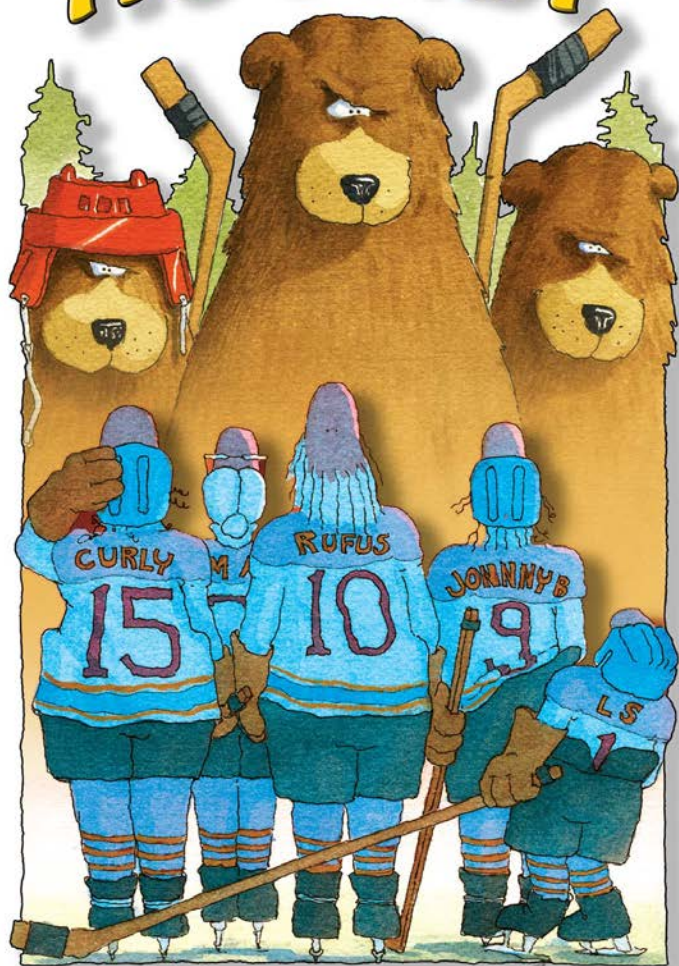


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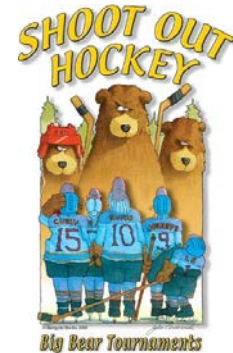
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Big Bear Tournaments

Established 1992

**2014 - 2015
Big Bear
Events**

choosing from 13 venues



Ice Hockey Tournaments

Ann Arbor, MI - W. Palm Beach, FL
Chicago, IL - Indianapolis, IN
Grand Rapids, MI - St. Louis, MO
Cleveland, OH - Tampa, FL
Detroit, MI - Washington DC
Raleigh, NC - Nashville, TN
Orlando, FL

This on-line brochure was created for your convenience while we update our website for the coming season. It's also a handy tool to throw in your bag for a quick reference at the rink. Please visit our website for a comprehensive overview of our programs.

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What's new this season

For the **2014-2015 season** we are pleased to announce several new options.

First and foremost, Big Bear Tournaments will continue to offer great competition at an affordable price. On that note, we have formatted our events to provide the most games and **revised our discounts to deliver the best value in youth hockey.**

In addition to all of the great discounts offered in past years, we've also added more this season. Check out the **Big Bear Bundle** on our [discount page](#) and see our website [policy page](#) for further details on all discounts.

This season we will continue to offer an A2 division in addition to the standard classifications of B, A, & AA. A2 is designed to achieve a more competitive balance among participants in our events.

For your convenience you can [register online](#) with our user friendly format for entering your team's data.

In addition, our website is compatible for all **platforms** phones, tablets, and more so when you're at a tournament it's easy to access the event results online wherever you are.

We offer everything from B / house recreation to elite level divisions.

For clubs who wish to travel together, we can build an event for the entire club. At Big Bear Hockey, we've got a tournament to suit your needs.

Look for NHL, college, and junior game opportunities on selected tournament weekends in select venues.

Tournament Features at a glance

USA Hockey Sanctioned, 4 game minimum.

Semi – finals in divisions of 6 or more teams which translates into more hockey and a better value.

Expanded team and coaches discounts.

Canadian teams at par for all events.

Tournament memento for each player.

Individual and team awards for 1st and 2nd place teams MVP award for both champion and finalist.

Accommodations and the **best rates** at 1st class hotels for out-of-town teams, including Marriott, Hilton, Hyatt, Embassy Suites, Sheraton, Doubletree, & many more.

Game Count & Entry fees

All Tournaments are a four game minimum with five games maximum except where noted.

Teams may register online at www.bigbeartournaments.com. Create a user name and password, choose an event and fill out an application. To secure a spot in any event, a \$200.00 deposit may be paid by credit card.

The balance of payment is due 60 days prior to each event. Within 45 days of the tournament start date the entire entry fee is non-refundable. Fees vary by event, with details available on each tournament page on our website.

Start & Finish times

Events beginning on a Friday and finishing on Sunday will begin at about 1:00 PM with finals completed by 6:00 PM on Sunday. Exceptions to these guidelines are Thanksgiving and our Elite events, when play will begin on Friday as early as necessary.

For our holiday weekend tournaments beginning on Saturday and finishing on Monday, play will typically begin at 8:00 AM on Saturday with finals completed by 5:00 PM on Monday. **Some teams may play Friday to alleviate schedule concerns.**

Generally younger aged teams will play earlier in the day. This may be affected by teams requesting an early start time to attend a local pro or college game in the area the weekend of the event.

Team Placement

It is our practice to place teams in divisions which provide the best competition for your team's skill level. To that end, we implemented our **team evaluation system** which now is part of our on-line application. Filled our accurately and completely, your competitive experience will be enhanced.

Over the years we have had many conversations with team staff as to what they would like to accomplish at our tournaments. Some want the toughest competition to prepare for another future event, while others are interested in getting away as a group to build chemistry and just have a fun weekend. It doesn't hurt to let us know what your expectations are.

Age Groups & Divisions

Age Groups & Skill Levels

by division and birth year

USA Hockey age classifications will be used when applying tournament divisions. For the **2014-15** season they are:

| | | | |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Mite | 2006 & younger | Squirt | 2004 and 2005 |
| Peewee | 2002 & 2003 | Bantam | 2000 and 2001 |
| Midget Minor | 1998 & 1999 | Midget Major | 1996 and 1997 |

Each USA Hockey affiliate uses and defines the following classifications differently: **B - BB - A2 - A - AA & AAA**

B (or House) - teams chosen through a draft with the goal of creating equal skill level among teams within a club.

BB (House) - is a designation used in Michigan at the Midget Major house level only

A2 – For less skilled teams in the A level and competitive B teams looking for better competition.

A (or B travel) - generally the 2nd travel team chosen within a club. These teams are generally made up of minor aged players. When an A1 or A2 is designated, this is a further delineation within an age group of the skill continuum.

AA - the 1st travel team chosen within a club. These teams are usually made up of major aged players.

AAA – These teams are single birth year (i.e. 00, 01, 02 etc.) and represent the highest skill level within their age group.

Note: Michigan A teams should be aware that non Michigan A teams may include 2nd year players. For a detailed description of how this procedure occurs, please visit our website.

Ann Arbor, MI

Just 35 minutes west of Detroit, Ann Arbor tournaments feature teams from across the U.S. and Canada. As many of you have already found out, this is a great opportunity to take in a collegiate game and possibly skate a game at Yost Arena. **NHL tickets available.**

This season, our Ann Arbor and Detroit event on MLK weekend will be a **Double Helix event** and will be combined into a single tournament and is noted below in **blue**. See the event web page for a detailed explanation of this event. All events will include Squirt thru Midget/HS, House/B, BB, A, AA, & H.S.J.V. unless otherwise noted. Full ice Mites will be sanctioned for play in Michigan for all events after January 1, 2015. NHL tickets available.

The FlatWater ***October 3 -5, 2014***

The Fall Colours ***October 24 -26, 2014***

The FireBolt ***December 5 - 7, 2014***

The Big Chill ***January 16 - 19, 2015***

This event will run Saturday through Monday (MLK day). Local teams and teams attending an NHL game on Saturday or Sunday may begin on Friday.

The Ursa Minor ***February 13 - 16, 2015***

This event will run Saturday through Monday (Presidents day) Local teams and teams attending an NHL game on Saturday or Sunday may begin on Friday.

The Big Thaw ***February 28 – March 1, 2015***

The Ring of Fire ***May 8 - 10, 2015***

St. Louis, MO

Gateway to the west. Visiting the Gateway Arch and the museum located directly below it is one of most interesting museum you'll ever visit. **NHL tickets available.**

Venues: Lindenwood, St. Louis Mills Ice Zone and Hardees Iceplex. Additional arenas may be added.

CSDHL Showcase ***September 24 -26, 2014***
Midget Minor – games will begin on Friday

Rolling Thunder ***October 10 - 12, 2014***

Firebird ***November 7 - 9, 2014***

The Wild Turkey ***November 28 – 30, 2014***

CSDHL Showcase ***November 28 – 30, 2014***
Bantam Major – games will begin on Friday

Fire & Ice ***January 16 - 19, 2015***
This event will run Saturday through Monday (MLK day). Local teams and teams attending an NHL game on Saturday or Sunday may begin on Friday.

The Gateway ***February 13 - 16, 2015***
This event will run Saturday through Monday (Presidents day) Local teams and teams attending an NHL game on Saturday or Sunday may begin on Friday.

Luck of the Irish ***March 13 - 15, 2015***

West Palm Beach, FL

Venue: Palm Beach Skate Club. More arenas may be added. **NHL tickets available.**

The Eye of the Storm
Squirt thru Midget / H.S.

October 17 -19, 2014
A & AA

Detroit, MI

Just 35 minutes east of Ann Arbor, our Detroit tournaments feature teams from across the U.S. and Canada. As many of you have already found out, this is a great opportunity to take in a collage, NHL, or Junior game in the area. Links to these opportunities will appear on our event pages. **NHL tickets available.**

The Bear

November 28 – 30, 2014

The Big Chill

January 16 - 19, 2015

This event will run Saturday through Monday (MLK day). Local teams and teams attending an NHL game on Saturday or Sunday may begin on Friday.

The Thunderbird

April 24 - 26, 2015

The Last Dance

May 15 - 17, 2015

Washington DC

With the tournament in Laurel, MD, all of the amenities of Washington DC are only minutes away. **NHL tickets available.**

Venue: Gardens Ice House. More arenas may be added.

Mountain King

January 16 - 19, 2015

This event will run Saturday through Monday (MLK day). Local teams and teams attending an NHL game on Saturday or Sunday may begin on Friday.

WJC Classic

February 13 - 16, 2015

This event will run Saturday through Monday (Presidents day) Local teams and teams attending an NHL game on Saturday or Sunday may begin on Friday.

Nashville, TN

Venue: Centennial Arena located in the heart of downtown Nashville. This season we've added the Ford Ice Center for our MLK event. **NHL tickets available.**

Smokey Mt Shootout

January 16 - 19, 2015

This event will run Saturday through Monday (MLK day). Local teams and teams attending an NHL game on Saturday or Sunday may begin on Friday.

Pond Rockets

February 13 - 16, 2015

This event will run Saturday through Monday (Presidents day). Local teams and teams attending an NHL game on Saturday or Sunday may begin on Friday.

Indianapolis, In

Our Indy tournaments feature teams from across the U.S. and Canada playing in several of the finest arenas in Indianapolis, including the Carmel Skadium, and the Arctic Zone, Indy's newest arena.

Don't miss a trip downtown, a Junior Ice, Pacers or Colts game. Strolling through downtown and great dining will take up most of your time while away from the rink.

FireStorm **September 26 -28, 2014**

Winged Warrior **November 7 - 9, 2014**

Brickyard **January 16 - 19, 2015**

This event will run Saturday through Monday (MLK day).
Local teams may begin on Friday.

Gasoline Alley **February 13 - 16, 2015**

This event will run Saturday through Monday (Presidents day).
Local teams may begin on Friday.

Tampa, FL

Tampa in the dead of winter, need we say more. **Venue: Ice Sports Forum and Ellenton.** Additional arena(s) may be added. **NHL tickets available.**

The Palms **February 13 - 16, 2015**

This event will run Saturday through Monday (Presidents day).
Local teams and teams attending an NHL game on Saturday or Sunday may begin on Friday.

Grand Rapids, MI

Michigan's 2nd largest city, Grand Rapids is a quiet mid-western town just a short ride to Lake Michigan. While in town you may want to enjoy the downtown area, visit the Gerald Ford Presidential Library or take in a Griffin's game (farm team of the Detroit Red Wings). **Venue: Southside and Georgetown Arena;** recently voted the best in Michigan.

Cold Fusion **November 7 - 9, 2014**

Avalanche **January 16 - 19, 2015**

Killer Bees **February 28 – March 1, 2015**

Raleigh, NC

One of our new venues for the coming season, Raleigh with it's rich heritage and NHL franchise will be a exciting new place to add to the long list of U.S. hockey cities we visit. **NHL tickets available.**

Venue : Polar Ice House Wake Forest. Additional arenas may be added.

The Wishbone Classic **November 28 – 30, 2014**

Cleveland, OH

Our Cleveland events will offer great competition in a city that has an amazing array of entertainment options.

Venue: Mentor Civic Arena. Additional arena(s) may be added.

Lincoln Memorial ***February 13 - 16, 2015***

This event will run Saturday through Monday (Presidents day). Local teams may begin on Friday

Chicago, IL

Our Chicago tournaments feature teams from across the U.S. playing in greater Chicago's finest arenas. The possibilities are endless in Chicago. Shopping, sporting events, and more. **NHL tickets available.**

Venue: Darien Sportsplex. Additional arena(s) may be added.

Wheels of Fire ***September 26 -28, 2014***

Crossroads ***January 16 - 19, 2015***

This event will run Saturday through Monday (MLK day) Local teams and teams attending an NHL game on Saturday or Sunday may begin on Friday.

Dragon's Lair ***May 15 - 17, 2015***

Competitive Cross Ice

What is competitive cross ice?

This new classification is built to coincide with the USA Hockey player development model for 8U and younger.

CCI events will be run in conjunction with our full ice events and will involve the same amenities as our full ice events including the posting of standings and individual awards to the finalists.

Orlando, FL

Our Orlando event will take place in Kissimmee, FL., a 20 minute drive south of Orlando, Disney World, Universal Orlando, and Seaworld,

Venue: Ice Factory. Additional arena(s) may be added.

Shootout in the Tropics ***February 13 - 16, 2015***

This event will run Friday through Monday (Presidents day) and feature only Girl's divisions in U10, U12, U14, U16, and U19.

2014 - 2015 Discounts

Early Bird Discount – teams playing in any of the dates listed below will receive a **\$250 discount** on their next Big Bear Tournament during the **2014-15** season.

Sept. 26 - 28, 2014 **St. Louis, MO - C.S.D.H.L.**

Sept. 26 - 28, 2014 **Indianapolis, IN - FireStorm**

Sept. 26 - 28, 2014 **Chicago, IL – Wheels of Fire**

Oct. 3 - 5, 2014 **Ann Arbor, MI - FlatWater**

Oct. 10 - 12, 2014 **W. Palm Beach, FL - Eye of the Storm**

Oct. 10 - 12, 2014 **St. Louis, MO - Rolling Thunder**

Oct. 24 - 26, 2014 **Ann Arbor, MI - Fall Colours**

Big Bear Bundle: The best 3 tournament combo options in the business. If you are playing in four or more events, please contact our office for additional discount details

Option 1: three road trips: For the 1st road trip you pay the full game fee, for the second road trip you receive 50% off of the game fee, and for the third road trip you receive 75% off of the game fee.

Option 2: two road trips and one Early Bird: Play in an Early Bird on the road (please see the list of early bird events above), paying the full fee and earn not only a 50% discount on your second road trip but also a \$250.00 discount toward your third tournament at home.

Option 3: one road trip, one early bird, and a baseball tournament: Play in an Early Bird paying the full fee and you receive 50% off of the game fee for a road trip event on another weekend and get \$200.00 off a baseball event.

2nd Road Trip Discount - participating in two events on the road requiring a hotel stay for each, will receive 50% off of the second event. This is up to a **\$450 value** on your team's second tournament game fee.

2014 - 2015 Discounts continued

More tournaments.....lots of happy players..... less money.

Early Payment Discount - If your full payment is received 90 days prior to each event (entry and referee fee) you will receive an additional \$50.00 discount off of the game fee.

Multi-tournament - Individual teams in multiple events will receive discounts based on the number of tournaments in which they play:

full entry fee on 1st event \$75 on 2nd event entry fee
\$125 on 3rd event entry fee \$200 on 4th event entry fee

Multi-team / tournament - clubs bringing multiple teams to any single tournament or any event on the same weekend in different cities will receive the following discounts:

2 or 3 teams \$50 on entry fee
4 or 5 teams \$75 on entry fee
6 to 8 teams \$100 on entry fee with lodging
9 teams & up \$125 on entry fee with lodging

Discount offers may not be combined or parlayed with the exception of those offers outlined in this flyer. We will work with each team or club to determine the maximum discount that may be applied

Please view our [policies](#) page for additional details

Coaches Discount

Each team that books a minimum of 14 rooms per night will receive 1 comped room for each night. This room may be assigned to a bus driver or team manager upon request.

Also this season, each team booking 10 or more rooms per weekend per night that does not qualify for the 14 room per night discount above will receive 1 complimentary room for one night for a 2 night stay. Each team booking 10 or more rooms per weekend that does not qualify for the 14 room per night discount above will receive 2 complimentary room nights for a 3 night stay at participating hotels.

Hotel Policies & Procedures

Big Bear Tournaments offers an outstanding selection of hotels in each of our cities, chosen to provide first class comfort and service to our out-of-town guests.

Big Bear Tournaments has secured room blocks for all out-of-town teams participating in our events. **As a condition of acceptance and participation in our tournaments, all teams utilizing hotel rooms, including local teams, must reserve rooms through Big Bear Tournaments by way of a rooming list and stay in an authorized hotel.**

Any team whose home arena is more than 70 miles from the tournament rink will be considered an out-of-town team and will be required to comply with our hotel policies and procedures. Out-of-town teams must utilize a minimum of 22 room nights during the tournament (i.e. 11 rooms per nights).

Please do not contact hotels directly, as team reservation must be made via a rooming list and cannot be accepted over the phone. Upon registration, you will have access to our forms page allowing you to submit your event documents over the internet on our secured server.

Rooming list forms should be completed **at least** 3 weeks prior to each event. Regardless of when room blocks are assigned, room blocks will be determined on a first come, first served basis with the exception of multiple teams from a single club traveling together. These teams will be placed in a hotel that can accommodate the number of rooms needed so that families with kids on multiple teams will be able to stay together.

If your team would like placement in the same hotel as another team in the tournament, early receipt of both team's completed room lists will help our efforts. Hotel selections can be found as a link on each tournament page.

Details are available online at www.bigbeartournaments.com

Privacy Policies

Our Commitment to Privacy

Your privacy is important to us! To better protect your privacy we provide this notice explaining our online information practices and the choices you can make about the way your information is collected and used.

The Information We Collect:

This notice applies to all information collected or submitted on the Shootout Hockey website. On our site, you can contact us for pricing and other information. The types of personal information collected are: Name - Address - Email address - Phone number - Fax number - Credit Card numbers.

The Way We Use Information:

We use the information you provide about yourself when contacting us only to provide requested information. We do not share this information with outside parties except to the extent necessary to provide that information. We use return email addresses to answer the email we receive. Such addresses are not shared with outside parties. Finally, we never use or share the personally identifiable information provided to us online in ways unrelated to the ones described above.

Our Commitment to Data Security

To prevent unauthorized access, maintain data accuracy, and ensure the correct use of information, we have put in place appropriate physical, electronic, and managerial procedures to safeguard and secure the information we collect online.

How to Contact Us

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