

About Fort Wayne High School Hockey League

- High School Hockey in Fort Wayne is the premier social and competitive hockey event for high school athletes.
- Varsity league games are primarily on Wednesday nights before a large crowd of students, friends and family, representing a school club team.
- Regular season games begin in early October and run through mid-February.
- Teams play crossover games against other Indiana high school teams. Weekend crossover showcases include:
 - Summit City Classic in Fort Wayne (November)
 - Michiana Crossover Showcase in South Bend (December)
 - Hoosier Crossover Showcase in Fishers/Carmel (January)
 - Teams will schedule additional crossover games throughout the season.
- Memorial Cup playoffs for league championship in late February
- Indiana State High School Hockey Association (ISHSHA) Invitational Tournament in late February-early March for opportunity to win a state high school hockey championship.
- Most games are played in Fort Wayne. Minimal travel and overnight stays within Indiana.
- Each team practices 2 times per week starting in early September.
- Teams may also schedule open practices during the summer months.

Other Benefits of Fort Wayne High School Hockey

- Live radio broadcasting and video streaming of league games
- Local television and newspaper coverage
- **Team Indiana** 16U or 18U opportunity. "All-State" teams of the best high school players in the state of Indiana compete in a few high-level regional showcase tournaments, concluding in April with the America's Showcase Tournament in St Louis featuring several all-state teams. These showcases are highly scouted by college and junior teams throughout the nation.
- Chase Warner Memorial Scholarship through the Indiana Warbirds
- Academic Scholarship Opportunities for Seniors through ISHSHA
 - Matt Crace Memorial Award
 - Nick Wehring Memorial Award
 - J Howard Guitard Memorial Award
 - Robert Gillikin Award
 - Dr. Jeffrey Watt STEM Academic Achievement Scholarship Award
- ISHSHA Academic All-State Team recognition
- Hobey Baker High School Character Award and national registry (selected by team's head coach)
- IndyStar Indiana Sports Awards high school hockey player of the year banquet (nomination/invitee event)

How do I get on a Fort Wayne High School League Hockey Team?

- New players who are enrolled in an Allen County school district must register and tryout for the school district-based team.
 - Bishop Dwenger High School: Fort Wayne Vipers
 - Bishop Luers High School: Leo Lions
 - Blackhawk Christian High School: Leo Lions
 - Canterbury High School: Leo Lions
 - Concordia Lutheran High School: Leo Lions
 - Fort Wayne Community Schools: Fort Wayne Vipers
 - East Allen County Schools: Leo Lions
 - Northwest Allen County Schools: Carroll Chargers
 - Southwest Allen County Schools: Homestead Spartans
- New players enrolled at a school district outside of Allen County, or who are home schooled, are still eligible to tryout through the open draft. This also includes school districts outside of the Fort Wayne area or Ohio/Michigan.
- Returning players are to attend the tryout of the varsity team they most recently played for. Returning players from the Renegades attend the tryout for their school district-based varsity team.
- Players who are not selected at a varsity team tryout are eligible to return for the open draft tryout to be evaluated by other varsity teams.
- Prep (Junior Varsity): Players who are not selected or drafted by a varsity team are eligible to try out for the High School Prep team. We may have 2 teams depending on the number of registered and eligible players.
- Special rules are in place to allow siblings an option to play on the same team subject to available spots on the team.

What about participating on a 16U or 18U Showcase Team?

- Players will have the option of trying out and participating on both a High School Hockey Team, and a Fort Wayne Travel Showcase Team (16U or 18U). These teams will participate in higher level tournaments or showcases throughout the season. Practice and game schedules will accommodate both the high school hockey team and the showcase team.

Registration and Additional Information

- All players must pre-register for the tryouts on the SportONE Parkview Icehouse website ([Mysportsort.com](https://mysportsort.com). [Your Sports league manager. Bringing you Schedules, Stats, Standings and More...](#)). USA Hockey registration for the upcoming season will be required prior to registering for tryouts.
- Tryout dates and times will be posted on the SportONE Parkview Icehouse website ([SportONE Parkview Icehouse – Fort Wayne's Largest Ice Rink](#)).
- ISHSHA, Team Indiana, Academic Scholarship and Hobey Baker Awards information can be found on ISHSHA website (www.ishsha.com and www.hobeybaker.com/hscharacteraward).
- Contact the FWAHA High School Hockey Commissioner with any questions: Tom Bunn (bunner1171@gmail.com).

Summary of Fort Wayne High School Hockey League

Varsity Teams (Carroll, Fort Wayne Vipers, Homestead, Leo)

- On-Ice Practices: 2 per week starting in early September and ending in late February. Approximately 45 practices.
- Off-Ice PSM Sports Performance Training: 2 per week starting in August and ending in October. Approximately 20 sessions.
- Teams or players may schedule additional training throughout the season.
- League Games: 15 starting in late October and ending in mid-February.
- League Playoffs: Memorial Cup playoffs in late February.
- Crossover Games: 12-16 crossover games against other Indiana high school hockey teams. These include the Summit City crossover showcase in early November (Fort Wayne), Michiana crossover showcase in December (South Bend), Hoosier crossover showcase in January (Fishers/Carmel). Teams will also schedule a few additional crossover games. There will be some travel (primarily within Indiana) and a few overnight hotel stays throughout the season.
- ISHSHA State Invitational Tournament: Late February/early March.
- Total Games including tournaments: 30-35
- Approximate cost: \$2,200-\$2,500 per player (jerseys and travel extra). Fundraising options are available.
- Each varsity team is their own USA Hockey organization. They have their own board of directors, choose their coaches, additional training, and manage their by-laws, policies, budget and payment plan.

Prep/Junior Varsity Team (Fort Wayne Renegades)

- Designed for players who are not quite at the skill or experience level of varsity high school hockey. Focus is more on development, improving skills and game sense to help prepare players for varsity teams.
- On-Ice Practices: 2 per week starting in early September and ending in late February. Approximately 45 practices.
- Off-Ice PSM Sports Performance Training: 2 per week starting in August and ending in October. Approximately 20 sessions.
- Additional on-ice skills practices and off-ice training including shooting, body contact and video. Approximately 20 sessions.
- Games: 28-30 games including 1-2 tournaments. Games will be within the Indiana HS Prep League and lower-level varsity teams. There will be some travel (primarily within Indiana) and a few overnight hotel stays throughout the season.
- Qualify for the ISHSHA State Invitational Prep Tournament.
- Approximate cost: \$2,200 - \$2,500 per player (jerseys and travel extra). Fundraising options are available.
- The Renegades team is operated by the Fort Wayne High School Hockey League and overseen by the High School Hockey Commissioner.

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Tryout Dates and Times for 2024-2025 season

Registration on SportONE Parkview Icehouse website under “Hockey”

Carroll

Tuesday April 30th 8:30 pm
Tuesday May 7th 8:40 pm

Leo

Tuesday April 30th 8:40 pm
Tuesday May 7th 8:30 pm

Open Draft Initial Evaluation

Tuesday April 23rd 8:30 pm

Homestead

Thursday May 2nd 7:50 pm
Thursday May 9th 7:40 pm

Vipers

Thursday May 2nd 7:40 pm
Thursday May 9th 7:50 pm

Open Draft Final Tryout & Renegades

Thursday May 16th 7:40 pm

Open Draft: New players who are not attending a school district within Allen County Indiana. This also includes players who are “home schooled” or enrolled in virtual or online high school level courses. These players also return at the open draft final tryout as the varsity teams will fill their remaining roster openings.

Players who are “cut” or “released” from their team tryout may return to the open draft final tryout as the varsity teams will fill their remaining roster openings.

Undrafted players will be considered for the Renegades Prep/JV level high school team. The open draft final tryout will also be considered as a tryout for the Renegades. A supplemental tryout or callbacks will be scheduled if needed.

PSM Force 16U Tryouts (2008 and 2009 birth year players)

This is a “part-time” team (primarily tournaments) to supplement the player’s high school team. Separate FWAHA tryout registration is required. There are additional team fees and travel expenses. A 2nd team may be considered if there are enough qualified players and qualified coaches.

Monday May 20 th	7:40 pm
Wednesday May 22 nd	8:10 pm

For any questions regarding High School Hockey and tryouts, contact:

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