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Nikkō Ice Bucks

The **HC Nikkō Ice Bucks** (ホッケークラブ日光アイスバックス *Hokkē Kurabu Nikkō Aisu Bakkusu*) is an Asia League Ice Hockey team based in Nikkō, Tochigi, Japan.

Logo design: The word IceBucks in italicized English in black with white trim, with the words "NIKKO KOBE" in bold italics in orange trimmed with white

Mascot: An orange and white furred male deer wearing a hockey helmet.

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City	Nikkō, Tochigi
League	Asia League Ice Hockey
Founded	1999
Home arena	Nikkō Kirifuri Ice Arena (capacity 2,000)
Colours	
Owner(s)	Kobayashi Sumio
Head coach	Ari-Pekka Siekkinen
Captain	Setaka Tetsuo
Website	http://www.icebucks.jp/

History



The Nikkō area has a long history of ice hockey, with the Furukawa Electric semi-professional team (one of the oldest in Japan) having been established in 1925, and becoming a founding member of the Japanese Ice Hockey League in 1966. In 1999, however, the team was forced to disband due to financial difficulties.

A outflow of support from the city and local financing allowed the team to be recreated as a club team, supported locally. It was renamed the HC Nikkō IceBucks and joined the league in time for the next season's start. The team, despite fervent local support, was never one of the successes of the JIHL even when they were supported as Furukawa Electric, and had a rocky start as the HC Nikkō IceBucks, having to relaunch their business model in 2001. The team has consistently placed near or at the bottom of the league.

When the league expanded into the Asia League Ice Hockey, Nikkō was one of the teams that was part of the new league. In the summer of 2005, the team arranged to play a number of its home games in Kobe, Hyogo, and changed its name to the Nikkō Kobe IceBucks to reflect its new two-city home. In 2007–2008 season Kobe is no longer home and the name was reverted to the older HC Nikkō Ice Bucks.

Honours

- **Japan League championships:** none
- **Asia League championships:** none
- **All Japan Ice hockey Championship:** 2015

Year-by-year record

JIHL 1999–2004



Sumida Yousuke wearing the team's away jersey which was introduced in 2011

Season	GP	W	W(OT)	W(PS)	T	L(PS)	L(OT)	L	GF	GA	PTS	Finish	Playoffs
1999-00	30	3			5			22	45	106	11	6th/6	Out of playoffs
2000-01	40	10			1			29	91	164	21	6th/6	Out of playoffs
2001-02	40	6	2	2		2	2	26	103	163	23.0	6th/6	Out of playoffs
2002-03	32	7	0	4		1	2	18	68	114	23.0	5th/5	Out of playoffs
2002-03	24	1	0	1		0	1	21	33	112	4.5	4th/4	?
2003-04	12	0	0	0		0	0	12	19	56	0.0	4th/4	?

ALIH 2003–present

complete records for previous seasons^[1]

Season	GP	W	W(OT)	W(GWS)*	T	L(GWS)*	L(OT)	L	GF	GA	PTS	Finish	Playoffs
<u>2003-04</u>	16	2	0	—	2	—	0	12	38	67	6	5th/5	No Playoffs due to shortened season
<u>2004-05</u>	42	13	1	—	2	—	2	24	110	125	45	6th/8	—
<u>2005-06</u>	38	16	2	—	2	—	1	17	103	118	55	6th/9	Lost in quarter-final
<u>2006-07</u>	34	12	0	—	1	—	0	21	90	158	37	6th/8	Lost in semi-final
<u>2007-08</u>	30	8	2	—	2	—	0	18	60	109	30	6th/7	Lost in quarter-final
<u>2008-09</u>	36	4	2	1	—	1	1	27	74	161	20	7th/7	—
<u>2009-10</u>	36	12	2	1	—	2	2	17	103	118	46	6th/7	—
<u>2010-11</u>	36	10	3	1	—	0	2	20	95	112	40	6th/7	—
<u>2011-12</u>	36	18	0	4	—	0	1	13	158	103	63	3rd/7	—
<u>2012-13</u>	42	15	3	3	—	2	0	19	123	141	59	5th/7	—
Totals	346	110	15	10	9	5	9	188	954	1212	—	—	—

*prior to the 2008–2009 season, there were no shoot-outs and games ended in a tie

Current roster

Goaltenders

#	Country	Player	Catches	Acquired	Place of Birth
29	 	<u>Ito Keisuke</u>	L	2010	<u>Nikko, Japan</u>
38	 	<u>Ono Kohei</u>	L	2011	<u>Machida, Japan</u>
44	 	<u>Fukufuji Yutaka</u> (A)	L	2010	<u>Kushiro, Japan</u>

Defencemen

#	Country	Player	Shoots	Acquired	Place of Birth
3	 	<u>Yamaguchi Kazuyoshi</u>	L	2009	<u>Kushiro, Japan</u>
6	 	<u>Sumida Yousuke</u>	L	2010	<u>Soja, Japan</u>
7	 	<u>Fukuzawa Noaya</u>	R	2008	<u>Tomakomai, Japan</u>
8	 	<u>Ono Takayuki</u> (A)	R	2011	<u>Tomakomai, Japan</u>
9	 	<u>Yamada Yuya</u>	R	2011	<u>Tomakomai, Japan</u>
11	 	<u>Tyadg MCGauley</u>	R	2012	<u>Tokyo, Japan</u>
34	 	<u>Takahashi Junichi</u>	R	2011	<u>Nikko, Japan</u>
80	 	<u>Kato Makoto</u>		2012	<u>Memuro, Japan</u>

Forwards

#	Country	Player	Position	Shoots	Acquired	Place of Birth
10	 	<u>Saito Kenta</u>	LW	L	2011	<u>Kushiro, Japan</u>
12	 	<u>Uchiyama Tomohiko</u>	LW	L	2009	<u>Kushiro, Japan</u>
16	 	<u>Yakura Dean</u>		R	2008	<u>Canada</u>
18	 	<u>Suzuki Takahito</u> (C)	RW	R	2009	<u>Tomakomai, Japan</u>
19	 	<u>Nakai Musashi</u>	C/RW	L	2007	<u>Hachinohe, Japan</u>
20	 	<u>Tonosaki Kei</u>	LW	L	2011	<u>Sapporo, Japan</u>
21	 	<u>Omachi Noritoshi</u>	RW	L	2011	<u>Japan</u>
23	 	<u>Suzuki Yuta</u>			2012	<u>Japan</u>
41	 	<u>Garett Bembridge</u>	RW	R	2012	<u>Melfort, SK, Canada</u>
45	 	<u>Setaka Tetsuo</u>	C	L	2005	<u>Tomakomai, Japan</u>
48	 	<u>Ueno Hiroki</u>	LW/RW	L	2011	<u>Nagano, Japan</u>
51	 	<u>Dave Bonk</u>	C	L	2011	<u>Brandon, MB, Canada</u>

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Ishizuka
Takeshi

LW

L

2012 Tomakomai, Japan

Past import players

- Curt Bennett 1980–82, F
- Harvey Bennett, Jr. 1980–82, D
- Eduard Novak 1982–84, F
- Frantisek Kaberle Sr. 1982–84, D (Father of Frantisek Kaberle and Tomas Kaberle)
- Patrik Degerstedt 1999–2001
- Martin Kariya 2004–05, LW (Brother of Paul Kariya and Steve Kariya)
- Shjon Podein 2005–06, LW
- Chris Paradise 2005–06, C
- Mike Henderson 2006–07, RW
- Eric LaFreniere 2008–09, RW
- Mickey Gilchrist 2008–09, C
- Bud Smith 2009–11, C
- Richard Rochefort 2010–11, D/C
- Andrew Kozek 2011–12, LW

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External links

- Official website (<http://www.icebucks.jp/>) (in Japanese)
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