

JR. DRILLERS 2026-27 SEASON

Parent Meeting Outline

SEASON OVERVIEW & SCHEDULE

Season: October 2026 - February 2027

Season Start: October 20, 2026

March: TBD - additional scrimmages or games may be added depending on opportunities with out-of-town teams.

Practices

- Tuesdays & Thursdays
- 6:00-7:30 PM at Planet Ice
- 10U & Down: 6:00-7:00 PM
- 12U & Up: 6:30-7:30 PM

Games & Scrimmages

- Primarily Saturdays and Sundays
- Schedule will include both home and away games
- Out-of-town tournaments/games are optional.
- Dates and times are subject to change as games, tournaments, and ice availability are finalized.

This season, our goal is to provide players with more ice time and more games. We heard feedback from families who wanted to see more games rather than primarily scrimmages, and we are working toward making that happen this season.

REGISTRATION & FEES

Early Bird Registration

- Opens September 15
- Available through September 30
- \$600 per player
- Must be paid in full
- Saves \$75 off regular registration

Regular Registration - Beginning October 1

- \$675 per player
- Pay in full
- 2-payment option
- 4-payment option

All registration and registration payments will be completed through Crossbar, our new website and team-management system.

Installment Payments

A \$25 late fee will be assessed for missed/failed installment payments.

Crossbar will automatically attempt to process scheduled payments. If a payment declines, Crossbar may attempt to process the payment multiple times. If it remains unsuccessful after three days, Crossbar may assess an additional \$15 failed-payment/chargeback fee.

Please note: The \$15 fee is assessed by Crossbar, not LAHA.

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENT

Each family is required to complete 5 volunteer hours during the season.

- Requirement is per family, not per player.
- Families who do not wish to complete volunteer hours may choose a \$50 volunteer opt-out during registration.

Possible volunteer opportunities include:

- Helping players tie skates
- Locker-room monitoring
- Scorekeeping
- Gathering and putting out pucks and nets
- Helping with 50/50 raffles at select Drillers home games
- Fundraisers and special events
- Other game-day or LAHA needs

Additional volunteer opportunities will be communicated throughout the season.

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising plays an important role in helping offset costs associated with games, tournaments, and the Jr. Drillers program.

Families will be expected to participate in the scheduled team fundraising activities.

Planned Fundraisers

Po'boy Sale - October 10

- Tickets: \$10 each
- Ticket sales end October 2
- Pickup: October 10
- Meal contents: Po-Boy, side of BBQ, Chips & Water

Text-Message Fundraiser

- November 3rd – 20th
- Fundraiser meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 3rd during practice

***Please keep in mind this fundraiser is what helps pay for the tournaments every season.**

Gumbo Cook-Off - November 14

- Held at Planet Ice
- Takes place during the Jr. Drillers Home Opener Weekend
- We would like to see as many Jr. Drillers families and players attend as possible.
- Volunteer help and support from our families will be especially important for this event.
- To sign up a team under LAHA for the Gumbo Cook-Off, get with Erin for more information or signup with Chris or Marissa at Planet Ice.

JERSEYS, PLAYER GEAR & MERCHANDISE

We are excited to introduce a new Jr. Drillers logo and new jerseys this season!

Our team colors will move from the previous black/gray jerseys to red and white jerseys.

Our 2026-27 Jersey Sponsor is Turnkey Installation.

Loaner Gear

Loaner hockey equipment will continue to be available with a \$100 refundable deposit. Once the full set of borrow gear is returned, your \$100 will be refunded.

Jr. Drillers Merchandise

New Jr. Drillers merchandise and apparel featuring the new branding will be available to order through our website once the merchandise store is finalized.

SPONSORSHIPS

Players and families are welcome to seek their own sponsors. Sponsors may be businesses, organizations, or individuals. Multiple sponsorship levels are available.

For sponsorships obtained directly by a player/family, 50% of the sponsorship will be credited toward that player's registration fees.

Example: If your player obtains a \$1,000 sponsorship, \$500 will be credited toward the player's \$675 registration fee, leaving the family responsible for \$175.

The remaining 50% supports LAHA and the Jr. Drillers program.

COACHING STAFF

- Coach Alex
- Coach Cameron
- Coach Mark
- Coach Blake
- Coach Forrest

GAME DAY & TEAM EXPECTATIONS

- Only authorized coaches, staff, and board members are permitted behind the team bench during games and scrimmages.
- Parents and other spectators may not go behind the bench.
- Players will not be permitted to hang out in the penalty box when they are not actively participating in a game.
- Players will not be permitted to hang out in the area/box above the penalty box.
- Players and families are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship and represent the Jr. Drillers and LAHA appropriately.

Additional team and attendance expectations will be discussed during the meeting.

TEAM COMMUNICATION - CROSSBAR

We will no longer use GroupMe for official Jr. Drillers team communication.

All official team communication will take place through the Crossbar app.

Once your player is registered, parents should download the Crossbar app.

Crossbar will be used for:

- Team schedules
- Practices
- Games
- Roster information
- Team announcements
- Parent/team communication

Crossbar does not function exactly like GroupMe for private messages. If you select a parent/contact and choose to message them directly, the communication may continue through text messaging outside of the Crossbar app.

Parents may reach out directly to coaches or board/staff members when needed.

TEAM SUPPORT & CONTACTS

Directory of Hockey – Mark Hebert (337) 519-1404

Operations & Marketing Director – Erin Rougeau (337) 704-1319

Questions or concerns involving registration, scheduling, communication, events, travel, administration, or other off-ice matters can be directed to Erin.

Team Photography - Katie Meaux

Team Graphics - Lauren Chastant