



BVHS ACADEMY

2026-2027 SEASON

Bow Valley Hockey Society – Our Community is Hockey. Respect, Teamwork, Leadership and Performance.

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Background:

During the 2017-2018 Hockey Season, the Hockey Super Leagues held their inaugural Season. This unsanctioned Hockey League has seen exponential growth over the past eight seasons. The BV Academy will provide our members with a variety of supplemental resources to make them more well-rounded athletes. These supplemental resources and additional ice times are meant to help compete against the HSL and PHL, resulting in fewer players leaving the Society to play in the unsanctioned leagues. Our goal is to continue to develop our players and help in their progression to the Calgary Buffaloes Elite Stream.

Purpose:

This program is geared toward developing our top-tier U11 AA and U13 AA Players. The Academy is designed to provide these players and coaches with additional resources to help develop their individual and team-related skill sets. This program will build each player's confidence while ensuring we develop their skill sets to help prepare them for the Calgary Buffaloes.

Guidelines:

The U11 and U13 Age Groups will take part in the BV Evaluations Process as outlined in the BVHS Evaluation Policy. Players will have the ability to choose the option to play at the BV Academy Level (top Team AA) for these respective age groups. If a player chooses not to play at this level, then they will max out at the Division below the Academy – U11 Div 1 and U13 Div 1.

Commitment Contract:

Every player that decides to evaluate at the BV Academy Level and is successful at making one of these teams will be required to sign a commitment contract that will outline the expectation of both the parent and player for the 2026 - 2027 Season.

With regards to the Academy teams, players are expected to make a minimum of 95% of all team-level events. Parents will be expected to fundraise their portion of any fundraising initiatives that the team chooses to take part in.

Hockey Calgary U13 Thanksgiving Classic Tournament

U13 AA will partake in the HC Thanksgiving Classic scheduled for Oct 9-12, 2026, and each parent will be required to volunteer at the respective tournament. This volunteer commitment does not count towards the BV Society Level Bond. Entry for the tournament is to be paid using team funds (The academy fee does not cover the entry fee for this respective tournament).

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Program Details:

Approximately 55-60 Practices (All other teams will receive 40-45 Practices). Each of these teams will receive 15 more practices than the non-BV Academy Teams.

- U11 AA Team will receive 20 Full Ice Practices. These ice times must be used for practices and cannot be used for games.
- U13 AA Team will receive all full ice practices.
- Depending on the ice demands of the Society, some practices may be run on weekday mornings between 6:00-7:30am. Best efforts are made to not schedule any weekday morning ice times (These sessions are included in the 15 additional practice times offered).
- Teams are welcome to purchase additional ice times with team funds.

Hockey Calgary Games – Teams will receive their scheduled games for the seeding and regular season through Hockey Calgary. U13 AA will play 90 – minute games. U11 AA will receive 90 – minute home games where scheduling permits.

Exhibition and Tournament Games – This will be voted on by the respective parent group, but parents should expect that these teams will come close to hitting the Hockey Calgary max game limits. These teams are encouraged to pick up ice at rural arenas and run 2hr exhibition games.

Parents should expect to take part in a minimum of two out-of-town tournaments.

Development Overview of the BV Academy

- 7 Fitness Sessions at the Trico Centre (coaches and team to decide type of training sessions)
- 3 Boxing Sessions at Legacy Boxing Club
- 3 Goalie Sessions – BV Manager of Development (MD) will attend 4 Practices to work with the goalies throughout the Season.
- \$620 towards shooting lanes to be scheduled by the respective team at either the Score Shooting Lanes or the Overtime Shooting Lanes. Teams submit their receipts to BV for reimbursement. The Head Coach will determine which facility best meets their needs.
- U11 AA and U13 AA Coaching staff will have access to the Hudl Account and are welcome to do additional video sessions throughout the season. MHD and MHO available to support breaking down video as requested.
- Coaches in the BV Academy will be expected to run mid and post-season meetings with the players. It will be the coaching staff's discretion as to whether they ask parents to attend the coach/player meetings.
- The Manager of Hockey Operations will attend and run 4 practices for the U11 AA Team throughout the course of the season.
- The Manager of Development and the Manager of Hockey Operations are available to assist with practices and or support in any way to help provide additional development support to these respective teams.

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Apparel Package

Each player will receive an apparel package which includes an Under Armour hoodie and an Under Armour Golf Shirt (golf shirts to be worn for all games). Coaches will receive a BV track jacket.

Additional apparel and equipment may be ordered at the discretion of the team.

Coach Selection:

Coaches will be selected as per the BVHS Coach Selection Guideline. Coaching staff will be selected based on their desire to grow the BV Academy and to work in conjunction with the BV Board of Directors and MHO, MOD, to make this an "Elite Level" program.

Each team will have a maximum of 5 Coaches. 1 Head Coach and 4 Assistant Coaches. Each team will designate a goalie coach, and they will assign two coaches to work with the forwards and two coaches to work with the defence.

BVHS will make its best efforts to announce U13 AA Coaching Appointments in early spring. Best efforts are made to select non-parents for the U13 AA level.

Program Costs:

The BV Academy will be an additional cost. BV will work with families and provide payment plans for those who need them. Once teams are formed, any player successful in making one of the BV Academy teams will be sent a link where they will be asked to pay an additional fee related to the U11 AA and U13 AA Academy Programs.

Please contact Roula Kherfan – Roula@bvhs.ca if finances are an issue and a payment plan will be setup to ensure that no one is turned away due to financial constraints.

U11: \$1450 plus \$525 BV Academy Fee: \$ 1,975

U13: \$1550 plus \$750 BV Academy Fee: \$ 2,300

Questions:

Please contact Trevor Morgan with any questions and or concerns you may have regarding the BV Academy.

Yours in Hockey,
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