

CHASE HEAT JUNIOR HOCKEY CLUB

2026-27 RECRUITING GUIDE





The Chase Heat are a Junior hockey club based in Chase, BC. We are a non-profit, community-owned franchise which is run by a board of directors, all of whom are residents of the Village of Chase. We are one of 8 founding members of the Western International Junior Hockey League (WIJHL), an independent Junior hockey league launching for the 2026-27 season.

Our goal is to provide a first class experience for our players, both on & off the ice. With daily practices, video sessions, workouts & professional coaching, our players' hockey experience is one that will compare to any Junior A program. Away from the rink, our players spend a lot of time giving back to the community and getting to partake in unique experiences & team building events unique to the area. We pride ourselves on our family-like atmosphere and creating a fun & competitive environment for our players to develop.

The Heat joined the KIJHL in 2011 as an expansion franchise and made a KIJHL finals appearance in 2017. As founding members of the WIJHL, we are entering an exciting new chapter in 2026-27. As an independent league, we are open to recruiting Canadian, American, and European players. Our 2026-27 roster is currently being built — we're continually looking to improve, both on and off the ice, to make Chase one of the premier franchises in the WIJHL.



OUR PROGRAM



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- 4-5 PRACTICES PER WEEK
- 2 STRENGTH SESSIONS PER WEEK
- 1 YOGA SESSION PER WEEK
- 1 POWER SKATING SESSION PER WEEK
- WEEKLY GOALIE COACHING
- TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL VIDEO FEEDBACK
- WEEKLY TEAM BUILDING SESSION
- MINOR HOCKEY MENTORSHIPS

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- EXTRA SKILLS & SPECIALTY COACHES ON A REGULAR BASIS
- VIRTUAL REALITY TRAINING USING NHL SENSE ARENA
- STATE OF THE ART CHARTER BUS TO ALL ROAD GAMES
- MEALS & HOTELS INCLUDED FOR ROAD GAMES
- GYM PASS TO VILLAGE FITNESS INCLUDED WITH PLAYER FEES
- TEAM EVENTS & ACTIVITIES ON A REGULAR BASIS

SAMPLE WEEK

MONDAY

8:30 AM
Gym

10:00 AM
Focus Work

10:15 AM
Video

10:30 AM
Practice Prep

11:30 AM
Practice

TUESDAY

7:15 PM
Focus Work

7:30 PM
Positional Seminar

8:45 PM
Practice

WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM
Power Skating

10:45 AM
Practice

12:30 PM
Gym

5:30 PM
Team Builder

THURSDAY

11:00 AM
Yoga

12:00 PM
Chapel

1:30 PM
Goalie Ice

2:00 PM
Practice

3:15 PM
Pre-Scout

FRIDAY

10:00 AM
Pre-Game Skate

7:00 PM
Game vs Sicamous

SATURDAY

3:00 PM
Bus Departs

7:00 PM
Game at Kelowna

BROADCAST & VIDEO



GAME BROADCASTS

All Heat games stream
live on FloHockey

VIDEO ANALYTICS

Team & individual
video review platform

DRAWING & FEEDBACK

Tactical drawing &
individual player feedback

GETTING HERE

BY AIR

- Kamloops Airport (YKA) — 45 minutes west of Chase via Hwy 1 & Hwy 5
- Kelowna International Airport (YLW) — 1 hr 30 min from Chase via Hwy 1 & Hwy 97

BY CAR

- On the Trans-Canada Hwy 1, between Kamloops & Salmon Arm
- 4 hour drive east of Vancouver | 6 hour drive west of Calgary
- Multiple bus companies stop in Chase



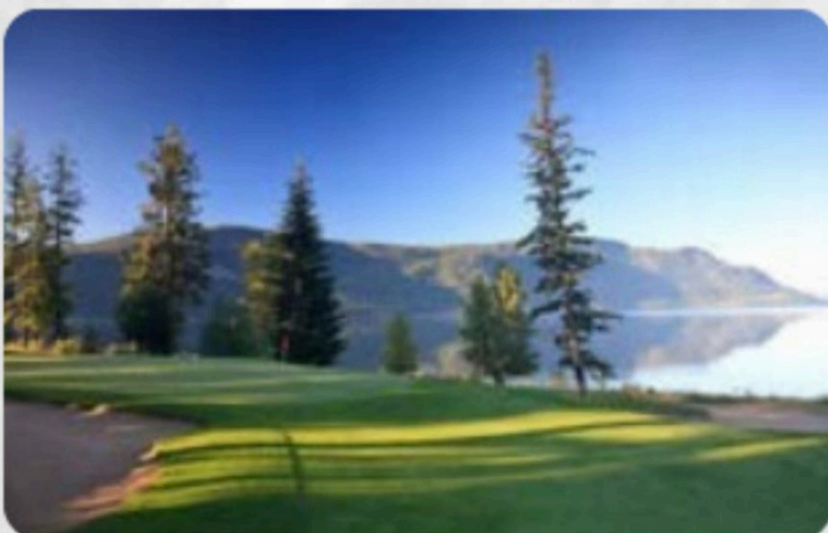


OUR COMMUNITY



The Village of Chase is located in the beautiful Shuswap region of British Columbia along the Trans Canada Highway. With Kamloops & Salmon Arm being 40 minutes away and Kelowna being under 2 hours away, Chase provides the small town atmosphere with easy access to the big city amenities. Chase has a permanent population of roughly 2500 residents, with that number increasing exponentially in the summer months.

Chase & the Shuswap region is an outdoor playground during all months of the year. During the summer months, Chase becomes a popular destination for boaters, fishermen, golfers & outdoor enthusiasts. During the winter months, Chase is conveniently located within close proximity of several ski hills, snowmobile areas, and several other outdoor activities





OUR LEAGUE - THE WIJHL



The Chase Heat are a proud founding member of the Western International Junior Hockey League (WIJHL), an independent Junior hockey league launching for the 2026-27 season. The WIJHL is comprised of 8 teams currently, spanning the BC Interior and into Spokane, Washington: the 100 Mile House Wranglers, Castlegar Rebels, Chase Heat, Creston Valley Thunder, Golden Rockets, Kelowna Chiefs, Sicamous Eagles, and Spokane Braves.

The league is independent to allow for players increased opportunities. The WIJHL prides itself on preparing players for higher levels of hockey and is committed to providing its players with a first class experience. The league is continually increasing its operating standards and providing more opportunities to highlight their players for better exposure.

As an affiliated league of the British Columbia Hockey League (BCHL), the WIJHL provides Chase Heat players with direct affiliation opportunities. Players can be called up to BCHL rosters, gaining exposure to higher levels of Junior hockey and creating a clear development pathway to advance their careers.



WESTERN INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE
DRIVEN BY DEVELOPMENT



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AN INDEPENDENT JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE ASSOCIATED WITH THE BCHL.



EDUCATION

HIGH SCHOOL



High school aged players will have the opportunity to attend Chase Secondary School . The school shares an athletic field with the arena, making attending classes and practices much easier. The school offers a vast selection of courses, making it easy for players to transfer and continue their studies. The school has accommodated several Heat players over the years and is very willing to work with our players to ensure a positive experience.

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY

Players looking to get a jump on their college studies will have multiple options to consider.

Thompson Rivers University is located in Kamloops, with easy access from Chase via Highway 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy). Thompson Rivers is one of BC's premier universities and has several different programs and areas of study to suit many interests.

Okanagan College has several campuses, including one in Salmon Arm, which is easily accessible from Chase via Highway 1. While the course selection will be smaller than some universities, Okanagan College offers a great option for upgrading classes or beginning a few courses before moving to another university full-time.





FACILITIES



The Heat are proud to call the Art Holding Memorial Arena our home. The Art, as it's affectionately known, is one of the more intimate buildings in the KIJHL, but can get very rowdy during Heat playoff games. The Heat have our own private wing of the building which includes our private dressing room & lounge, sharpening & workshop area, kitchenette, coaches office, private entrance and more.

Team strength workouts will take place at Village Fitness & Tanning, located in downtown Chase, a short walk/drive away from the Art.

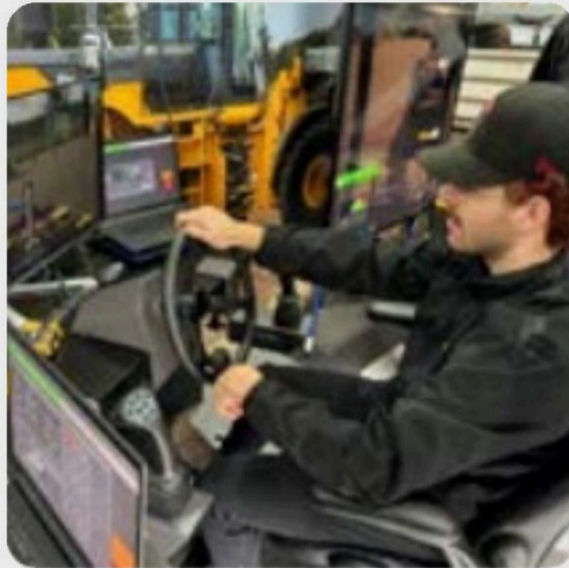




PLAYER EXPERIENCE



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COMMUNITY TRIBUTE**



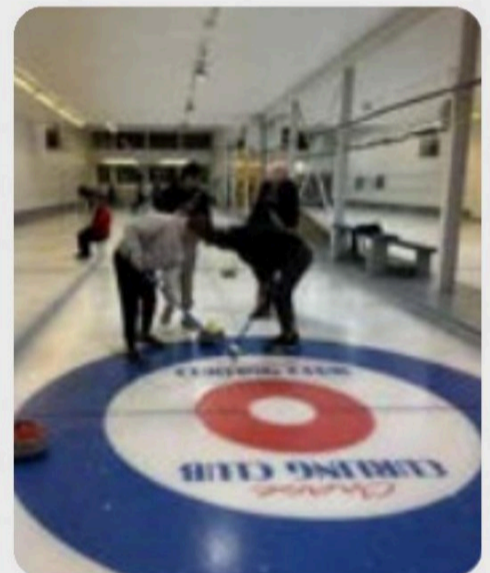
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SIMULATOR AT ROAD
BUILDERS ROADSHOW**



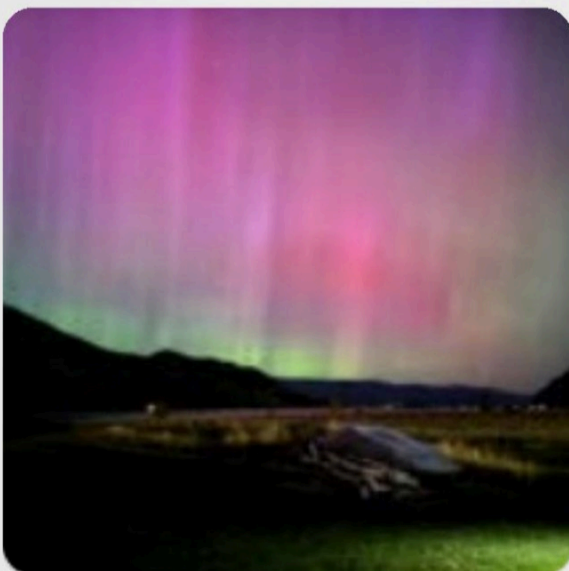
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WALK**



TEAM TRIP TO SUN PEAKS RESORT



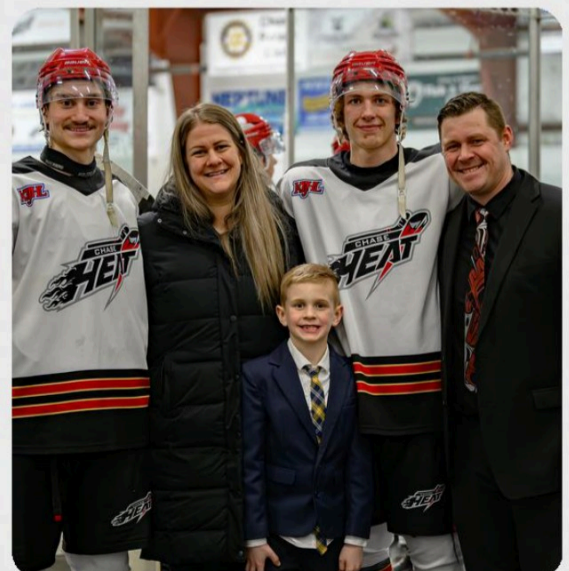
**CURLING AT THE
CHASE CURLING CLUB**



**NORTHERN LIGHTS OVER
THE LAKE**



**SKATE WITH
COMMUNITY KIDS**



**FAMILY NIGHT &
SENIOR RECOGNITION**



ALUMNI



Gavin Matthey

La Ronge Ice Wolves/Logan Lake Miners BCIHL

Trevor Kennedy

Arizona State Red Devils ACHA

Trevor Okino

Jamestown ACHA/ Ockelbo HC (Sweden)

Jack Osmond

Augustana Vikings ACAC

Brayden Haskell

IFK ORE (Sweden 3)

Lyden Robertson

Logan Lake Miners BCIHL

Colton NikiForuk

Indiana Tech ACHA

Jalen Davidson

University of Opole (Poland)

Alex Durbeniuk

Central Oklahoma ACHA

Connor Venne

Central Oklahoma ACHA

Mathew Ens

Logan Lake Miners BCIHL

Braeden Huth

Logan Lake Miners BCIHL

Joshua Bourne

Nanaimo Clippers/ERV Schweinfurt(Germany4)

Jacob Biensch

Augustana Vikings ACAC

Kaleb Preymak

Lewis Univeriversity ACHA

Josh David

Lewis Univeriversity ACHA

Dylan Handel

La Ronge Ice Wolves/ Concordia ACAC

Logan Mostat

Salmon Arm Silverbacks

Malachi Franklin

Jamestown ACHA

Matthew Poole

Jamestown ACHA

Curtis Johnson

Central Oklahoma ACHA

Reece Foreman

Minot State ACHA

Lucas Quелlette

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Kiev Kineshanko

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