

Niagara AAU
Hockey - Ice
14U & 15U Buffalo Jr. Sabres Early Bird Showcase
August 22 - 24, 2025
Hosted by LECOM Harborcenter
LECOM Harborcenter, Buffalo, NY

AGE GROUPS: 15 & Under
ENTRY FEE: \$2,195.00
ENTRY FEE PAYABLE TO: LECOM Harborcenter
ENTRY DEADLINE: August 22, 2025
SIGN UP AT: <https://www.rinksatharborcenter.com/tournaments>
AWARDS: No
RULES: 2025 BJSI Early Bird Rules

General Rules

Playing Rules: This 15U Showcase is an AAU sanctioned event, however we will be playing with USA Hockey rules and penalties for all games.

Length of game/Game Format:

This is not a tournament, but a showcase format.

A three-minute warm-up will be given before each game.

Period Lengths are 16-16-16 - we WILL flood in between the 2nd and 3rd periods.

Minor penalties will be 2:00 minutes.

Automatic offsides and icing will be called at all times - even while penalty killing.

Games will end in a tie, no overtime.

Regulations:

Teams must be prepared to play Friday morning.

Eligible Players- Only players whose names appear on the first game sheet are eligible to play. Players may play for only one team registered in the showcase.

Team Representative Pre-Game Registration Process: A coach is required to sign the game sheet before each game. Players are NOT required to sign the scoresheet, but must complete LECOM HarborCenter Waiver.

A tournament official will bring the score sheet to the scorekeeper prior to the start of each game.

Following the completion of each game, a tournament official will hand each coach a copy of the score sheet, after the referees have reviewed and signed the sheet.

Home teams will wear WHITE jerseys and visiting team will wear DARK jerseys. Our tournament staff will coordinate if a team only has one color.

All teams should arrive at LECOM Harborcenter one hour prior to their scheduled game time.

All players must wear numbered uniforms in the proper team colors.

Rules:

This event is sanctioned by AAU.

Timeouts: One 30-second timeout per team is permitted during all games.

Fast and Fair Face-Off/Line Change will be in effect. Five seconds for visiting team to change, eight seconds for the home team to change and five seconds till puck drops.

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Minor penalties during these games will be 2:00 minutes, 5:00 minute major penalties, and 10 minute misconducts.

Automatic offsides will be enforced.

Icing will be called at all times, including while teams are short-handed.

Concurrent with new USA Hockey rules, any player receiving four (4) or more penalties in one game must sit the following game.

Concurrent with new USA Hockey rules, if a team receives 12 or more penalties in one game, the head coach must sit the following game.

All USA Hockey and Hockey Canada teams in the 12U age classification will play under the Body Contact (non-check) rules.

Anyone receiving a game misconduct MUST sit the next game.

Any player who receives two 10-minute misconduct penalties in the same game will be ejected for the remainder of that game and will sit the next game. The second 10-minute misconduct is made a game misconduct.

Players, Coaches, Team Personal, Parents Conduct Policy:

Coaches, Parents and Team Personnel. Coaches, parents and other team or association personnel may be suspended or expelled from participation in the HarborCenter Tournaments, including all games and removal from the rink premises, for conduct deemed by the Tournament Director to be detrimental to the best interests of youth hockey. Such conduct shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. fighting or inciting others to fight;
- b. obscene language, conduct or behavior;
- c. language, conduct or behavior intended to intimidate others;
- d. refusal and/or failure to immediately heed a directive from a referee, from authorized rink personnel, or from the Tournament Director.

Players- Any player who receives a major penalty for fighting, or a game misconduct of any kind, in a game, shall automatically be suspended from the balance of that game and his next game. USA Hockey Official Playing Rules shall govern the assessment of penalties. At the conclusion of each game, the coach of each team, as well as the Tournament Director shall be responsible for reviewing the score sheet (front and back) to determine whether any player or team official has been suspended or disqualified from participating in any future game.

Officials/Off-Ice Officials:

All showcase officials will be current members that are in good standing with USA Hockey and are deemed qualified to officiate at the level he/she is assigned.

A ZERO tolerance policy for verbal abuse is in effect and will be enforced for all team officials, players and spectators.

LECOM Harborcenter has NO authority or ability to overturn or change any on-ice call made by the on-ice officials, or make changes to a game sheet, once signed by the officials.

The showcase will provide scorekeepers and proper off-ice officials.

Additional Information:

Parking:

Team Buses will be able to park in surface lots located between Perry/South Park-Mississippi/B unless otherwise directed by the Tournament staff

Coaches, Parents and Spectator Parking- will park in the ramp at LECOM HarborCenter.

Players Entering the Facility-

Players being dropped off from the team bus will enter at the Washington Street entrance.

This event is licensed by the Amateur Athletic Union of the U.S., Inc.

All participants must have a current AAU membership.

AAU membership may not be included as part of the entry fee to the event.

AAU membership must be obtained before the competition begins, except where the event operator has a laptop available with an internet connection.

BE PREPARED: Adult and Non-Athlete memberships are no longer instant and cannot be applied for at the event. Please allow up to 10 days for memberships to be processed.

Participants are encouraged to visit the AAU web site www.aausports.org to obtain their membership.