

OVERVIEW OF TEAM SOUTH DAKOTA

TEAM SD 16U & 19U:

In the fall, these teams will play approximately 14-16 qualification games from September through early November – over 4 to 5 weekends – through a combination of tournaments and weekend friendlies. The games are played across the upper Midwest – including one weekend in Chicago and one weekend in Minneapolis. The rest of the qualification games will be played in South Dakota, North Dakota, Wisconsin, and/or Nebraska. In addition to the game weekends, there will be scheduled practice weekends commencing in mid-August.

At the conclusion of the fall qualification season, each skater returns to their respective local association for the regular SDAHA season and state tournament.

Commencing the weekend after the SDAHA Girls Varsity State Tournament, the team will reunite for practice/game weekends. The make-up of these weekends will be determined based on whether there are other 16U/19U Tier II girls teams in the Northern Plains District (NPD) vying for the one slot NPD has for the Nationals tournament. If there are multiple teams from the district vying for the slot, Team SD will need to play in and win the district play-in Tournament to be held on a TBD date and at a TBD location. Upon success of this tournament (if required), the team will continue to have practice/warm-up game weekends, before heading to the USA Hockey Tier-II Girls National Tournament. That event will be held in Irvine CA, March 25-29, 2021.

Team South Dakota is funded by each player's participation fees as a member of the team. This fee covers the skater's transportation costs to/at/from Nationals (if they make it – although no refunds if they do not), all ice-time (practices, tournament and other qualification games), coaching expenses, officials, and warm up apparel. It does not include accommodations at Nationals (each skater will stay with her family while at the tournament) and it does not include other transportation or accommodation expenses to practice weekends or other games/tournaments. Each team members participation fee can be offset by selling the raffle tickets that are provided to help fund their participation on the team.

Team SD 14U:

This team will have a series of weekends with practices and at least 2-3 weekends of games (3-4 games each weekend) during the fall. The team will take the ice in mid to late August and will conclude the end of October/early November (prior to the start of the SDAHA league season). This is NOT a National bound team. The exact details on what specific weekends and where are still being worked on, but to give a brief idea last year the 14U girls were on the ice for eight weekends in the fall. The intent of this team is development – on-ice skills, off-ice skills, team work, etc. As a player, it is expected you will work hard and give it your all.

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****Please note:** If you have a player who is interested in trying out for TSD but is unable to attend the scheduled tryout dates please register your player, pay the registration fee and check that the player is unable to attend the scheduled tryout. SDAHA and the TSD coaches will schedule an evaluation for your player to participate in so they may be considered for placement on one of our teams!

