

## Greeley, CO

Located just 1 hour north of Denver, this bustling city of 100,000 people has over 34 parks and the Poudre River trail. It is also home to the world famous Greeley Stampede every July. Like most of Colorado, Greeley enjoys over 300 days of sunshine each year. During their off time, our players are able to take advantage of the world-class mountain ski resorts that are only 2 hours away.

The Northern Colorado hockey community is also thriving with great collegiate competition, robust youth and adult hockey leagues, the ECHL's Colorado Eagles, and the NHL's Colorado Avalanche. UNC Hockey benefits from a large extent and variety of interaction with every member of this sport community.



Weld County Courthouse



## The University

Founded in 1889, the University of Northern Colorado hosts 12,800 resident students. Sitting on a stunning, central campus (260 acres), UNC offers a diverse selection of educational programs and majors – Business, Criminal Justice, Dietetics, Psychology, Sport & Exercise Science, and Teaching just to name a few. It is very affordable for both in-state and out-of-state students, and also offers the WUE scholarship to eligible applicants. For more information see:

[www.unco.edu](http://www.unco.edu).



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# UNIVERSITY of NORTHERN COLORADO



**UNC**  
**HOCKEY**





## Welcome to UNC Bears Hockey!

The UNC hockey team is dedicated to providing the Greeley and Northern Colorado communities with quality performance and representation both on and off the ice. We are a non-athletic scholarship, non-profit organization with perennial success in the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA).

We are continually placed in the top 10 out of over 200 teams nationally, challenging for the National Title every year. This past season the Bears moved up to ACHA Div.2 and were ranked #6 in the Western conference. Cost to play for the team is \$1,200 per semester, covering most expenses.

Beyond hockey, the program provides students with an excellent opportunity for leadership and responsibility that will benefit them long after they hang up the skates. Our players are involved with the local minor hockey association, working with the young players to help develop their skills and encourage them in their decision to play hockey.



## UNC Men's Ice Hockey

The Bears moved up to ACHA Division II in 2015! The team will play 35-40 games next season starting with open tryouts in August and playing through the National Championship Tournament in March. We honor all school holidays and players miss few school days due to the 2-3 regular season road trips we take each year. The team practices 2-3 times a week in the evenings to avoid conflict with class schedules and work, and we get prime ice time for our weekend games.

## Where We Play

UNC practices and plays all home games at the Greeley Ice Haus in downtown Greeley. Its a 1,100 seat facility that is a short drive from main campus. The Bears have their own state-of-the-art locker room on-site at the rink. We have the best fan support of any ACHA team in CO, averaging 600+ fans per game, with overflow crowds of 1000+ vs rival teams such as CSU and U. of Wyoming.

## Coaches

**Kelly Newton** (Head Coach) – a native of Penticton BC, Coach Newton spent 8 seasons at Colorado State University where he established a 93W-35L-7T record in ACHA Div2. Last season was his first as Head at UNC. He holds a Masters Coaching level with USA Hockey and is an active member of FCA Hockey.

**Ken Fikis** (GM - Asst. Coach) – a native of Thunder Bay ON, Coach Fikis has been a hockey coach for over 45 years. In 2003 Ken led the Colorado University Buffaloes to an ACHA Div2 National Championship. Last season, Ken was the Head Coach for the Bears. Ken is involved with USA Hockey, and in 2008 was inducted into the Illinois Hockey Hall of Fame

**Ryan Kenney** (Asst. Coach) - a Colorado Springs CO native, Ryan played 4 seasons for the U. of Oklahoma Div.I Sooners. Prior to coming to UNC, Ryan was an Assistant Coach at Colorado State for 3 seasons.

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