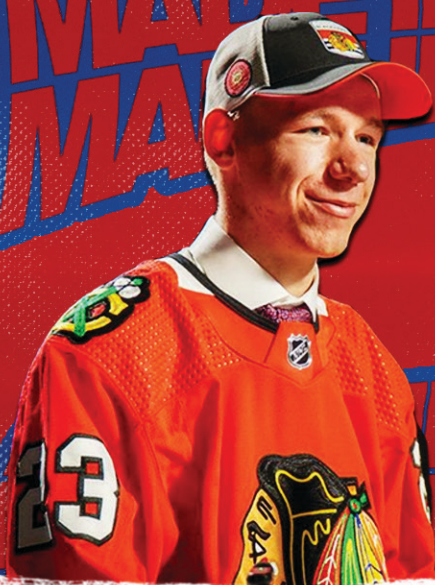


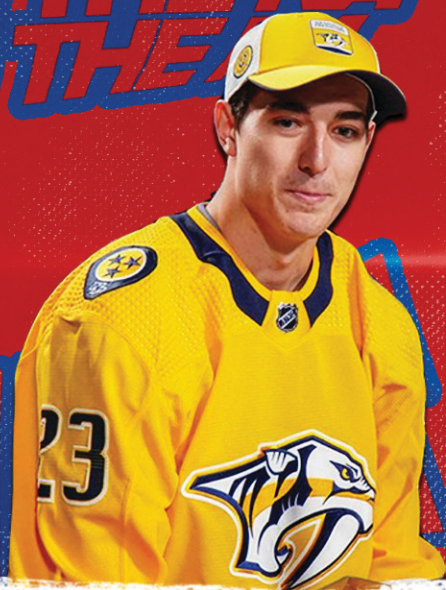
2023-24 NAHL

# RECRUITING GUIDE



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2023 ROUND 2 #35 OVERALL  
NAHL 2022-23



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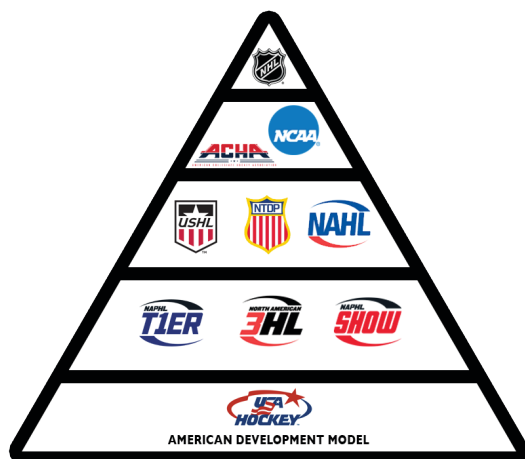


## USA HOCKEY CERTIFIED AND DUAL ADVANCEMENT PATH

The 2023-24 North American Hockey League Recruiting Resource Guide provides prospective players and their families with a look into the NAHL's history, advancement success, strategic partnerships and the ladder of development within the USA Hockey landscape. We want everyone to come away with a better understanding of how the NAHL and its family of leagues can help the prospective players develop both on and off the ice in order to realize their hockey goals. The NAHL is the ONLY Tier II junior league within the USA Hockey landscape

The NAHL has established partnerships with USA Hockey and USHL in an effort to further strengthen and streamline the junior hockey landscape in the United States.

The partnership reinforces the NAHL's common core commitment to develop players for the NCAA and NHL. When you combine the strength and resources of these strategic partnerships you get an unmatched investment into the advancement of the players entrusted to the NAHL.



### USA HOCKEY LADDER OF DEVELOPMENT

The USHL and the NAHL have created policies that allow players to move back and forth between the leagues, under certain conditions, more freely. With advancement being a primary goal of both leagues, the opportunity for players to play in the best spot for their development at that became very important. This partnership between the two leagues promotes the Ladder of Development in junior hockey and provides for greater developmental and advancement opportunities for players. The USHL is the ONLY Tier I junior league within the USA Hockey landscape.

USA Hockey and the North American Hockey League have announced an enhanced long-term partnership that will further improve the junior hockey development program in the United States. As part of the enhanced partnership, USA Hockey will provide additional resources to the NAHL to continue to improve all facets of the league, including player development, coaching, officiating and overall visibility.

LEAGUE OF OPPORTUNITY



Currently in its 49th season, the North American Hockey League (NAHL) began as a small bus league in the Midwest during the 1975-76 season, and has grown into the largest and oldest USA Hockey-Certified junior hockey circuit with 32 teams representing some of the nation's best collegiate development programs. The NAHL's proven pathway for young adults between the ages of 16-20 stems from the commitment of the best owners, coaches and players in the country. It is the only USA Hockey-sanctioned Tier II junior league boasting teams in 20 states across the country.

Each season, hundreds of collegiate and professional scouts attend NAHL games and events, continuing the league's proven track record of moving players on to the next level. In 2023, a total of 380 NAHL players committed to play NCAA hockey, with 70% of those being Division I commitments. It also marked the seventh consecutive season with over 300 NCAA commitments.

Players that move on from the North American Hockey League have thrived at the next level. Of the 80+ players nominated for the Hobey Baker Award, 21 were NAHL alumni. In the last 10 years, 50 players have been selected in the NHL Draft and 57 alumni began the 2022-23 season on NHL rosters.

## THE LEAGUE OF OPPORTUNITY







# ALUMNI



**600+**  
**38%**  
**380**  
**12.5**

**NAHL ALUMNI  
IN NCAA DI HOCKEY**

**OF ALL NCAA DI  
FRESHMEN ARE  
NAHL ALUMNI**

**NCAA COMMITMENTS  
IN 2023**

**PLAYERS PER NAHL  
TEAM THAT ADVANCE  
TO NCAA ANNUALLY**

## MAKING AN IMPACT

NAHL ALUMNI PLAYING NCAA DI



**BENI HALASZ**

NAHL 2020-2022



**ZAK GALAMBOS**

NAHL 2014-2017



**MATTIAS SHOLL**

NAHL 2018-2020



**SAM BRENNAN**

NAHL 2018-2020

**THE LEAGUE OF OPPORTUNITY**

「A STEP ABOVE  
THE REST」  
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## OUR HISTORY

Celebrating its 14th season in 2023-24, the North American 3 Hockey League (NA3HL), is the only USA Hockey-certified Tier III Junior league. The NA3HL serves as one of the top training grounds in the country by providing the best coaching, exposure and developmental vehicles available for student-athletes in its classification, boasting 34 teams in 16 states across America.

The primary mission of the NA3HL, which is managed organizationally by the NAHL, is to provide a structured developmental environment for student-athletes whose youth options are limited but are still reaching their potential and aspire to play in the NAHL or United States Hockey League (USHL) and eventually the NCAA or American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA).

The NA3HL hosts three league events each season including the NA3HL Showcase, the NA3HL Top Prospects Tournament, and the Fraser Cup which attract hundreds of scouts annually. Certified scouts evaluate and promote NA3HL players to NAHL and NCAA coaches throughout the year. Players can also advance through an exclusive NAHL tendering system available only to NA3HL players. The league is also committed to player safety, employing a full-time department to player safety and officiating.

A graphic titled "2023 DUAL ADVANCEMENT PATH" showing the progression from NA3HL to NAHL and NCAA. It includes statistics: 60+ NAHL alumni played in the NAHL, 35 players signed NAHL tenders, 28 players selected in the NAHL draft, and 140+ NCAA commitments in 2023. It also features photos of players Matt Allen, Ben Anderson, and Carsen Stokes.

NAHL	NA3HL	NCAA
60+ ALUMNI PLAYED IN THE NAHL	2023 DUAL ADVANCEMENT PATH	140+ NCAA COMMITMENTS IN 2023
35 PLAYERS SIGNED NAHL TENDERS		
28 PLAYERS SELECTED IN THE NAHL DRAFT		

## DUAL ADVANCEMENT PATH

No other league has had more movement and advanced more players onto play in the NAHL than the NA3HL. Thanks to additional and enhanced initiatives that have been in place for the past few years in cooperation with the NAHL, more players from the NA3HL play, practice, and earn NCAA Division I scholarships with the NAHL than any other league. The NA3HL also continues to make its mark and is one of the leaders in junior hockey with the advancement of players onto the NCAA. In 2023, the NA3HL had over 140+ college commitments, with over half of those being NCAA commitments. In addition, over 300 former NA3HL players are currently playing in the NCAA, and 28 former NA3HL are currently playing NCAA Division I hockey.

The NA3HL not only saw 63 of its players tendered or drafted by NAHL teams, but over 60+ NA3HL alumni played in the NAHL this past season. The NA3HL also saw 10 current or former players make NCAA Division I commitments this past season. The NA3HL is the only USA Hockey-certified Tier III junior hockey league and the only league that has an exclusive NAHL tendering system available only to NA3HL players. The tendering and draft pick process selections play a big part in the eventual advancement of players each season.

As part of the enhanced initiatives that have now been in place for multiple seasons, all NAHL teams engaged and worked in cooperation with NA3HL teams for increased access to players, including allowing NA3HL players to practice with NAHL teams during the season. The program created additional dialogue between NAHL and NA3HL teams to find prospects and provide them an in-season opportunity for NAHL experience and evaluation. Its direct benefits are resulted in one-of-a-kind opportunities not found anywhere else in USA Hockey-sanctioned junior hockey.





# ALUMNI



**30+**  
**140**  
**60+**  
**320+**  
**750+**

**NA3HL ALUMNI IN  
NCAA DI**

**NCAA COMMITMENTS  
IN 2023**

**ALUMNI PLAYING IN  
THE NAHL**

**NCAA DIII ALUMNI**

**ALUMNI PLAYING IN  
ACHA**

## MAKING AN IMPACT

NA3HL ALUMNI EARNING DI COMMITMENTS



**ANTHONY ACHILLE**

ARIZONA STATE



**KAYDEN HARGRAVES**

AUGUSTANA UNIVERSITY



**BENJAMIN ANDERSON**

ALASKA ANCHORAGE



**JASE SOFO**

ST. THOMAS

**A STEP ABOVE THE REST**



## OUR HISTORY

Currently in its 15th season in 2023-24, the North American Prospects Hockey League (NAPHL) is made up of teams that compete at the 18U, 16U, 15U, and 14U USA Hockey Tier I and Tier II levels. The success of NAPHL teams on the National stage, as well as the success of NAPHL players at the next levels of hockey is further proof that the NAPHL is redefining exposure and has elevated itself to one of the premier training grounds for development and opportunity.

The NAPHL is made up of three different leagues to enhance and broaden competition. The T1ER League has a renewed event structure to make competing in the NAPHL simple and more valuable. The NAPHL Top Prospects for T1ER teams is held in conjunction with the NAHL Top Prospects Tournament which is played in front of hundreds of scouts. The playing rules have also been tailored to provide a true junior preparatory environment. The SHOW league plays three league events in order to maximize competition, development and exposure. It also has access to an exclusive tendering system with the NAHL and NA3HL. The FALL League schedule takes place before the high school season begins and is designed to provide additional competition, development and exposure to NAHL branded FALL team players.



## MULTI ADVANCEMENT PATH

The NAPHL T1ER League has enjoyed a record-breaking amount of advancement in recent seasons, highlighted by a large amount of T1ER players earning their way to the North American Hockey League. In the last five years, no other USA Hockey Midget Tier I league has had more players play in the NAHL than the NAPHL. In 2023, a total of 95 NAPHL T1ER players were either drafted or tendered by NAHL teams, which set new single-season record. Over 100+ NAPHL alumni are currently rostered in the NAHL, 23 of those current NAHL players, who are NAPHL alumni, made NCAA Division I commitments in 2023. In addition, five former NAPHL players were selected in the 2023 NHL Draft. No matter what age classification you compete, the T1ER provides the most dynamic vertical exposure structure designed specifically to educate, develop, expose and advance players.





# ALUMNI



**80+**  
**200+**  
**120**  
**50**  
**125**

**NCAA DI ALUMNI**

**NCAA DIII ALUMNI**

**ALUMNI PLAYING IN  
THE NAHL**

**ALUMNI PLAYING IN  
THE USHL**

**ALUMNI PLAYING  
CANADIAN JUNIORS**

## MAKING AN IMPACT

NAPHL ALUMNI IN NHL



**AUSTON MATTHEWS**

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS  
NAPHL 2011-2012



**JEREMY SWAYMAN**

BOSTON BRUINS  
NAPHL 2015-2016



**THATCHER DEMKO**

VANCOUVER CANUCKS  
NAPHL 2010-2011



**BRANDON DUHAIME**

MINNESOTA WILD  
NAPHL 2012-2014

**EXPOSURE REDEFINED**



# COMBINES

## ABOUT THE NAHL COMBINES

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The goal of the NAHL Combines is to provide the aspiring hockey player the opportunity to take part in a one-of-a-kind experience that is designed to maximize exposure at grand-scale events that feature the genuine NAHL Experience. NAHL Combines are run by the professional staff of the North American Hockey League, and are carefully designed to provide **education, exposure, and experience** for prospects that strive to advance their hockey development at the junior hockey and college level.

- **EDUCATION** — players participate in seminars that discuss the NAHL junior hockey experience, the ladder of development, as well as, NCAA compliance seminars. Players learn about a variety of key aspects of their hockey future, including NCAA compliance and eligibility, recruiting processes and the correct path to college hockey, as well as an in-depth look at the three different tiers of junior hockey.
- **EXPOSURE** — players compete in front of NAHL and NA3HL Coaches and NA3HL Central Scouting as they begin to build key relationships with junior teams and coaches. With NAHL Tryout Camps and the NAHL Draft taking place from May through July, NAHL Combines are a perfect indicator to evaluate just how ready they are for the next step and receive valuable feedback.
- **EXPERIENCE** — players from all over North America and Europe will play multiple games against other NAHL and NCAA hockey prospects with team's coached by staff members from NAHL, NAHL Central Scouting, and NA3HL teams, providing a top notch, professional, and memorable experience.

## WHAT TAKES PLACE AT THE NAHL COMBINES

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Players will be assigned to a team and receive a weekend schedule 24 hours prior to the combine. From there, each team will play four scrimmages as NAHL and NA3HL coaches work with the players behind the bench. The players' introduction to junior hockey will continue through educational seminars for both combine participants and their families.

- Junior hockey experience through four scrimmage games with coaching from NAHL and NA3HL staff members
- Participants are able to build a relationship with current NAHL & NA3HL Coaches and Scouts on the benches, and receive direct feedback during games
- In-person educational seminars about the junior hockey landscape, including:
  - o USA Hockey/NAHL partnership and the path to college hockey in the U.S. along the NAHL Ladder of Development
  - o Academic preparation and NCAA compliance seminars

The NAHL offers two different combines: A Junior Combine for junior-aged (2004-2008) players who are looking for scouting exposure to all NAHL and NA3HL teams. A Prospects Combine (2008-2010) for future Prospects of the NAHL.

## FINDING THE RIGHT NAHL COMBINE FOR YOU

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- March 22-24, 2024 - St. Louis, MO
- April 5-7, 2024 - Middletown, NJ
- April 19-21, 2024 - Columbus, OH
- April 26-28, 2024 - Irvine, CA
- May 3-5, 2024 - Attleboro, MA

**REGISTRATION OPENS  
DECEMBER 8TH**



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## THE NEW STREAMING HOME OF THE NORTH AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE

The North American Hockey League, along with their development partners in the NA3HL and NAPHL, have announced the details, packages, and pricing for the NAHLTV streaming platform, which is the exclusive home for all streaming content to all games played in the NAHL, NA3HL, and NAPHL beginning in the 2023-24 season.

Fans can go to [nahltv.com](http://nahltv.com) to create their free account and choose from one of three different types of plans, which includes pricing for pay-as-you-go per game viewing, a monthly plan, or a yearly plan.

To sign up and begin the process, fans first will register and create a free account at [nahltv.com](http://nahltv.com). In the main navigation menu (top right), select "Register" and complete the form.

- The Pay-as-you-go plan, which is \$14.99 per game, allows fans to buy access to watch a specific game live or on-demand. The game will be available to watch for 48 hours after purchase.
- The Basic monthly plan will cost \$29.99 and will include access to all NAHL, NA3HL, and NAPHL content live and on-demand for a full month.
- The Basic yearly plan is \$179.99 and will include access to all NAHL, NA3HL, and NAPHL content live and on-demand for the entire season. Online payments can be made by Visa, MasterCard or American Express.

NAHLTV is designed and supported for viewing on PC, MAC, Android phones and tablets, and iOS phones and tablets. NAHLTV is responsively designed and can be viewed on a variety of screen sizes. Fans may also cast to a TV using an Android device for Google Chromecast, or an Apple device for Apple TV. In order to view a video cast to a large screen TV, a minimum of 5Mbps download speed is recommended. In the near future, an NAHLTV app will be available on Roku, AppleTV, FireTV, and Chromecast for additional convenience.

The platform will include all live games and other exclusive content, which includes all pre-season, regular season, playoff, Showcase, Top Prospects, All-Star, and special event games in all three leagues. NAHLTV will also be the host of the 2024 NAHL and NA3HL Drafts.



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