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Why play travel hockey for the Anaheim Jr. Ducks?

Whatever level you aspire to, the Jr. Ducks have a program to fit your personal and developmental needs and a track record of player growth and advancement. Here is some of what the Jr. Ducks can provide during your hockey playing experience.

Our Mission

The Irvine ICE Foundation Amateur Hockey Association, consisting of the Anaheim Jr. Ducks and Lady Ducks, is dedicated to the development of our players at every skill level. Over the past 20-plus years, our association has maintained its status as one of the premier hockey programs in Southern California by providing its players with a positive atmosphere that encourages good sportsmanship, teamwork and above all an opportunity to enjoy their youth hockey experience. The Jr. Ducks and Lady Ducks are recognized as Model Club Associations by USA Hockey and are dedicated to age-appropriate, age-specific skill development, in accordance with USA Hockey's American Development Model. Our Tier I (AAA) teams gain the highest possible development and competitive learning experience, and they develop elite players who are capable of attaining their future hockey goals.

Any path is within reach

Juniors: In five seasons of AAA hockey, the Jr. Ducks have helped 40 players move on to Junior A hockey, another seven play Junior B and a couple more ascend to major junior in Canada.

Prep school: Two dozen Jr. Ducks have gone on to the nation's top prep schools

College: A total of 13 current and former Jr. Ducks have made NCAA Division I college commitments in the past four years and almost a dozen more are playing D-III or ACHA club hockey.

International competition: Cam York, Ryan Johnson and Josh Groll have represented Team USA in various competitions in the past year. York and Johnson plus Slava Demin and Nick York have attended the U.S. National Team Development Program's top-40 evaluation camp.

We give you the tools to get there

Coaching: Our coaches have played in top leagues around the world, including the NHL and in Europe, and have represented their countries in international competitions, with Director of Coaches Craig Johnson having played in the Olympics. Johnson also served as an assistant coach for Team USA at the 2016 Deutschland Cup. Many hold Level 4 or Level 5 certifications from USA Hockey. Several are renowned for their skill development work with players from the pro, college, junior and youth hockey ranks.

Connections: Several members of the Jr. Ducks coaching staff scout for teams in the BCHL, NAHL, USHL and WHL, and Director of Player Personnel Alex Kim serves as the USHL's Pacific District Head Scout.

Competition: The Jr. Ducks AAA teams compete in the heavily scouted Tier 1 Elite Hockey League, playing in at least eight showcases around the country every season. The 16U team won the league's regular-season championship in 2017-18.

Jr. Ducks NCAA Division I commitments

F Elijah Barriga (American Int.)

D Slava Demin (Denver)

F Jack Gates (Colorado College)

F Josh Groll (Michigan)

D Nicholas Kent (Quinnipiac)

D Kyle Mayhew (Denver)

C Shane McMahan (Minnesota St.)

D Rourke Russell (Miami)

D Chad Sasaki (Colorado College)

F Eetu Selanne (Northeastern)

D Cam York (Boston College)





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Individual development goes hand-in-hand with team success

Team successes: In the five seasons since the Jr. Ducks expanded their program to include AAA hockey, the club has had seven teams – including the 16U and 18U squads in April - reach the heavily scouted USA Hockey Nationals. The 16U team took third, bringin the club its first medal at the AAA level. Additionally, the Jr. Ducks have won 13 CAHA State titles at the AAA and AA levels since 2015.

Individual achievements: The Jr. Ducks also had their first player make the prestigious U.S. National Team Development Program this season in 2001 birth year Cam York. ... Fellow 2001 Ryan Johnson became the highest-drafted Californian in the USHL Futures Draft in 2017 (third overall to the Sioux Falls Stampede). ... 2000 Slava Demin is projected to be a second-round pick by NHL Central Scouting in the 2018 Entry Draft and Carl Stankowski has been on NHL Central Scouting’s watch list the past two seasons. ... Ryan Johnson and fellow 16U AAA player Josh Groll helped Team USA win gold the U17 Five Nations Tournament in August 2017.

Don’t just take our word for it

“It was nice to be able to practice against and play with skilled, motivated players. Every day we were competing against guys who were going to playing in juniors and college.”

Jack Gates, Colorado College class of 2021 and Janesville (NAHL)

“What sets the Jr. Ducks apart is how professionally the teams are run. Every day we were expected to work our hardest, and that high level of expectation pushed our team to play its best. ... The other thing is they have access to so many rinks that ice time isn’t an issue.”

Josh Groll, Midget 16U AAA player, University of Michigan commit and Omaha (USHL) draft pick

“I played my entire youth hockey career with the Jr. Ducks and went to Nationals four times with four different coaches. I learned valuable lessons from every coach I had. ... I had everything I needed with the Jr. Ducks, I never needed to look elsewhere to play.”

Paul Selleck, Alberni Valley (BCHL)

“The Jr. Ducks develop competitive teams and competitive players every season. You know you’re going to get great coaching and compete at the highest levels. I played with great players, and we’re still a very close-knit group.”

Chad Sasaki, Doyle Cup champion Wenatchee (BCHL)

Notable Jr. Ducks Alumni

Chase Balisy, Florida (NHL) and Springfield (AHL)

Matthew Caito, Grand Rapids (AHL)

Collin Delia, Chicago (NHL) and Rockford (AHL)

Nate Kallen, Ferris State (WCHA)

Troy Loggins, Northern Michigan (WCHA)

Gavin Nieto, Brown (ECAC)

Garrett Stafford, Dallas, Detroit, Phoenix (NHL), AHL, Europe

Carl Stankowski, Seattle (WHL)

Max Becker, Princeton (ECAC)

Noah Clarke, Los Angeles (NHL), Manchester (AHL)

Brett Gervais, Clarkson (ECAC)

Alex Kim, AHL, Europe and Asian pro leagues

Justin Morrison, Manitoba, Chicago (AHL), Europe

Brian Salcido, Anaheim (NHL), AHL, Europe

Mitch Wahl, AHL, Europe

