

The Mad Dog Inline Hockey Club

The Capitol Region's Leading Inline Club

List of all known Tournaments in our Region

Explanatory Notes

This is not a listing of every event Mad Dogs teams should participate in but rather a list of options. It is up to each team to decide which events to attend.

Most of the tournaments listed are regional qualifiers for a national championship of some kind. You usually have to place in the top two at a regional to proceed to a national championship but you don't have to go to the nationals even if you qualify. Some Mad Dog teams qualified for at least seven different national championships last year but only attended one or two of them.

All Regionals are Interchangeable with an Inline Hockey Organization

If the goal is to qualify for a particular national championship but your team fails to qualify at the regional in question, you are allowed to enter another regional and take another shot at qualifying. There is often more than one regional qualifier in a region.

There is nothing to prevent a team from entering as many regionals as you like. How the team places in a regional qualifier will usually determine if the team plays in the lower or higher bracket at the national event. If you enter more than one regional qualifier for the same organization, then the highest placement will be the determining one.

Oftentimes, many teams will submit different rosters for each regional so as to create a large "reserve player" list. This is done so that the team has maximum flexibility as to who to use at Nationals should the team be short regular team members. Remember, a player has to be LISTED on a regional roster in order to play at the national but he doesn't have to actually play or appear at the regional.

Most Tournaments Use Block Scheduling

The dates given for many tournaments are for *all age divisions combined*. Typically, each age group will have only 1-2 days scheduled at a regional and 2-3 days at a national championship.

Dates and places change frequently in the inline world. The team manager always needs to be checking the web sites to make sure the tournaments you plan to attend are still scheduled.

Also, decided which nationals to attend may be dependent on what players you are missing. For example, if your top players are playing for the National Inline team, is attending the Southeastern Player Development ice hockey camp or the US Nationals Ice Hockey championships, then you want to make sure you choose a inline national at which most of your best players will be in attendance.

Some Tournaments Have Membership Requirements

Some tournaments have membership requirements. To participate in AAU, for example, all players must sign up to be AAU members (\$12 last I checked). USA Hockey Inline requires all players to be members.

Different Tournaments Play at Different Talent Levels

Here's how I rank the major inline associations and their tournaments:

Most competitive: NARCH, TORHS, Jr. Olympics (AAU)

These tournaments are the pinnacle of inline hockey. If your team is an "older year" team in the age bracket, and early tournaments indicate the team is stronger than usual, then I would suggest that you consider attending one of them, assuming the team qualified at the respective regional. Also, in order to get sponsored by a major hockey equipment company, some Mad Dog teams will need to place high at one of these elite tournaments.

Middle of the road: AAU Regionals and Nationals, USARS Nationals

This is the category most Mad Dog teams have competed in for the last few years. Older year Mad Dogs teams can usually win or place at one of these tournaments. Younger year Mad Dog teams can be competitive here but they may have to compete in the "lower bracket."

Least competitive: NHL Rules, ECHO, 2Hot4Ice, independent tournaments

Most Mad Dog teams clobber everyone at these tournaments. However, a younger year Mad Dog team or a "Blue" team may be challenged here.

All Nationals Have Different Talent Divisions

Every National championship has at least two levels of competition – an upper and a lower level – and they go by different names such as Gold & Silver, Elite & Competitive, Stars & Stripes etc. Some inline organizations will allow the team to place themselves, but in most cases, how a team performs at a regional will decide what level they will be placed in.

Independent Tournaments

Independent tournaments are those NOT sanctioned or aligned with any of the national inline organizations. They're not qualifiers for anything. They are typically hosted by an inline rink or league and can be a lot of fun. If you feel your team would benefit from competing in one of these tournaments, these are the rinks well known for hosting independent tournaments. They're all within 4 hours drive time from Loudoun County:

Tab Ramos Sports Center (Aberdeen, NJ) www.tabramosportscenter.com
Flyers Skate Zone (Atlantic City, NJ) www.flyersskatezone.com
Susquahanna Sports Center (Harrisburg, PA) www.susq-sports.com
Williamsburg Sports Center (Williamsburg, VA) www.thewisc.com
Slapshotz (Fredericksburg, VA) www.slapshotz.com
International Sports Center (Cherry Hill, NJ) www.intsports.com
United Sports Training Center (Downingtown, PA) www.go2ustc.com
Good Sports USA (Allaire, NJ) www.goodsportsusa.com
Action Sports Center (Pottstown, PA) www.actionsportsonline.com
Winchester Sportsplex (Winchester, VA) www.sportsplex.us
New Jersey Salsa Roller Hockey Club (Edison, NJ) www.salsahockey.tk
Cougarmania hockey tournaments www.cougarsrollerhockey.com

The Tournament Calendar

These are the major tournaments in our region. Except for the national championships listed, I've listed all major tournaments within a 6 hours drive time of Loudoun County. Items listed in red are ice hockey events which I've listed for planning purposes.

Feb 24-25: CBHL AA Playoffs

March 3-4: CBHL A Playoffs

March 9-11: TORHS regional, Aberdeen, NJ www.torhs.com

March 10-11: Southeastern District Tier I, Tier II Tournament, Florida

March 16: Mad Dog tryouts at the Box Inline rink, 6 -11 PM Chantilly, VA

March 16 – 18: TORHS Regional, Aberdeen, NJ

March 16-18: 2Hot4Ice Regional, Fredericksburg, VA

March 16 – 18: U10 & U12 Team South (Team USA Inline team) Tryout camp, Winchester, VA

March 23-25: NARCH Regional, Philly, PA

March 23-25: TORHS, Somewhere in MD, www.torhs.com

March 23-25: 2Hot4Ice Regional, Mt. Pleasant, PA

March 23-25: AAU Regional, Centreville, VA www.aauhockey.org
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**March 28 –
April 1:**

USA Hockey Nationals Tier 1 & Tier 11
Tier I 12U - Buffalo, NY
Tier I 14U - Buffalo, NY
Tier I 16U - Fraser, MI
Tier I 18U - Fraser, MI
Tier II 12U - Buffalo, NY
Tier II 14U - Buffalo, NY
Tier II 16U - Fraser, MI
Tier II 18U - Fraser, MI

**March 31 –
April 1** U14 & U16 Team South (Team USA Inline Team) tryout camp, Winchester, VA

April 8 – 9 Tryouts for the South East Player Development Festival

April 13 – 15: TORHS Regional, PA www.torhs.com

April 13-15: AAU Regional, Long Island www.aauhockey.org

April 13-15: AAU Regional, Richmond, VA www.aauhockey.org
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April 20-22: NARCH Regional, Marple

April 20-22 ECHO Regional, Fredericksburg, VA

April 21 -23: **Hockey Night in Boston, Laurel, MD**

April 27 -29 2Hot4Ice Regional, Raleigh, NC

April 28 – 29: State Wars Tryouts, Team Virginia, Centreville, VA

May 4-6: TORHS Regional, Aberdeen, NJ www.torhs.com

May 4-6: AAU Regional, Pittsburgh, PA www.aauhockey.org

May 5-7: **Southeast Player Development Festival**

May 11- 13: TORHS Regional, New York

May 11-13: TORHS Regional, Pittsburgh, PA

May 18 -20: Coastal Cup, Raleigh, NC www.coastalcup.com

May 19-20: AAU Regional, Centreville, VA

May 25 -27: TORHS Regional, Marple, PA

May 25 -28: AAU Disney Classic, Orlando, FL

May 25 – 28: **Power Play Ice Tourney, Philly**

June 1-3: AAU Regional, Raleigh, NC

June 2-3: AAU Regional, Richmond, VA

June 3: State Wars Tryouts, Team Maryland, Waldorf, MD

June 8-10: AAU Regional, Philly, PA

June 9-10: AAU Regional, Richmond, VA

June ? **Power Play Ice Hockey Tourney**

June ? **Xtreme Tryouts**

June 22 – 24: TORHS Regional, Marple, PA

July 12-29: NARCH National, Estero, FL

8U Silver: July 14-16; Gold 14-16; Platinum: 20-22
10U Silver: July 13-16; Gold: 14-17; Platinum: 22-24
12U Silver: July 13-16; Gold: 15-19; Platinum: 22-25
14U Silver: July 13-16; Gold: 16-20; Platinum: 24-27
16U Silver: July 13-16; Gold: 17-21; Platinum: 24-27
18U Silver: July 13-16; Gold: 18-22; Platinum: 22-25

July 15 – 26: AAU Jr. Olympics, Detroit, MI

July ? TORHS Nationals

July ? USARS Nationals

July ? 2Hot4ice Nationals

July? ECHO Nationals

July? State Wars Nationals

USA Hockey Inline National Festival?

