

2026 - 2027 Reston Raiders Travel Team

12U (White) - Season Overview

RRHC Team: 12U WHITE		Head Coach: Mark Fontaine
TIME COMMITMENTS		
● Anticipated practice times	Tuesday – Thursday 7:10p-8:30 Olympic Rink (PENDING)	
● Anticipated off-ice commitment	No plans for any off-ice this summer & fall.	
● Spring/Summer team commitments	None	
Total number of anticipated games		
● CBHL League games	Usually 20-22 CBHL games that start in late October. Plans now are to move ahead as usual until any CBHL delays or restrictions arise.	
● Non-League games	We will have to see how this season plays out with our non-league game schedule. Expect some games in Sept & Oct vs local CBHL opponents.	
● Tournaments	Tournament participation is not set at this time, as we will need to comply with any guidelines from the Raiders regarding travel, and also need to make sure our parents are comfortable travelling. We will survey the team to see what everyone is comfortable with and formulate a plan from there.	
Anticipate Costs: (in addition to RRHC Season Fees)-		
● Team fees	● Appx \$400 to be paid by Sept 1, to cover tournament entry fees; limited non-parent Head Coach costs, parties, and any other player handouts/events we choose to do. ● General rule for travel hockey at all levels – expect to spend 25% more than what you originally planned!	
First Team Meeting & Team Key Rule Impact Playing time:		
● We will have a Parent Meeting within a week after tryouts to discuss tournaments and other plans for the upcoming season. ● There will be a Coach/Player meeting early in the season to review team rules and expectations for the season. ● Everyone plays that practices. Working hard in practice is a major requirement for this team. ● Sometimes players and lines miss a shift or two if the Coach feels it will motivate them or help drive home a coaching point. It is always done with an explanation to the player. Regardless, over the course of the season all players can expect to get the same ice time.		

- Lineups are set by the Head Coach with input from Assistants. Player positions and lines are constantly being rearranged throughout the season. We will attempt to 'balance" three even lines (Red, White and Blue) This will be discussed at the Parent Meeting.
- Players are expected to make all practices, and to be there on time, ready to work. The Raiders have an attendance policy posted on the website. There are times that a player needs to miss a practice, and as much notice as possible should be given to the coach.
- Skill development, full-ice position responsibility and sportsmanship will be the key focus points.

We will build on the successful season this team had last year. Practices are planned in coordination with the other team on the ice to use the full sheet of ice. Goalie Academy and EHS are integrated into each practice plan to maximize players time with valuable tools that our club provides.