North American Hockey Development Path Options

Pro Levels

NHL, N. America, Europe, Russia, Australia, etc.

Traditional Path

Direct Path to Pro

College/University

Traditional Path

Junior Hockey

USport

CCAA

NCAA D-1

NCAA D-3

ACHA

Major Jr-Tier 1
CHL (WHL, OHL, QMJHL)

Jr A-Tier 2
West to East
BCHL, AJHL, SJHL, MJHL, SIHL, NOJHL, OJHL, CCHL, LHJQ, MJHL

Jr B-Tier 3
EOJHL, GOJHL, KIJHL, PJHL, ...click for more

Major Jr-Tier 1
USHL

Jr A-Tier 2
NAHL
NCDC

Jr B-Tier 3
EHL
Premier
NA3

Direct Path to School

Traditional Path

Youth Hockey

Prep Schools/Academy

18U
(18yrs old and younger)

16U
(16yrs old and younger)

Associations/High School

U18
(17yrs old and younger)

U16
(15yrs old and younger)

UNDERSTANDING PREP/ACADEMIES ..click for more

****BOLDED LEAGUES HAVE IMPORT RULES****