



2004 “AAA”: 2020-21 Season Information

Building on the success of our current 2004 U14 team which recently qualified for the Mid-AM Tier 1 District Playoffs, the 2004 “AAA” Birth Year will again be designated “Tier 1” and will compete against some of the best teams in North America. This group will practice multiple times a week, Team practices will focus on the skills and team concepts to continue the development of our players as they continue their development process. The team information is as follows:

- **Head Coach** – Dave Klasnick
 - Over 10 years coaching experience at all levels of youth hockey
 - Played in the Hornets organization from Mite to Bantam
 - Played 2 years in the USHL Jr. “A”, and 4 years for the University of Denver – Division 1
- **League** - Independent AAA
- **Practice** – Two weeknight practices, once in a skill based shared ice session, and once on full ice as a team. In addition, weekend days where games are not scheduled practices will be held giving each player a minimum of 4 ice sessions per week.
- **High School Friendly** – We encourage our players to compete on their school teams if they choose. As an organization, we believe kids at this age should be afforded the opportunity to experience the fun environment High School Hockey provides, allowing them to compete for their school in front of classmates and parents.
- **Game Schedule** – Per the USA Hockey guidelines, a schedule of approximately 60 games against the highest level of competition. Game scheduling has already begun and will be published this summer to allow families the opportunity to plan accordingly for home and road games. We have already secured several teams in the Mid-Am, New York, and Atlantic for our schedule. The schedule in 2020-21 will continue to strengthen as we continue to grow our AAA program.
- **Tournaments** – this team will compete in several high-level tournaments including
 - Gold Puck Tournament – Waterloo, ONT
 - Toronto Titans Invitational, Toronto, ONT
 - Mo-Town Classic (Detroit, MI)
 - Harbor Town Tournament in Buffalo, NY
 - Additional Showcase Schedule TBD
- **Skater Season Fee** – \$2,500, this fee covers all practices and independent game schedule (Tournaments entered will be billed on a per player basis)
- **Goalie Season Fee** - \$500



- Note: goalies will receive a \$750 stipend for goalie instruction, instructors are at the discretion of the team and player
- **Coach Fee** – Not Applicable
- **National Bound** – Our current 2004 team qualified for the Mid-Am Tier “1” District Playoffs by being ranked in the top 6 in the Mid-Am “MyHockey” rankings. The plan for this team next year is to again compete for the Mid-Am Tier “1” Playoffs. This National Bound team will be a highly competitive team with the intent of competing against some of the best teams in North America.

If your player is interested in trying out for this team, we will have series of open skates that are open to all current and prospective MLHA members. Space for these is limited, and so we will hold spots based on a first come – first serve basis. The cost for these sessions is \$30 and information is on the MLHA website.

Try-out Link: <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/225711>

Tryout Dates:

- April 14th – 8:10 – 9:00 PM
- April 17th - 6:10 – 7:30 PM (Call Back)
- April 18th - 4:10 – 6:00 PM (Call Back)
- April 19th - 9:10 – 10:20 AM (Call Back)

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