach Lee, coaching NLDP and Learn to Play, as well as officiating youth hockey games. Connor received great feedback from parents and players during his time as a coach for Pegula Ice Arena where he enjoyed developing players' skills and discipline. Connor played AA level hockey most of his hockey career, as well as AAA hockey experience while he was in high school. In high school, Connor won many awards including MVP of the Virginia State High School Championship in the Capitol Scholastic Hockey League. While playing goalie most of his career, Connor has developed a great mind for the game hockey all around. Playing in the Student Hockey League has allowed him to continue to pursue his love of hockey. Entering his senior year at Penn State, Connor is pursuing an undergraduate degree in Psychology and Security & Risk Analysis.

**\*\*Henry Swoope IV, Assistant Coach** – Henry began playing hockey at the age of six with the Northern Virginia Ice Dogs. During his early years, Henry was both a goalie and a skater on numerous teams until he decided to retire the pads and become a full time forward. His Ice Dogs teams played in the Hockey Valley Invitational four straight years, winning the tournament three times. He spent his formative years playing for the Ice Dogs until he attended Mercersburg Academy for his freshman year in high school where he played for the Hagerstown Bulldogs. Henry left Mercersburg after his freshman year and returned to northern Virginia where he played for Capitals Hockey Academy as well as Bishop Ireton High School. He finished out his high school year playing spring hockey for the 18AA Western Maryland Warriors. Henry enrolled at Penn State for the fall 2022 semester and played for the 18AA Wild his freshman year under Coach Erlichman. He has continued to play SHL hockey at Penn State for the past six semesters and teaches youth hockey players

during his summers with Laura Stamm Power Skating as well as the Monumental Sports/Washington Capitals summer program. Henry is currently a junior at Penn State studying communications.

**\*\*Matt Wallen, Assistant Coach** – Matt is a third-year student at Penn State originally from New Jersey. This marks his first season coaching with the Keystone Wild, bringing a strong blend of leadership, playing experience, and youth coaching background to the staff. Although this may be his first year on the Wild's coaching staff, he is not new to it. Matt coached his hometown New Jersey club team, the Union Thunder, for spring, summer camps, and occasionally in-season practices throughout high school and during college breaks since 2021. As a player, Matt played youth hockey at the AA level, until making the jump to junior hockey. In his senior year of high school he competed in the EHL Premier League with the Union Thunder, where as a rookie on the team he was named a captain. Matt was also a standout player at Governor Livingston High School, where he was a two-time New Jersey State Champion, received multiple All-Conference honors, and captained the team during his senior year. Upon arriving at Penn State, Matt continued his journey as a player with the Keystone Wild his freshman year, serving as a captain of the 18U AA team two seasons ago. Matt brings great energy, leadership, and experience to the Keystone Wild coaching staff, and is eager to help develop this year's teams.

**Matt Erlichman, Assistant Coach / Coach Mentor** – Matt's bio can be found under the 18U Team. Matt has committed to assisting this team as needed throughout the season as an assistant coach and mentor to his former players.

**Summer Coaching Note:** During the summer, practices will be led by a combination of Matt Erlichman, Hayden Fried and Megan Klaus in support of the assigned coaches while they are away from the area.

### 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
- Roster of 14 to 16 players anticipated
- Fees for this team are \$2,600 per player and include 80-minute team practices as follows:
  - Summer Session (mid June thru late Aug): 9 Weeks / 1 full-ice and 1 half-ice practices per week (anticipated to be Sunday evening + 1 weeknight)
  - Season Session (Sept thru early March): 27 weeks / 1 full-ice practice per week (anticipated to be Sunday evenings)
- Practice Only player fees are \$1,560 per player

### 14U (Bantam) – Birth Years 2011, 2012

**Megan Klaus, Head Coach** – Megan will return for her fourth year as Head Coach of our 14U Keystone Wild team. She has guided the current team to a strong and successful start to the season, and they look to continue that growth. Megan is excited to share her knowledge, passion, and enthusiasm for hockey with the local youth players as she makes the transition from playing high-level hockey to coaching our local youth athletes. 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. In addition to coaching a

team, Megan is a member of the Penn State 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 fourth 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 Icers, 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. Returning for 23-24 to assist Megan for a second year, 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**

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

**Davis Ross, Head Coach** – Davis, a State College, PA native, brings a wealth of hockey experience and passion to the Keystone Wild as a new Head 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 head 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** – 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. In addition to his playing career, Luke has been actively coaching at Pegula Ice Arena for the past two years, 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.

**Cooper Brumberg, Assistant Coach** – Cooper is a product of State College hockey having played from 10U thru 18U as a State College Icer, and participating in the first teams of Keystone Wild as a 14U player, and finishing as an 18U Keystone Wild player. Cooper started playing as a second-year 10U player on the third Icers team; he played a mix of A-Major, A-Minor and B-Level teams through 16U before making a jump to AA hockey with Keystone Wild. All along he worked continuously to develop his skating, stickhandling and shooting skills along with his hockey IQ to make up for his lack of physical size. He hopes to continue to feed his passion for hockey by fostering a love for the game in a new generation of players as he helps guide their own development curve.

## 12U Program

- Season structure is intended to complement local Association programs. The summer session will end approximately the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September; Spring Session will begin approximately the 1<sup>st</sup> week of March. Approximately one practice per month throughout the season is anticipated.
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- Participation in the SCYIHA Hockey Valley Tournament at the end of March will be offered if opponents can be identified. The tournament pays for itself, no refund will be provided if a bracket cannot be formed.
- 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

- Fees for this team are \$2,100 per player and include 80-minute team practices as follows:
  - Summer Session (early June thru mid Sept): 12 Weeks / 1 full-ice and 1 half-ice practices per week (anticipated to be Sunday evening + 1 weeknight)
  - Spring Session (early March – early April): 3 weeks / 1 full-ice practice per week (anticipated to be Sunday evenings)
  - When practice slots become available (September thru March) as a result of our 14U thru 18U teams being away, those slots will be offered to the 12U team to bring the team together for an average of one additional in-season Sunday evening practice per month
- Practice Only player fees are \$1,260 per player

### **10U (Squirt) – Birth Years 2015, 2016**

**Mike Broderick, Head 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 under Danny Moscone for 12U State College Icers and 12U Keystone Wild. 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.

**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 Wild team as an assistant coach last year. He looks forward to giving back to the program where he developed his skill and love for the game. As an Assistant Coach, Ben will be leveraged to demonstrate skills and push the players in practice. His ability to balance fun with competitive will start the 10U players off on their development journey while ensuring they enjoy the experience.

**Brian Swab, Assistant Coach** – Brian grew up in Towson, Maryland where he began his playing career as a squirt, learning the skills that would allow him on to play four years at Calvert Hall Prep School. After attending and graduating from Penn State, Brian worked remotely while travelling before returning to State College to start his own business. During this time, he became a familiar face around the rink at adult league games, and also as a part of the Pegula Coaching staff at NLDP, Learn to Skate, and Skills Clinics. Due to University policy, upon recently accepting a position in the Penn State Physics Department, Brian was no longer eligible to continue as a Pegula Coach. He is excited for the opportunity to re-engage with the youth hockey community as a Keystone Wild coach to bring out the best in every player and the team. Bringing a positive mindset and attitude to every practice, he will work with the players on advanced fundamentals while sharing his passion for the game.

### **10U Program**

- Season structure is intended to complement local Association programs. The summer session will end approximately the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September; Spring Session will begin approximately the 1<sup>st</sup> week of March. Approximately one practice per month throughout the season is anticipated.
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### **19U Girls Only – Birth Years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010**

**Julia Mudryk, Head Coach** - Julia, a Penn State Class of 2023 alumni, brings a wealth of hockey knowledge and a passion for establishing competitive girls hockey in Central Pennsylvania as a new head coach. She aims to provide a competitive, fun, and rewarding environment by focusing on discipline and team-oriented coaching. Julia played as a winger on the Women's Club Hockey team for four seasons and has since continued to be a friendly face at pickup and adult league games. Julia is also a proud participant in the girls learn-to-play program in her hometown, Richmond, Virginia. Prior to college hockey, Julia was a captain and top goal scorer for her Tier II Reston Raiders 19U Girls team. As a kid, Julia grew up playing co-ed youth hockey in Richmond, where girls hockey was not fielded. Playing competitive girls hockey in high school and college was a very integral part of her hockey career and has shaped Julia into an incredibly motivated athlete and coach. Julia is very excited to give back to the hockey community in State College and is ecstatic to help grow the girls' game. She is committed to cultivating a driven team and developing players' skills at a competitive level. Her philosophy revolves around hard work and dedication in tandem with growing skills, on-ice awareness, and hockey IQ. She also plans to work closely with the Penn State Women's Club Team to foster important connections between players and coaches. Julia brings vast experience and a wide range of hockey knowledge to the organization and is excited for the opportunity to help grow the game at a competitive level.

**\*\*California Bailey, Assistant Coach** – California is a sophomore at Penn State, pursuing a degree in Art and Kinesiology. She can be found all around Pegula Ice Arena, from coaching to skate guarding, pickups and stick times, and even SHL games. California began playing hockey at sixteen, following the early stages of the pandemic, and has since competed with various teams in the state of California, including the Tri-Valley Blue Devils, Vacaville Jets, and her high school club team. In addition to playing, California has worked at several ice rinks, starting as a cashier and skate guard at Dublin Ice in California. She has coached girls in learn-to-skate programs and hockey camps at Vacaville Ice Sports. As a student at Penn State, she has served as a coach for NLDP and a staff member of Pegula Ice Arena. California knows the experience as a female of having limited women's hockey opportunities and the challenges of participating on youth teams that are predominantly male against competition that is predominantly male. She is excited about the opportunity to be part of creating experiences and expanded opportunities for other girls playing hockey.

**\*\*Vince Vitucci, Assistant Coach** – Vince is currently the Head Coach of the Penn State ACHA Division 1 Women's Hockey Club team. Vince is excited to collaborate with SCYIHA with the 19U Keystone Wild program to create a mutually beneficial tie between the organizations. His vision is to match the 18U Wild program, with 19U Wild providing a place for Penn State students to continue their development. Those players would potentially be able to return in a future tryout to find a place on the Women's Club team leveraging their experience with 19U Wild to as a continued opportunity for growth and development. Vince has



committed to assist the team whenever possible, while recognizing that conflicts with the Club team will take priority in his schedule.

**Megan Klaus, Assistant Coach** – Megan's Bio can be found earlier in this document. Megan will make herself available to assist with the 19U Keystone Wild team as her schedule with other coaching obligations allows.

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