

COLORADO 14ERS NEWSLETTER

AFFILIATED WITH THE LITTLETON HOCKEY ASSOCIATION (LHA)



Saturday, November 1st is the third annual LHA day!

The day will be filled with a number of showcase games held at the Edge, along with a 50/50 raffle, grilled food for sale and a team gift basket raffle.

A portion of the proceeds from LHA Day will help support the **LHA Secondary School Scholarship Fund**. This scholarship assists graduating seniors from the 14ers and Hawks programs in their educational pursuits.

GIFT BASKETS

Each raffle basket is donated by an Hawks/14ers team.

You can purchase your raffle tickets at the tournament desk. Ticket sales will run from 8AM to 6:30PM.

50/50 RAFFLE

The winner walks away with half the total money raised, while the rest goes straight to our scholarship fund. The more entries we get, the more the pot grows!

You can purchase a 50/50 raffle ticket at the tournament desk between 8AM and 6:30PM.

FOOD

Grilled hot dogs & burgers will be available, along with chips.

You can purchase your food ticket at the tournament desk. Grills will be running from 10AM to 8PM.

Street Hockey

Colorado Avalanche-sponsored street hockey from 12PM to 2PM.

Come join in a day of hockey and fun!





Pulse Survey

This season we are implementing a Pulse survey. This is to ensure that there are regular formal opportunities for parents/guardians to provide feedback, in addition to the current processes detailed on the last page of this newsletter.

We plan to send out one in October, another in January, and then an end-of-year survey. The results will go to the two 14ers level reps and the 14ers director only. The answers will be compiled and reviewed, with the general results being shared with everyone.

Any specific comments will be shared with the appropriate team coach and/or manager, and action plans put into place if needed.

This survey is not meant to be punitive; rather, we want to identify both areas of strength and areas of improvement within the 14ers so that we can make the 14ers a first-in-class organization.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts and encourage each family to respond for each team on which you have a player!

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

**5th Annual
HOLIDAY SKATE**

19 DECEMBER 2025 AT 6:30 PM

Join us for a Holiday Skate! Bring your friends, family, and best (or worst) holiday sweaters, and let's make this event a bit more outrageous and a whole lot more fun. Whether you're here for the ice or just to flaunt your questionable sweater style, we can't wait to celebrate with you!

EDGE ICE ARENA

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

DECEMBER 16, 2025

EDGE ICE ARENA

6:15 - 8:00

6:40 PM	10U
6:45 PM	12U B
6:55 PM	12U A
7:00 PM	15U B
7:15 PM	15U A
7:20 PM	14U Tier II
7:30 PM	16U Tier II
7:35 PM	19U Tier II
7:45 PM	Association Photo
8:00 PM	Coaches Photo

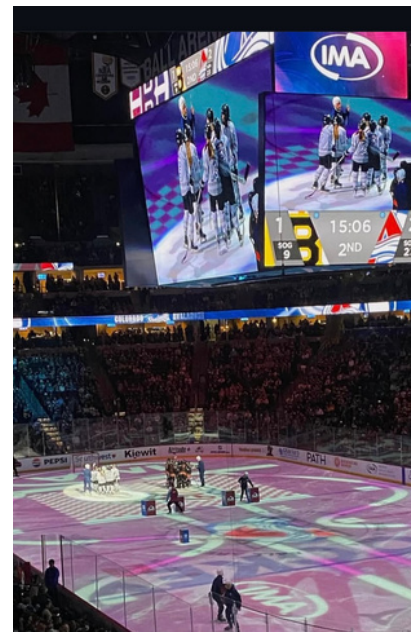
12th Annual Western Regional International Silver Stick Tournament



7 14ers teams participated in the SilverSticks tournament this month. Although none of the teams qualified for the finals in Canada, there were some strong showings!



The Colorado Avalanche hosted Girls Hockey Night on Saturday, October 18th. The Colorado 14ers were well represented throughout the entire evening!



Spotlight on...12UA Coaches

Each month, we are going to put a spotlight on different members of the 14ers community. This month, we learn a little more about our 12UA coaches!



Head Coach Brian McConnell

How long have you played hockey and where? I have been playing hockey since I was 4 years old. I played AAA youth hockey in Colorado Springs and played Junior A hockey in Michigan and North Dakota prior to injuries ending my "career".

How long have you coached hockey and where? I have been coaching 20 years, prior to the 14ers I coached at DU

What do you like best about coaching 12U? Easy. Seeing each individual player accomplish something during the season that they didn't know they could do. I also enjoy pushing the girls outside of their comfort zone in order to grow.

If you could meet any celebrity living or dead who would you want to meet and why? I would like my adult self to meet my Grandpa Badger Bob Johnson because I would love to tell him how women's hockey has grown in the last 30 years!

My favorite color is: It was Yellow but with 2 daughters I am told it is Purple and Pink now.





Assistant Coach Todd Barrs

How long have you played hockey and where?

I started playing hockey at the age of 13 in the Chicagoland area, beginning in rec programs, advancing to AA and High School, and completing my competitive playing career at the club level with Colorado State.

How long have you coached hockey and where?

I began my coaching career while at Colorado State when I started a youth hockey camp. I have been coaching for the 14ers and the Hawks since 2017.

What do you like best about coaching 12U?

We have such a special group of players on the 12U team. The positivity and camaraderie between all of the players is infectious, and I love seeing all of our players making huge leaps in skill development and HockeyIQ so early in the season.

If you could meet any celebrity living or dead who would you want to meet and why?

I think it would be fascinating to meet Alexander Hamilton. It would be so cool to hear his views on government structure, but mostly because I could ask him how it really went down in "the room where it happened".

My favorite color is:

Any color combination on a jersey that is playing against the Bruins or Penguins.



Assistant Coach Eleri MacKay

How long have you played hockey and where?

I have been playing hockey since I was 5 years old. I grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and my parents wanted me and my 2 siblings to learn how to skate. Once I could skate, I joined a mini mite team and have played ever since. I played in Wisconsin growing up and in Vermont and Illinois throughout high school. I played college hockey at Colgate University and Penn State University and overseas in Switzerland for Fribourg Gotteron.

How long have you coached hockey and where?

Over the summers when I was in college, I helped coach various skating clinics and small group sessions. In Switzerland, I coached U8s during the hockey season and now I am excited to be joining the U12s on the ice each week.

What do you like best about coaching 12U?

I haven't been a part of the team for long but have loved how welcoming the girls and coaches have been. The U12s are hard workers and eager to learn so I'm looking forward to the rest of the season.

If you could meet any celebrity living or dead who would you want to meet and why?

I would love to meet Adele. Not only do I love her music and seeing her live was the best concert I've been to, but she also seems to be a genuine and funny person.

My favorite color is:

My favorite color is blue.





Assistant Coach Sam Shooster

How long have you played hockey and where?

I've played hockey for 27 years, growing up and playing Tier I and Junior in the Philadelphia area before coming to University of Denver where I played on the ACHA DII team.

How long have you coached hockey and where?

I began coaching after college in a mix of assistant and head coaching roles that included *gasp* Arapahoe boys 16U AA & 18U AA, U. Of Denver ACHA, Douglas County/Castle View varsity, and Valor varsity. I was fortunate to be part of two state championship teams at the 16U AA level. More recently, I've coached 10U 14ers where my daughter, Aya, was playing.

What do you like best about coaching 12U?

I love coaching 12U because it's an age where players are starting to put the pieces together within a team concept. They're taking the skills and learning when and where to apply them, as well as how to do so alongside their teammates.

If you could meet any celebrity living or dead who would you want to meet and why?

I would meet Winston Churchill. Leadership is full of making unpopular decisions and still having the ability to rally and lead a united front. I'd love to learn from him.

My favorite color is:

Black. My kids roast me about it and joke that I'm always wearing 14ers colors.





Resources



We want to ensure that you are able to get answers to all your questions throughout the season. These are your point people and their areas of responsibility:

Coaches: Coaching, competition, and player development

Team Manager: Communication, fundraising, social events, team travel arrangements, minor official staffing (scoreboard/scoresheet/penalty box), Tier II team paperwork gathering/compilation (if applicable)

Team Treasurer: Bookkeeping (calculation/collection/management/tracking of team fees)

Level Representatives: Conduit between the team managers/coaches and the Colorado 14ers director, responsible for planning and execution of 14ers all club activities, coordination of manager and treasurer activities to share best practices and ensure all required activities are completed (SafeSport training, monthly accounting submission, etc.)

Colorado 14ers Director: Overall 14ers program responsibility

As a reminder, the 24 hour rule applies for any complaints:

Parents may not approach or contact a coach, team manager, level representative, segment leader, or other LHA staff member to voice complaints or displeasure with coaching decisions during or immediately following a game or practice. Parents must wait a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours before initiating contact or communication with such individuals.

Coaches, team managers, level representatives, segment leaders, or LHA staff members may not approach or contact a parent to voice complaints or displeasure during or immediately following a game or practice. Such individuals must also wait a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours before initiating contact or communication with a parent; provided, however, that such 24-hour period does not apply to electronic communications in which a parent is copied pursuant to the Social Media and Electronic Communication Policy.