



FAQ

Rocky Mountain District Evaluation Camp Children's Health Stars Center-Plano, TX Children's Health Stars Center – Farmers Branch, TX May 8-10, 2026

What is The Rocky Mountain District Player Evaluation Camp?

The RMD Camp is part of USA Hockey's player development process. USA Hockey's Youth Council / National Player Development Committee run the national player development camps. The purpose of the national camps is to further develop, educate, and identify national team caliber players from across the country. Each of the twelve districts that makes up USA Hockey conducts a Player Evaluation Camp.

The National Boys Camps will be held in Buffalo, NY, and the girls at Miami University in Oxford, OH. Complete information about the National Camps including dates, can be found on the USA Hockey Web Site: www.usahockey.com

What is the purpose of the district camp?

There are multiple purposes and objectives of the camp. Players attending will:

- Be on the ice with NCAA College, Junior, AAA, Prep School, USAH National and, sometimes, NHL personnel.
- Have the opportunity to measure themselves against the best players in the district.
- Be exposed to scouts and higher level coaching.
- Be evaluated and ranked for selection to the gender and birth year specific National USA Hockey Select Camps.

Who is eligible to attend?

All US citizens, whose primary residence is within the Rocky Mountain District (AZ, CO, ID, NM, OK, TX, and UT). The 2026 District Camp is for boys and girls who are born in the years of 2011, 2010 and 2009.

How to I qualify? Where do I tryout?

Each state within the district is given an allocation of available spots at the camp. Each state holds a Player Evaluation/Development Camp where players are selected to advance to the district camp. If your primary residence is within, AZ, CO, ID, NM, OK, TX, or UT then you must go through your affiliate to advance to the district camp.

I go to school and play out of the district. What camp should I attend?

USA Hockey determines player eligibility for camps based upon a player's primary residence (where do your parents pay taxes?). If it is within the Rocky Mountain District then you must tryout through the district process. If you cannot make your affiliate (state) camp then you need to work through the affiliate to arrange to be evaluated by at a camp local to you. You must contact your state player development camp director to make arrangements. Do not attend a local camp unless you have coordinated with your state player development director.

When, where, and how much does the camp cost?

The camp will be held at the Children’s Health Stars Center-Plano and Children’s Health Stars Center Farmers Branch from Friday May 8 to Sunday afternoon May 10, 2026. A tentative schedule will be posted on the RMD website in April. The schedule is subject to change, but the camp start and end times will not change so folks can make their travel arrangements in advance. If making travel arrangements, please allow sufficient time to be at on-site registration and enough time to be at the last session for your age group. Players will be released immediately after their last session. The cost of the camp is \$350/player with each player responsible for his/her own transportation, housing and meals.

What is the registration procedure?

After being selected by your state, you will receive an email from the district through Rocky Mountain Registrars (same as your state camp for most RMD states) giving you directions on how to complete the registration process. Because we have more qualified players wanting to attend the camp than available spots, we will put a deadline on your registering, and, if you do not meet the timeline, you run the risk of losing your spot. If you have difficulty in meeting the timelines, please communicate with us, and we will help to work it out.

What is the format for the boy’s camp?

Each birth year (2009,2010,2011) will be on the ice four times (75 min sessions). Every ice session will be a game played against another team from the same age group. Forwards/Defense will be assigned to a team based on jersey color. Goalies will all wear the same jersey and will be moved amongst the teams as requested by the evaluation staff. Goalies will initially be assigned to a team color for check-in and their first game. Evaluation staff members may move goalies between teams.

Bring your own water bottle!

Education Sessions: There will be an educational session for each birth year (open to players and parents) entitled “**Player Development Pathways**”

Can Parents attend?

All sessions are open to parents (Please review the facility protocols). There are restrictive areas where parents are not allowed (locker rooms, inside the ice area, etc.). There are plenty of areas available from which to view. We ask that you do not enter the restricted areas.

Who may I contact if I have additional questions?

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However, it is strongly advised that your initial questions be directed to your local Affiliate/State representative.

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