

6/6/2021

Hello TAHL Players,

We are happy to announce that we are planning to have a fall/winter 2021/2022 season! Cost will be \$370 for 12 games plus a \$25 refundable jersey deposit for all players. Registration will be limited and accepted on a first pay basis. This will open to the public thru our website by the end of July. There will be 3 divisions, but we do not know nights/times yet. We will release this info as soon as it becomes available.

On a separate subject, there is another vote in early July for the Kino development project. It is important that everyone sends an email to all County Supervisors with your support for this project. We will send another email in the few weeks with more helpful information to send, including the Supervisors contact.

We are very excited about seeing everyone back on the ice this fall!

Danny Plattner

Pat McDonagh

9/6/2021

Hello TAHL Players,

We are all excited about the upcoming season. There are still a lot of moving parts, but we wanted to send an update. Much of this info is on our website. Please continue to check there for updates.

The TCC is hiring Zamboni Drivers and ice crew!! If you do not have any experience that's ok, you will be trained by Eric Brindza (the best in the biz!). Please contact Eric directly if interested. His email is [eric.brindza@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:eric.brindza@tucsonaz.gov)

We will also be in need of scorekeepers. If you are interested, please us know by responding to this email.

There is a Referee certification class in Tucson on 10/10/2021 for anyone interested in becoming a referee. If you are already certified, please let us know.

Games will start as early as Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Team assignments will be complete the weekend prior. Disney-on-Ice will take over the arena October 11-18, so no games will be scheduled during that time.

Your USA Hockey registration will be required prior to entering the ice. Please forward to your team rep once they have contacted you.

We recently met with TCC management and there are a few updates this year:

1. With the new hotel and changes at the TCC, parking will be different. Please give yourself plenty of time to park the first few games. Parking is free unless there is an event, at which time they will charge the prevailing rate.
2. The TCC requires all players and spectators to wear facemasks inside the building. Your facemask can be removed when you enter the ice surface. After the games, please dress and leave the building ASAP. Showers will not be available. Players are not allowed in the referee room.
3. We still do not have access to locker rooms; however there will be an additional dressing area on the North-East corner of the arena, we normally dress at the North-West corner. There is a new access door to the ice in the North-East corner of the rink. Chairs will be set up in both the NE and NW areas, so please use the area that is not being used by the group on the ice as you arrive. Both teams will dress in the same area for their respective games. This is especially important when we follow the Youth Group. We need our separation from the Youth Group.
4. The TCC requires cleaning protocols for all events. The league has to hire housekeeping service to disinfect the areas we are using at the arena on an hourly basis. The cost for the housekeeping service applies to the duration of our use of the arena. Please dress and leave the arena as quickly as possible after the game.

5. There may be more rules and restrictions required by the AHL COVID protocols. We will forward this info as it becomes available.

Of course, if you are not feeling well please stay away until your symptoms subside.

Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to seeing everyone on the ice soon!!

Danny Plattner

Pat McDonagh

10/2/2021

Hello TAHL Players,

Our season began Thursday night with 2 great games in Tier 3. Everyone was so excited to be back out there after such a long break.

Schedules are posted and can be found through our website [www.tahl.org](http://www.tahl.org) which will direct you to our schedule & stats website. We are not able to direct to each division separately, so you will need to use the drop-down and filter options. Schedules are subject to change and we already have had a number of changes. It is recommended that you check the schedule page often as game time and dates will change. Rosters can be found by clicking your team name on the schedule page. Please let your team captain know if your jersey # is incorrect.

There are 2 dressing areas at the TCC. Both teams on deck will dress in the same area and use the coinciding entrance. This way, the group on the ice will exit and dress in the other area. As a reminder, the TCC requires everyone in the building to wear a facemask. This includes spectators too. So, please throw a few extra facemasks in your bag in case someone forgets to bring one. It is important that we comply with all TCC policies.

Pick up hockey is offered thru R-Team hockey club and is open to everyone. In order to sign up, you must first email [rteamhockeyclub@gmail.com](mailto:rteamhockeyclub@gmail.com) to be added to their list. As sessions become available, they will send out an email with info to sign up.

USA Hockey registration is required before entering the ice. If you haven't already done so, please email your registration ASAP to your team rep and cc Pat at [mcd\\_007@msn.com](mailto:mcd_007@msn.com)

### **Help Needed**

The Tucson Roadrunners are in need of skaters for their game day operations. This is a great opportunity for a part time job during Roadrunners Games. Here is the link to apply <https://www.teamworkonline.com/hockey-jobs/theahl/tucson-roadrunners-/ice-crew-1992670>

Zamboni drivers are needed and no experience is necessary since you will learn from the "best in the biz" our very own Eric Brindza (and shout out to Jason too). Best way to reach Eric is by email [eric.brindza@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:eric.brindza@tucsonaz.gov)

Tucson Jr. Roadrunners are still taking registrations for the Little Howlers program. This is a great program! Here is the link <https://youth.arizonacoyotes.com/littlehowlers>

There are still openings for the referee certification class scheduled for 10/10/2021. If interested, please contact Danny for more info and instructions to register.

Here is to a great season and we will see you all on the ice!!

Danny Plattner

Pat McDonagh

10/14/2021

Hello TAHL Players,

What a great start to the season. Everyone's excitement and enthusiasm has been outstanding, and all games have been competitive.

There are a few items we needed to address at this time:

Per TCC management; the only entrance that will be open will be the entrance in lot A. We will need to enter through the East Breezeway, go through the glass doors on the right, and proceed down the escalators to the arena. We can no longer park behind the building or enter thru the loading areas. The separate dressing areas have worked out well. We have requested more chairs on the North-East side.

USA Hockey had a number of rules changes this season and they can all be easily found at <https://www.usahockey.com/> or by googling USA Hockey rule changes.

We want to especially point out that violation of rule 601 (e) will result in a Match Penalty. Any Match Penalty will result in an immediate suspension and requires a hearing thru the state disciplinary board. Section 3 of this rule states:

*Uses language that is hateful or discriminatory in nature anywhere in the rink before, during or after the game*

We had a situation last week where this penalty was called. We wanted to bring this to everyone's attention so it is made clear that this type of language is not allowed and will not be tolerated. If you have any questions, please discuss directly with your team rep.

Here is the link to USA Hockey Rule 601: <https://www.usahockeyrulebook.com/page/show/1084645-rule-601-abuse-of-officials-and-other-misconduct>

The league website was down on Sunday. This occurs from time to time for routine maintenance. Our schedule and stats website is a separate website, so please save the link in case this happens again: [https://www.mystatsonline.com/hockey/visitor/league/schedule\\_scores/schedule.aspx?IDLeague=3160](https://www.mystatsonline.com/hockey/visitor/league/schedule_scores/schedule.aspx?IDLeague=3160)

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Please continue to check the schedules regularly. We have already had a number of changes and more changes will probably occur. Once we have the 2022 calendar from the TCC, we will release the January dates.

Finally, we are asking everyone to support the Tucson Junior Roadrunners and the Tucson Roadrunners. The Junior Roadrunners have fundraisers throughout the year, so please be kind, and as generous as possible when approached. Anyone with kids in youth sports know how important these fundraisers are for their organization. Also, the Tucson Roadrunners ticket reps will occasionally be at our games to sell our players tickets to the Roadrunners games. They typically sell packs of vouchers that can be used at any game.

See you out there soon!

Danny Plattner

Pat McDonagh

11/11/2021

Hello TAHL Players,

We received word from TCC management that they will be operating the Holiday Outdoor Ice-Skating Rink. Last time, many of our players volunteered as ice attendants, and it was a blast for those who volunteered. This time, they are hiring. So, for anyone looking for a part-time holiday position, here is the link:

<https://www.ziprecruiter.com/jobs/asm-global-fdab89e5/skate-guard-e2f65a9e?lvk=z8GwX1ZaDX65hSKcuN9gNA.-MEVqH1J2R>

The location of the outdoor rink this year will be on Church Street directly in front of the TCC. This will affect traffic and parking for our games. We received this message from TCC Management:

*Please note that TCC will be the host of the Holiday Ice Rink this year. Being that the Holiday Ice Rink is at the TCC this year, we will be staffing the parking lot during all hours the Holiday Ice rink will be open.*

*We will be charging to park for the Holiday Ice Rink activity at the TCC. The Holiday Ice Rink dates of operation are November 20<sup>th</sup> through January 9<sup>th</sup>. Approximate times of operation are;  
Weekdays 1p-10p  
Weekends 11a-10p*

So, it is recommended that everyone takes extra time to arrive to games during this time period.

Playoffs will begin in December for Tier 3 and January for Tier 1 & Tier 2. Dates are posted on the website but are subject to change based on ice availability. To complete all games by the end of January, we may need to schedule on alternate nights. There have been a number of changes to the schedule so please continue to check the website regularly.

We have had many ask about a spring season. Unfortunately, the two of us are not in a position this year to run a spring season. We are both overwhelmed with work, family, etc and simply do not have the time to take on another season at this time. Looking at the current TCC calendar, there appears to be enough ice time available in the spring to have a season. So, if anyone is interested in running a league for the spring on your own, just let us know and we will provide the "blueprint." Keep in mind

this will be separate from the Tucson Adult Hockey League, but we are here to guide and help in any way possible.

On this Veterans Day we want to recognize the many players and families in our league who are members of the military. We thank you for your service and appreciate you all!!

Danny Plattner

Pat McDonagh

11/20/2021

Hello TAHL Players,

Below is the most recent update from TCC management regarding parking. We will send updates if anything changes, but please give yourselves extra time to arrive to your games since traffic may be an issue.

Here is the update from TCC management:

*As you are aware we have the Holiday Ice Rink in our front yard. The Ice Rink will be open daily, and we will be charging to park in our garage.*

*I am not overly concerned about the availability of parking spaces, we have 390 spaces in the garage, and we are only able to accommodate 190 skaters per session. Each Session is an hour and a half long. As I had mentioned to Ryan and Danny, I have seen players and families parking off site all week. That being said, we will be keeping an eye out for the next weekdays to see if there are parking issues and please let me know if you and your families run into any issues right away so we can pivot if necessary.*

*Parking is \$5.00 per day, or we will have a \$35.00 parking pass available to purchase at the ticket booth which will be effective from the day purchased until 1/29/2022. The parking pass is valid on Ice League Use dates and times ONLY.*

Wishing everyone a great Thanksgiving!!

Danny Plattner

Pat McDonagh

12/5/2021

Hello TAHL Players,

Playoffs will begin 12/19/2021 for Tier 3 and January for Tier 1 & Tier 2. Tier 2 January games may have a Sunday or Thursday night depending on ice availability. All teams will have a total of 12 games, whether or not you win your first playoff game. Here is the format for each:

**Tier 1 (4 teams)**

1 vs 4

2 vs 3

Winners play each other for the championship and losers of 1<sup>st</sup> round play for 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

**Tier 2 (8 teams)**

1 vs 8

2 vs 7

3 vs 6

4 vs 5

Winners advance to the Tier 2-Gold bracket and losers of 1<sup>st</sup> round will advance to Tier 2-Silver bracket. Teams will be re-seeded going into the Gold & Silver brackets based on final standings.

**Tier 3 (6 teams)**

1 vs 4

2 vs 3

5 vs 6 (consolation game #1)

Winners of 1 vs 4 & 2 vs 3 will play for championship. Losers will play consolation game vs the 5/6 teams.

Rules only apply to elimination games, non-elimination games will have the same rules as regular season:

- If regulation ends in a tie, there will be a 3-minute sudden death overtime.
- Running time for 2 minutes and stop time for the last 1 minute
- If sudden death ends in a tie, there will be a 3-player shootout
- If the shootout ends in a tie, the shootout will continue with 1 per round until one team wins
- Players can only participate 1 time in the shootout until the entire roster has participated, same applies each time thru.
- Any player who is in the penalty box at the end of the sudden death overtime is not eligible for the shootout.
- Fill in players not allowed for elimination games
- Home team decides who shoots first.

#### **Spring League Update:**

George Goodrich & Jeff Craig have stepped up and are working behind the scenes on a spring league. This will be separate from the Tucson Adult Hockey League, but we will provide info on our website, and we will be supporting George & Jeff in any way possible. Once more information is available, we will send another update.

We wish you and your families a happy and healthy holiday season.

See you on the ice!

Danny Plattner

Pat McDonagh

12/7/2021

Hello TAHL Players,

We received a call from TCC Management today asking that everyone dress and leave the arena as quickly as possible once your game has ended. They explained this is necessary in order for the cleaning crew to finish once we are gone. Also, there were reports of people drinking alcohol in the parking garage before and after our games. Alcohol is strictly prohibited on TCC property. O'Malley's on 4<sup>th</sup> is just a few minutes away and they offer discounts to all TAHL players, so please consider going there after your games.

Take care,

Danny Plattner

Pat McDonagh