



Colorado Select Girls Hockey Association
Recreation Program 8U
Team Information Sheet
2020 – 2021

Welcome to the Colorado Select Girls Hockey Association (CSGHA). In order to assist our families in choosing the right team for their player, we have put together this Team Information Sheet, detailing the requirements and expectations of recreation teams at the 8U age classification.

8U Program Details:

The 8U Program will provide age-appropriate, athlete-centered training pursuant to the long-term athlete development (LTAD) guidelines outlined by the USA Hockey [American Development Model \(ADM\)](#). Programming will also be structured in line with the Policies & Procedures of the [Colorado Amateur Hockey Association \(CAHA\)](#).

For the 2020-21 season there are three options for 8U season registration. A player can register for the entire 8U season, which runs from October 2020 into March 2021 or the player can register for one of two half seasons. The first half season starts at the beginning of the season and goes until the break for the Christmas holiday. The second half season starts after the teams return from the holiday break and goes to the end of the 8U season in March.

Age Division:

Players should register for and expect to play within the appropriate age division as noted below. **No exceptions.**

8U – 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2015 birth years

Leagues/Games:

There are no sanctioned 8U leagues in Colorado. All 8U teams will emphasize individual athlete and team development, and will require a certain level of travel and financial commitment from the players and their families. 8U teams will participate in games (Friendlies) and Jamboree (Tournaments) throughout the season.

Team Evaluations/Formation:

8U Teams are established on the formation date based on the number of players registered. CSGHA will form more than a single team at any given age level in the event there are enough players to do so. In such case, evaluations will be held and players will be positioned on teams based upon their like skill level, by an Evaluation Team consisting of the Head Coaches for that particular team(s), Director(s) of Hockey, and other experienced Coaching Staff within the guidelines of the USA Hockey American Development Model (ADM). CSGHA Board Members have no input in the evaluation of players or the selection of teams. Parents should also be aware



that the Evaluation Team might move players from one team to another during the course of the season based on their development.

8U Teams:

Based on our current membership, we anticipate fielding the following 8U teams:

- 8U Blue
- 8U White
- 8U Red (if numbers support)

Registration numbers will dictate if we will in fact field all of these 8U teams.

Ice Time:

8U teams will have an average of three ice touches per week, including practices, home and away Friendlies on the Front Range.

Practices/Off Ice Training:

8U teams will have regular practices each week. Attendance is not mandatory but highly encouraged in order for each player to develop their skills and overall physical literacy. Off-ice training will be available on scheduled days and is highly recommended and encouraged but not required.

Travel:

An 8U team may elect (by vote of the majority of parents) and with prior approval from the Director of Recreational Hockey to attend Jamborees within Colorado. Only players attending Jamborees will be expected to contribute to the expenses of such tournaments.

Playing Time:

It is the CSGHA policy that each 8U team player should have equal game playing time as measured over the entire season.

Cost:

Season Fees:

Season fees are paid directly to the Association at time of registration and cover the cost of ice time (practice and an average of local home/away games), referee costs, league registration fees, Director of Hockey and coaching salaries and stipends, and each team's share of the Association administrative costs.

2020 - 2021 Season Fees:

- 8U Full Season - \$799, Registration Deadline October 1, 2020
- 8U First Split Season - \$400, October 1, 2020 Registration Deadline



- 8U Second Split Season - \$400, January 1, 2021 Registration Deadline

Team Fees:

In addition to the player's season fees, there are also fees which are collected by the team treasurer and deal specifically with team expenses. These fees will generally cover, practice jerseys and any other team required training or travel apparel, coaches' travel expenses (e.g. airfare, hotel, per diem, parking, car rental), tournament entry fees, team functions, and other team expenses. Team fees are split equally among all players on the team, **regardless of whether or not a player attends a trip or tournament** (see **CSGHA (Association) Financial Agreement Form**).

- The **team fee** budget is set at the start of the season by the coaches, manager and team treasurer and is voted for approval by the team. The team treasurer will provide a monthly update of actual expenses against the budget. Any significant deviations to the team fee budget **MUST** be shared with the members of the team and may require a vote by the team members for approval.
- Colorado Select **strongly encourages** our teams to participate in both Association and team specific fundraising efforts that can substantially reduce each family's financial output.

As a general estimate, 8U families should expect to spend approximately \$200 in Team Fees for the year (excluding family travel).

Financial Needs-Based Assistance:

CSGHA offers financial assistance based upon demonstrable need. Scholarship applications will be available on the web site after May 15th.

Misc:

Practice Player Option:

Throughout the season CSGHA will continue to provide any girl the opportunity to play hockey. Players that join during the regular season will be given the opportunity to be a Practice Player. Practice Players are provided the ability to attend weekday practices and weekday dryland sessions. These players will not have the ability to play in friendlies or Jamborees without the consent of the team, Age Division Director and Director of Recreational Hockey. These families will pay a pro-rated Association Fee and will not pay additional team fees unless they participate in friendlies, tournaments or social functions as approved above.

Under Age Tryout Request:

CSGHA believes that all players have the right to play at their appropriate age level as dictated by USA Hockey. Recreation age appropriate players are not eligible for Under Age Tryout Request.