

Spring Hockey FAQs



The spring hockey season will be here before you know it. FAQ's for the spring season are answered below.

What are the dates for the spring season?

The period from April 1 to August 31 of the calendar year is considered the Spring/Summer Hockey Season. Team registrations and rosters may be submitted beginning March 1. Spring rosters will not be in effect until April 1 (the teams may not participate in games until April 1). Fall rosters are no longer valid after March 31 with the exception of nationally bound teams.

How do teams register for spring?

The process to register a team is the same in the spring that it is in fall. Teams are registered through AHAI affiliate organizations.

Can I register an independent team?

To be a sanctioned team with AHAI/USA Hockey benefits in place, all teams must register through an approved AHAI affiliate. Teams may not be "independent" of an AHAI Affiliate organization. Manual rosters will not be certified.

What are the age classifications for spring teams?

For the Spring/Summer Hockey Season, the age classifications for the following Fall Season apply. That means that for the 2013 Spring Season, the Fall 2013/2014 Age Classifications must be followed. Specifically the birth years for each age classification for the 2013/2014 season are:

- Youth Mite (U8) 2006 or earlier
- Youth Squirt (U10) 2004 and 2005
- Youth Pee wee (U12) 2002 and 2003
- Youth Bantam (U14) 2000 and 2001
- Youth Midget Minor (U16) 1998 and 1998
- Youth Midget Major (U18) 1996 and 1997

Girls' teams follow the age classifications above with the exception that U19 replaces U18 and includes birth years 1995, 1996 and 1997.

Can a senior play High School hockey? What about 7th and 8th graders?

Seniors are no longer eligible to play High School hockey in spring. Eighth graders can play on one spring High School team. 7th graders may not play on a spring High School team.

What about new players, those that did not play hockey in the Fall?

2013/2014 USA Hockey Registrations are valid until August 31, 2014. USA Hockey Member Registration for the 2014/15 season will be available April 1. This registration is valid for the Spring Season in addition to the Fall. If a player that was not registered in the Fall and is going to participate in Spring, they need to wait until April 1 to register with USA Hockey. That registration will be valid from April 1, 2014 until August 31, 2015. If they register with USA Hockey prior to April 1, that registration will expire on August 31, 2014.

Who do I contact if I have questions about registering for a spring hockey team?

The best place to start is the organization that you wish to play with. If they cannot answer your question, contact Laura Johnson, AHAI Registrar at registrar@ahai2.org or 224-636-3233.