

## 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.



## 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).



UNIVERSITY OF  
**NORTHERN COLORADO**  
**BEARS**



**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 20 out of over 200 teams nationally, challenging to compete for the National Title every year. This past season the Bears competed in ACHA D2 and were ranked #5 in the Western Conference. Cost to play for the team is \$1,200 per semester, covering most ice & travel 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 competed in the ACHA D2 in 2016, finishing with a 21-10-2 record & winning the inaugural BMHC championship. The team will play 35-40 games next season starting with open tryouts in August and playing through the D2 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 CU, CSU and U. of Wyoming. Feature games include performances by the UNC Club Dance Team.

## Coaches

**Kelly Newton** (Head Coach) – a native of Penticton BC, Coach Newton has been the UNC Head Coach for the past two seasons. Prior to this, he spent 8 seasons at Colorado State University D1 and D2. His record in ACHA D2 is 130-60-11. He holds a Masters Coaching level 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 D2 National Championship. 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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