



District 3

Spring 2026 HP

Spring 2026 Futures Development

Fall 2026 Tier 1 & 2

Welcome and Introductions

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Agenda

- ▶ Program overview
 - ▶ Spring HP
 - ▶ Fall Tier 1 and Tier 2



Spring 2026
HP 14 and HP 15

Spring 2026 High Performance Programs

▶ Program Overview

- ▶ The CCM Minnesota Hockey High Performance programs are designed to identify and develop the best players in Minnesota and to provide the top players from each district or section a chance to play with and against the best players in their area and the state

▶ Levels

- ▶ HP15 Boys
- ▶ HP14 Boys
- ▶ HP15 Girls
- ▶ HP14 Girls

- ▶ Players are nominated by D3 association or high school coaches

- ▶ Tryout dates and times posted to D3 website for each level

- ▶ Athletes are required to tryout in the MN Hockey district in which they reside
- ▶ Tryouts are evaluated by D3 coaches and outside evaluators

Spring 2026 High Performance Programs

Program Overview for HP 14/15

- ▶ **Phase 1:** Late March - Players will participate in tryouts within their Minnesota Hockey Districts. In 2026, players must have a 2011 (HP15) or 2012 (HP14) birth date to participate
- ▶ **Phase 2:** Early April- The top 30 players from each District will participate in a Development phase, with 20 from each District advancing to Phase 3
- ▶ **Phase 3:** Late April- The District teams compete in games including the HP Festival weekend in Duluth (HP14) or Plymouth/South St. Paul (HP15)
- ▶ **Phase 4:** Mid-June- The top 102 (HP15) or 120 (HP14) players from the Spring Festival will be selected to compete at the CCM High Performance Summer Camp at St. Thomas(Boys) or St. Olaf (Girls)
- ▶ **Phase 5:** July – Selected players will attend the USA Hockey HP 15 Player Development Camps in Amherst, NY (Boys) or the University of Miami (Girls), there is no Phase 5 at the HP 14 level

Note: Each phase will require registration and more specific dates for each program can be found on the Minnesota Hockey website

Spring 2026 High Performance Program Tryout Dates

- ▶ Phase 1 tryouts consist of:
 - ▶ Goalie Only Tryout session
 - ▶ Players and Goalies (3 sessions)
 - ▶ Players and Goalies will be assigned to a session and emailed the week prior to tryouts
 - ▶ Attendance at a minimum of 1 tryout session is expected during each HP tryout phase, extenuating circumstances will be handled on a case-by-case basis

All information posted on the D3 website for your respective level:

[D3hockey.org/hp](https://d3hockey.org/hp)

Spring 2026 High Performance Programs

Tryout Process and Notification

- ▶ Tryout invitees are selected from winter coach nominations and the final invitee list is at the discretion of the D3 HP Committee
- ▶ Tryout invitations are e-mailed to player's families (parent/guardian e-mail in USA Hockey registration)
- ▶ Nominated players register on MN Hockey website and pay the associated fee for that tryout phase (see slide #6 for listing of HP phases)
- ▶ All D3 associations are expected to provide representation at the tryouts as evaluators
- ▶ Goalies attend a goalie-specific tryout, pending the number of goalies trying out, D3 reserves the right to release goalies following the goalie-specific tryout
- ▶ Goalies and players are assigned to a session for each tryout date
- ▶ Results of the tryout will be posted on the D3 website

Spring 2026 High Performance Programs Development Sessions (Phase 2)

- ▶ A group of 30 is selected and will participate in 10 hours of development ice time
- ▶ From the group of 30, a final team of 20 will be selected (2 Goalies, 12 Forwards and 6 Defense) to participate in festival games (Phase 3)
- ▶ Selected players will be posted on the D3 website and receive an email with a registration link for Phase 3
- ▶ Players will need to register for the Festival (Phase 3) on the MN Hockey website
- ▶ The final team of 20 will have one practice prior to the Festival Weekend

Spring 2026 High Performance Programs

Phase 3 Festival and beyond

- ▶ The Phase 3 Festival Weekend is April 24-26 at Plymouth Ice Center (HP 15 Boys), South St. Paul (HP 15 Girls) or Duluth (HP 14 Boys and Girls)
- ▶ After the Festival, the top 102 (HP15) or 120 (HP14) selected players for Phase 4 summer camp will be posted on the MN Hockey website
- ▶ Selected players will be required to register with MN Hockey and watch a video about summer camp
- ▶ Phase 4 will take place at the CCM High Performance Summer Camp at St. Thomas (Boys) or St. Olaf (Girls)

MN Hockey HP 14/15 Program Timeline

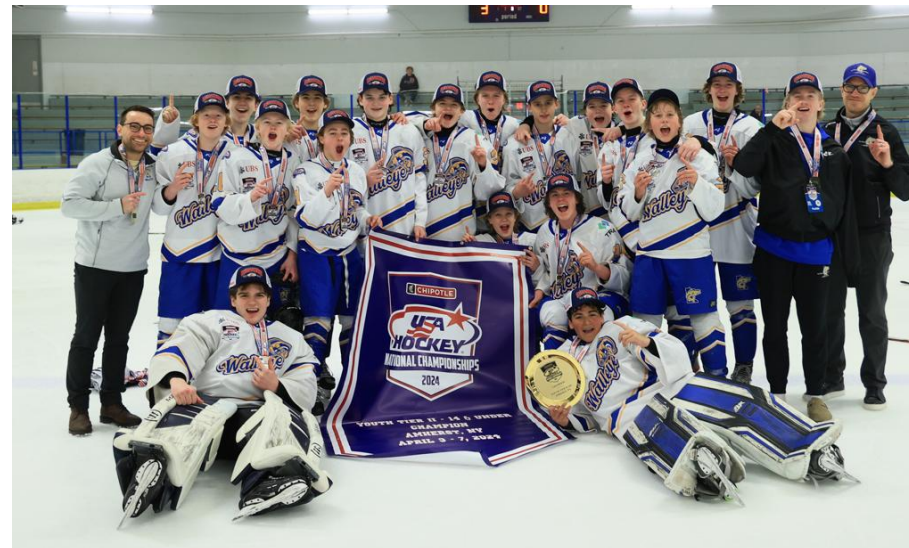
2026 SPRING HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM DATES

Event	Dates	Locations
CCM Boys & Girls HP 15 Seeding Games	April 13 - 23	Various Sites
CCM Boys HP 14 Seeding Games	April 14 - 20	Various Sites
CCM Girls HP 14 Seeding Games	April 9 - 21	Various Sites
CCM Boys & Girls HP 14 Festival	April 24 - 26	Duluth, MN
CCM Girls HP Final 54	April 24 - 26	South St. Paul, MN
CCM Girls HP 15 Festival	April 24 - 26	South St. Paul, MN
CCM Boys HP 15 Festival	April 24 - 26	Plymouth, MN
CCM HP 15 Summer Girls Camp	June 9 - 14	St. Olaf College
CCM HP 14 Summer Girls Camp	June 15 - 19	St. Olaf College
CCM HP 15 Summer Boys Camp	June 9 - 15	St. Thomas University
CCM HP 14 Summer Boys Camp	June 15 - 19	St. Thomas University

Recent Tier 1 & Tier 2



2023 U14 Tier 1 Girls USA Hockey National Champions



2024 U14 Tier 2 Youth USA Hockey National Champions

Fall 2026 Tier 1 & Tier 2

- ▶ Program Overview
- ▶ Tryouts
- ▶ Off-ice Training – Pre-season
- ▶ On-ice Training – August to October
- ▶ Competition weekends
- ▶ League and District Playoffs

Fall 2026 Tier 1 & Tier 2 Program Overview

- ▶ Fall Tier 1 and Tier 2 has a different focus and approach than spring HP
 - ▶ Fall Tier 1 and Tier 2 is about creating the best team representing D3 and competing against the other Districts in the state to earn a bid at the USA Hockey National Tournament
- ▶ Fall Tier 1 and Tier 2 is not a nomination process, and tryouts are open to all players; however, talent guidelines are provided
 - ▶ Levels
 - ▶ Tier 1 150 Boys (2011 birth year)
 - ▶ Tier 1 U14 Boys (2012 birth year)
 - ▶ Tier 2 U14 Boys (2012 and 2013 birth year)
 - ▶ Tier 1 U14 Girls (2012 and 2013 birth years)
 - ▶ Tier 2 U14 Girls (2012 and 2013 birth years)
 - ▶ Tier 1 130 Boys (2013 birth year)

Fall 2026 Tier 1 & Tier 2 Program Overview

- ▶ Tryouts will take place in June, dates and times will be posted to D3 website for each level
 - ▶ Tryouts are evaluated by D3 coaches and outside evaluators
- ▶ On-ice training will begin in late July, and weekday games begin in early/mid August
- ▶ Competition weekends are set up the late-August thru September with league and MN district playoffs in October
- ▶ Non-parent Head Coach and Coaching Staff
- ▶ Generally, one out of town competition weekend (some levels may have two)
- ▶ Program cost (approximately \$1500 per player)
 - ▶ 20+ games vs. MN Hockey district teams and select out of state USA Hockey teams
 - ▶ 20+ on-ice practice hours (combination of solo and shared)

Fall 2026 Tier 1 and Tier 2 Tryouts

- ▶ Will be scheduled in late June
 - ▶ Specific dates and times will be posted on the D3 website

Key Website Links

- ▶ District 3 High Performance

- ▶ <https://www.d3hockey.org/hp>

- ▶ Minnesota Hockey High Performance

- ▶ <https://www.minnesotahockey.org/highperformance>