

Cache Valley Amateur Hockey Association (CVAHA)

2026-2027 Season Fact Sheet



CVAHA plans to field the following teams:

Division	Age Classification and Birth Years
House / Rec	6U (2020 and 2021) and 8U (2018 and 2019)
Travel Teams (1 to 2 at each level)	10U (2016 and 2017), 12U (2014 and 2015), 14U (2012 and 2013), and 18U (2008-2011)

These teams will be supplemented by the Eccles Ice Center Penguins rec hockey program and Learn to Play and Continue to Play series hosted by the Utah Mammoth.

Team Expectations

CVAHA Travel tryouts are held in May in accordance with the guidelines provided by the Utah Amateur Hockey Association (UAHA). As needed, additional Travel tryouts will be held prior to the start of the season and CVAHA may evaluate players until rosters are filled or closed. Players who do not make a CVAHA team will be encouraged to participate in the Penguins program and other development opportunities.

Professional On-Ice Skills and Goalie Coaching

CVAHA is excited to partner with professional skills and goalie coaches to provide on-ice skills and goalie coaching to the 10U, 12U and 14U Travel teams. Each team will have at least two sessions per month with professional skills coaches.

Travel Team Expectations

Travel team players are expected to attend practices and games unless arrangements are made with the coach to miss.

Blue teams (classified as A or high B) will participate in 5-7 tournaments including up to 3 out-of-state tournaments in bordering states. Gray teams (classified as B) will participate in 3-5 tournaments including up to 1 out-of-state tournament. These tournaments include the UAHL pre-season parity and end-of season tournaments. The number and location of the remaining tournaments will be decided by coaches and the board and may vary depending on the costs of each tournament. If additional costs are required for any tournament fees, parents will be notified prior to committing to the tournament. Player and family travel is not included in fees.

While CVAHA will not schedule required practices or regular games on Sundays, travel teams will play in multiple tournaments that will include Sunday games. Travel players on Blue teams are expected to play on 5-7 Sundays each season and Gray team players will be expected to play on 3-5 Sundays, with enough players playing each game to ensure the team is competitive.

Parent Volunteer Expectations

CVAHA depends on parents to assist with scorekeeping, running clocks, staffing the penalty box, and assisting at home tournaments. Beginning with the 2025-26 season, parents will be expected to assist in a certain number of slots or pay a fee to compensate the parent volunteers who cover additional tasks.

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Proposed Team Details (subject to change prior to start of season)

	14U Travel Blue	14U Travel Gray	18 U Travel
Season Length	Sept - March	Sept - March	Sept - March
Weekly Practices	2 per week (Wedns and Fri)	2 per week (Wedns and Fri)	Approximately 5 Saturdays
Strength and Conditioning	1 per week (Wednesday)	1 per week (Wednesday)	As scheduled
Professional Skills and Goalie Coaching	Twice per Month	Twice per Month	NA
Games	24+	24+	Up to 5 plus tournaments
Tournaments	5-7 tournaments (up to 3 out of state)	3-5 tournaments (up to 1 out of state)	3-4 tournaments (up to 3 out of state)
Coaches and Team Managers	Head Coach: Bryan Thornley	Head Coach: Jake Kopenhefer	Head Coach: Erik Akins
Roster Size	12 + skaters 1-2 goalies	15 + skaters 1-2 goalies	15 + skaters 1-2 goalies
Projected Season Fees Final fees will be set based on team sizes prior to opening season registration.			
Season Fees (Ice Time, Referees, Equipment, Skills Coaching, Tournaments)	\$1550	\$1275	\$900
Gear Fees (Required)	\$200	\$200	NA
All Jr Aggie players will be required to purchase team gear including warm-ups to wear to games and a reversible practice jersey.			NA
Uniform Costs (new players only)	Approx \$150 for 2 jerseys and socks	Approx \$150 for 2 jerseys and socks	Approx \$150 for 2 jerseys and socks
Deposit Required	\$200	\$200	NA
Additional Costs	Travel to games and tournaments ~\$75 USA Hockey Membership	Travel to games and tournaments ~\$75 USA Hockey Membership	Travel to games and tournaments ~\$75 USA Hockey Membership