

SPOKANE



BRAVES

2023-2024

RECRUITMENT

GUIDE



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Spokane Braves, I would like to welcome you all back! We are so excited that our hiatus, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, has finally come to an end. We could not be more excited to be back and provide the opportunity for players to play for the Spokane Braves in the KIJHL.

This season we are past the uncertainty of the pandemic and are ready to proceed with our 23-24 season. I would like to thank our coach, Darin Schumacher, for his patience and diligence in working behind the scenes these past three years. We are looking forward to watching Darin move our team forward with his hard work, dedication, and development of the players. The Braves have always strived to develop not only good hockey players, but good off-ice moral character as well. We are excited to watch a strong, successful season. Here's to the Braves 50th season!

Yours in hockey,
Bob Tobiason, President



COACH'S MESSAGE

Hockey is about working as a team to create & sustain offensive zone time & pressure! We attack as a team, driving towards the same goal. Our mentality is to outnumber our opponent and play in the offensive zone as much as possible. All players, Defensemen and Forwards are aggressive in the offensive play. All 5 players are essential to our offensive attack.

The Braves will take pride in developing a solid Power Play for the purpose of offensive development and to create scoring opportunities. We work on our power play and offensive skills everyday! Our practices are designed to help players sharpen the skills needed to be effective every time they are on the ice.

Being a Brave means showing up everyday for your teammates. The guys in the locker room depend on you to bring your best everyday, on and off the ice.

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The projected team fee for the Spokane Braves 2023/24 season will be \$6850 (US Dollars), plus \$850 (Canadian Dollars) for the KIJHL league fee. The billet fee for our out of town players will be \$400 per month.

Home Games: All home games are played at Eagles Ice Arena in Spokane, WA.

Regular Season: 44 regular season games - season runs from late September to mid February.

Playoffs: 4 teams in our 5 team Neil Murdoch division will advance to the playoffs, all playoff series are 7 game series.

Schedule: Set schedule for on ice and off ice training, which will help our players organize their school and/or work schedule.

On Ice: 3 to 4 team practices per week, individual and small group training available.

Off Ice: Strength and Conditioning workouts with an added focus on Nutrition, Mobility and Injury Prevention.

Video Training: Review and discussion to enhance on-ice learning.

Instat Reports: Online video highlights and stat reports. Full access for Players and Coaches to review individual statistics and game footage.

Development & Opportunity: The KIJHL is a heavily recruited league by Junior A, Major Junior, and College scouts.

Meals: Nutrition provided for all games

Travel: Chartered coach bus is provided for all away games and hotel accommodations as necessary.

Billets: Quality supportive billet families are available for our out of town players.

Dressing Room: Dedicated locker room with individual stalls.

Media: Media exposure through our social media channels and all regular season & playoff games are live-streamed on HockeyTV.

THE KIJHL



The Kootenay International Junior Hockey League is the premier development league at the Junior B level in Canada. KIJHL teams have successfully developed and prepared players to move on to Junior A, and Major Junior hockey, as well as college and university programs at all levels in Canada and the United States.

Over 45 future NHL players got their start in the KIJHL, including Shea Weber, Barret Jackman, Scott Parker, Derek Ryan, Adam Deadmarsh, and Ray Ferraro. Countless others have earned scholarships after progressing to leagues like the WHL and BCHL, while many of those who finish their junior careers in the KIJHL are recruited by college teams in British Columbia, Alberta, and the United States.

THE BCHC



The British Columbia Hockey Conference's inaugural season included two major projects: the creation of a Department of Player Safety that oversaw enhanced supplementary disciplinary procedures for its members, as well as a Prospects Game that will highlight its top young players.

“The creation of the BCHC marks an important first step in a collaboration between our leagues to grow, develop and promote our junior hockey footprint,” says PJHL Commissioner Trevor Alto. “The PJHL and KIJHL have been two of the preeminent development leagues for aspiring junior-aged hockey players over a number of decades, and it only makes sense that we would work more closely together.”

The BCHC's Department of Player Safety is led by Jason Rende in the role of Director, as well as Tom Getzie, Willy Saari and Rob Schweitzer as Coordinators. Rende brings over 35 years experience as a game official, supervisor and mentor, and has most recently been serving as BC Hockey's High Performance Officiating Coordinator for the Interior, Kootenays and Northern B.C.

“Partnering to create this department represents a significant step forward in enhancing player safety and professionalizing the on-ice disciplinary processes in our respective leagues,” says KIJHL Commissioner Jeff Dubois. “Jason and his team will utilize video review to ensure the most serious offences are dealt with appropriately, and they'll also have the ability to rescind infractions when doing so is warranted.”

Meanwhile, the 2023 BCHC Prospects Game showcased the KIJHL and PJHL's top young talent to coaches and scouts from Junior A programs and beyond.



MAIN/PROSPECT CAMP

We will be holding our main camp June 23-25th, 2023 at [Frontier Ice Arena](#) in Coeur D'Alene, ID. You can sign up for our camp at <http://camp.spokanebraves.com/> .

The Main Camp (2003-2007 birth years) will consist of 6 on ice scrimmages for each player. Our Prospect Camp (2007-2010 birth years) will consist of 5 on ice scrimmages for each player. If you are born in 2007 you can choose which group to be apart of. The top Main Camp players will be selected to play in the Blue White All-Star game that will take place on June 25th.

The June 25th Prospect game and Main Camp Blue White All-Star game will be live streamed on YouTube. Links to the games will be posted on our social media channels.

For our out of town prospects please contact the Holiday Inn Express at 208-667-3100 and ask for the "Frontier Ice Arena" rate. The Holiday Inn Express is located a little over mile down the street from Frontier Ice Arena.

BILLET FAMILIES

The Spokane Braves strive to place players with billet families that provide a stable household.

What players receive:

- A private bedroom
- Access to Internet, washer, and dryer
- A patient, caring and friendly home atmosphere
- Meals or items to prepare your own meals/snacks

When a family volunteers to house a member of the Spokane Braves, they are expected to treat the players as "one of the family" and not just a "renter". They are required to provide room and board for the player. This includes providing the player with his own room as well as providing nutritious food that is available for the player to prepare himself and/or to be included in family meal time.

Billet families are thoroughly checked out before taking in a player. Billets must:

- Complete a written application and interview
- Give a home tour with the billet coordinator
- Pass a criminal background check



SPOKANE/COEUR D'ALENE

The Spokane Braves are the lone American team in the KIJHL, or as they say “We Put the I in KI”. The Spokane Braves play in the largest city within the KIJHL footprint. For more information about Spokane, check out VisitSpokane.com and for more information about Coeur D’Alene, Idaho visit CoeurDAlene.org.

EDUCATION

For our out of town players there are a lot of great high schools to attend depending on which billet family you are you placed with. For our college aged players we have 2 community colleges ([SCC](#) & [SFCC](#)), and 3 universities ([Gonzaga](#), [EWU](#), [Whitworth](#)) available for classes.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Spokane’s natural playground includes five ski resorts, more than three dozen golf courses, hundreds of miles of paved and single-track bike routes, mile-high mountains for hiking, and 76 lakes and rivers for water recreation.

SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

SPORTS

- [Spokane Chiefs](#) Hockey (Western Hockey League)
- Eastern Washington University [Hockey](#), [Football](#), and [Basketball](#)
- [Gonzaga University](#) Soccer and Basketball
- [Whitworth University](#) Football, Basketball, Soccer

CONCERT AND EVENT VENUES

[Spokane Arena](#), [The Knitting Factory](#), [Northern Quest Casino](#), [Fox Theater](#), [Bing Crosby Theater](#), [First Interstate Center for the Arts](#), and the [Podium](#). The [Spokane Interstate Fair](#) happens right before the KIJHL regular season begins.

PRO/NCAA ALUMNI

NHL

Bear Hughes – Washington Capitals (Drafted)
Dennis LaRue – NHL Referee
Scott Levins – Winnipeg Jets
Devan McConnell – High-Performance Director for Arizona Coyotes
Mike McGeough – NHL Referee
Derek Ryan – Carolina Hurricanes/Calgary Flames/Edmonton Oilers
Scott Parker – Colorado Avalanche

AHL

Tommy Maxwell – Hershey Bears
Zach Tarkir – Lowell Devils
Sean Zimmerman – Lowell Devils
Tyson Feist – Syracuse Crunch
Derek Ryan - Charlotte Checkers

ECHL/WCHL/CHL/IHL/WPHL/UHL

Jason Beeman – Texas Wildcatters
Skyler Smutek – South Carolina Stingrays
Chase Decker – Tulsa Oilers
Chris Tarkir – Wichita Thunder
Jesse Wright – Anchorage Aces
Ryan Tansy – Reno Renegades
Aaron Spotts – Quad City Mallards
Wynn Henricksen – San Angelo Outlaws
Bear Hughes – South Carolina Stingrays
Derek Ryan - Kalamazoo Wings
Tyson Feist - Orlando Solar Bears

SPHL

Skyler Smutek – Peoria Rivermen
Jake Toporowski – Quad City Storm – Assistant Coach
Chase Wharton – Huntsville Havoc
Matt Zenzola – Louisiana Ice Gators

EUROPE

Patrick Heinz – Germany – Deggendorfer EC
Keegan McHenry – Slovakia – MHK Dubnica
Derek Ryan - Switzerland - Örebro HK

NCAA D1/USPORTS

Carter Jones – Bemidji State University
Dawson Tritt – Lake Superior State University
Ben Nelson – Quinnipiac University
Nick Farmer – Niagara University
Skyler Smutek – University of Connecticut
Evan Witt – Michigan Tech
Jeff Hajner – Air Force Academy
Chris Tarkir – University of Alaska-Anchorage
Zach Tarkir – Northern Michigan University
Wes Henricksen – Sacred Heart University
Charlie Goodwin – Miami University (Ohio)
Ryan Fleming – Michigan State
Rod Poindexter – Northern Michigan University
Scott McIntosh – Western Michigan University
Mike Moore – St. Louis University
Bobby Tyson – Quinnipiac University
Ryan McMullan – University of Alaska-Anchorage
Bobby Jones – Brown University
Derek Ryan - University of Alberta

NCAA D3

Kurtis Redding – Bethel University
Tyler Peltram – Bethel University
Justin Bonanno – Bethel University
Jon Manlow – New England College
Jonny Marzec – Wisconsin Stout
Andrew Newman – Kings College
Blake Halfpenny – Chatnam&Hamline University
Connor McIntosh – Anna Maria College
Stephon Perreault – UMass Dartmouth
Evangelos Stefanou – UMass Dartmouth
Zak Kroll – UMass Dartmouth
Bill Shaw – Fitchburg State
Aaron Spotts – College of St. Scholastica
Devan McConnell – Fitchburg State
Billy Martin – St. Olaf College
Chase Decker – Norwich University
Jeff Whalley – Utica College
Wynn Henricksen – St Norbert College
Rich Blumer – Augsburg University
Tully LaBelle-Hamer – St Michaels College
Ryno Linder – Milwaukee School of Engineering
Andrew Christ – SUNY-Fredonia
Matt Damskov – Morrisville State College
Derek Humphreys – Concordia Wisconsin



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JUNIOR ALUMNI

Western Hockey League (WHL)

Derek Ryan – Spokane Chiefs
Jake Toporowoski – Spokane Chiefs
Keith Anderson – Victoria Royals/Everett Silvertips
Luke Gallagher – Spokane Chiefs
Tyson Feist – Spokane Chiefs/Regina Pats/Kelowna Rockets
Campbell Arnold – Spokane Chiefs/Victoria Royals
Bear Hughes – Spokane Chiefs
Scott Levins – Tri City Americans
Seth Compton – Spokane Chiefs
Sean Zimmerman – Spokane Chiefs
Dan Holden – Spokane Chiefs
Michael Senseman – Spokane Chiefs/Regina Pats
Jason Beeman – Tri City Americans
Kyle Harris – Saskatoon Blades
Colin Ruck – Spokane Chiefs/Tri City Americans
Tommy Maxwell – Medicine Hat Tigers
C.J. Jackson – Portland Winterhawks
Scott Parker – Kelowna Rockets
Keith Blair – Spokane Flyers
Robin Stewart – Spokane Flyers
Mick McGeough – Regina Pats
John Strait – Lethbridge Broncos

United States Hockey League (USHL)

Wynn Henricksen – Dubuque Fighting Saints
Brian Piper – Sioux City Musketeers
Tanner Slarks – Tri City Storm
Bear Hughes – Fargo Force
Jake Toporowski – Des Moines Buccaneers – Assistant Coach/
Director of Hockey Operations

North American Hockey League (NAHL)

Nick Farmer – Wichita Falls Wildcats
Rance Hughes – St Louis Bandits
Tyler Mort – Wenatchee Wild
Andrew Christ – Wenatchee Wild
Wynn Henricksen – Indianapolis Jr Ice
Ryan Fleming – Indianapolis Jr Ice
Tully LaBelle-Hamer – Alaska Avalanche
Lane Bitz – Alexandria Blizzard
Jake Walsh – Alexandria Blizzard
Ryan Maul – New Mexico Mustangs
Ryan McMullan – Springfield Spirit
Derek Humphreys – North Iowa Bulls

Canada Junior A

JJ Pichette – Cowichan Valley Capitals (BCHL)
Carter Jones – Trail Smoke Eaters (BCHL)
Dawson Tritt – Alberni Valley Bulldogs (BCHL)

Derek Humphreys – Wenatchee Wild (BCHL)
Ryan Pajimola – Surrey Eagles (BCHL)
Ben Nelson – Cowichan Valley Capitals (BCHL)
Scott Levins – Penticton Knights (BCJHL)
Dan Holden – Penticton Knights (BCJHL)
Dylan Tappe – Trail Smoke Eaters (BCHL)
Uriah Machuga – Trail Smoke Eaters (BCHL)
Michael Smith – Quesnel Millionaires (BCHL)
Evan Witt – Alberni Valley Bulldogs (BCHL)
Jason Greenwell – Surrey Eagles (BCHL)
Andrew Clark – Surrey Eagles (BCHL)
Brandon Clark – Surrey Eagles (BCHL)
Aaron Spotts – Cowichan Valley Capitals (BCHL)
Jeff Hajner – Chilliwack Chiefs (BCHL)
Chase Decker – Cowichan Valley Capitals (BCHL)
Jonathan Braun – Powell River Kings (BCHL)
Chris Tarkir – Chilliwack Chiefs (BCHL)
Brian Dafoe – Trail Smoke Eaters (BCHL)
Rod Poindexter – Penticton Knights (BCJHL)
Rich Blumer – Merritt Centennials (BCHL)
Nick Kooiker – Williams Lake Timberwolves (BCHL)
Andrew Christ – Surrey Eagles (BCHL)
Nate Wilson – Penticton Veeps (BCHL)
Bobby Tyson – Powell River Kings (BCHL)
Joe Armillotta – Merritt Centennials (BCHL)
Jesse Wright – Langley Hornets (BCHL)
Matt Sumney – Victoria Salsa (BCJHL)
Steve Bausch – Vancouver Villa (BCJHL)
Greg Taylor – Vancouver Villas (BCJHL)
Bill Ross – Vancouver Villas (BCJHL)
Ryan McKenna – Wenatchee Wild (BCHL)
Campbell Arnold – Alberni Valley Bulldogs (BCHL)
Austin Madge – West Kelowna Warriors (BCHL)
Skyler Smutek – Drayton Valley Thunder (AJHL)
Matt Tyson – Brooks Bandits (AJHL)
Gord Gustafson – Red Deer Rustlers (AJHL)
Kurtis Redding – Battleford North Stars (SJHL)
Jon Manlow – Melville Millionaires (SJHL)
Jonny Marzec – Flin Flon Bombers (SJHL)
Kyle Donaldson – Kindersley Klippers (SJHL)
Connor McIntosh – Battleford Northstars (SJHL)
Chase Wharton – Humboldt Broncos (SJHL)
Gord Arnsten – Moose Jaw Canucks (SJHL)
Owen Miley – Estevan Bruins (SJHL)/ Renfrew Wolves (CCHL)
Stephon Perreault – Swan Valley Stampeders (MJHL)
Elliot Plourde – Winnipeg Blues (MJHL)
Tysen Azevedo – Swan Valley Stampeders (MJHL)
Brandon Lassiter – Portage Terriers (MJHL)
Garrett Graham – Dryden Ice Dogs (SIJHL)
Austin Madge – Kam River Fighting Walleye (SIJHL)
Alex Enegren – Kam River Fighting Walleye (SIJHL)
Gabe West – Blind River Beavers (NOJHL)
Adam Power – Aurora Tigers (OJHL)

"THE BRAVES ARE A GREAT OPTION TO PREPARE FOR THE NEXT LEVEL. AT 16, I WASN'T READY TO PLAY HIGH LEVEL JUNIOR, BUT AFTER A YEAR IN SPOKANE, THERE WERE 4 BCHL TEAMS I COULD HAVE SIGNED WITH." - SKYLER SMUTEK - SOUTH CAROLINA STINGRAYS (ECHL)/DRAYTON VALLEY THUNDER(AJHL)



BCIHL/ACHA ALUMNI

Bobby LaRue – Eastern Washington University
Paxton Malone – University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Patrick Kasper – University of Utah
Lance Noomen – University of Jamestown
Greg Lind – Eastern Washington University/Okanagan Lakers
Hayden Boring – Eastern Washington University
Austin Breen – Eastern Washington University
Jake Holden – Western Washington University
Stephen Huisking – Eastern Washington University
Trenton Sherman – Concordia Wisconsin
Elliot Plourde – Arizona State University
Aaron Morris – University of Washington
Matt Klenk – University of Washington
Andrew Clark – University of Jamestown
Jed Butler – University of Jamestown
Paxton Bell – Eastern Washington University
Uriah Machuga – Eastern Washington University
Nick Redding – Eastern Washington University
Jesse Collins – Weber State/Eastern Washington University
A.J. King – Eastern Washington University
Tyler Mort – Eastern Washington University
Cash Ulrich – Eastern Washington University
Campbell Jackson – Williston State College/Waldorf University
Alex Lelwica – University of Colorado
Chase Wharton – Eastern Washington University

Shane Horlacher – Eastern Washington University
Michael Smith – University of Washington
Bret Kellogg – Eastern Washington University
Jason Greenwell – Eastern Washington University
Cam Sargent – Eastern Washington University
Ryan Pajimola – Eastern Washington University
Brandon Clark – Iowa State University
Josh Pickens – Eastern Washington University
Ryan Pajimola – Eastern Washington University
Kevin Ogle – Eastern Washington University
Shane Davis – Eastern Washington University
Scott Birdwell – Eastern Washington University
Scott O'Neill – Arizona State University
Matt Randall – Eastern Washington University
Ryan Maul – University of Washington
Josef Chase – Utah State University
Weston Walker – Weber State University
Jeremiah Holmes – Weber State University
Erich Schwabe – Boston University
Gil Givens – US Naval Academy
Keegan McHenry – Utah State University
Austin Gabriel – Gonzaga University
Ryan Moore – Gonzaga University
Alex Moore – Arizona State University
Ethan Florko – Eastern Washington University
Darren Morris – Eastern Washington University/University of Washington
Braiden Sparkes – Anna Maria College
Austin Madge – University of Oregon
Alex Enegren – University of Oregon
Marcello De Antunano – University of Utah



"GOING FROM U18 TO JUNIORS WAS A BIG STEP FOR ME. I WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO HAVE DARIN SCHUMACHER COACH ME THE YEAR PRIOR TO JOINING THE SPOKANE BRAVES. THE YEAR BEFORE I JOINED THE BRAVES DARIN ASKED ME WHAT MY GOALS WERE SO HE COULD HELP ME ACHIEVE THEM. WE TALKED ABOUT WHAT I WOULD NEED TO WORK ON SO I COULD PLAY AT THE NEXT LEVEL. WE THEN DEVELOPED A PLAN ON HOW I WOULD ACHIEVE MY GOALS AND GET TO THE NEXT LEVEL. UNTIL THIS YEAR I NEVER WAS REALLY THAT STRONG IN THE GYM OR SUPER-FAST ON THE ICE. COACH DARIN HELPED ME GO FROM AVERAGE IN THE GYM AND AVERAGE IN SPEED TO THE STRONGEST IN THE GYM AND ONE OF THE FASTEST ON THE ICE. WE ALSO WORKED ON MY SKILLS ON THE ICE AND THESE THINGS PREPARED ME TO PLAY AT THE NEXT LEVEL. ONCE I GOT TO JUNIORS, I WAS ABLE TO KEEP IMPROVING ON THESE THINGS. I STILL WORKED WITH COACH WHEN I HAD TIME SO I COULD KEEP IMPROVING. DARIN ALWAYS TOLD ME TO WAKE UP AND BE BETTER THAN THE DAY BEFORE. THIS STUCK WITH ME, AND IT IS SOMETHING I STILL TRY TO DO TODAY. JUNIORS WAS A LOT OF FUN AND IT ALLOWED ME TO BE SEEN BY CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY WISCONSIN. ONCE I GOT TO COLLEGE I

STILL DID ALL THE THINGS DARIN TAUGHT ME ON HOW TO BECOME BETTER IN EVERY ASPECT OF LIFE. MY FRESHMAN YEAR I WAS ONE OF THE BEST FRESHMEN IN MY CONFERENCE. THAT SUMMER I CONTINUED TO WORK HARD AND CAME BACK FOR MY SOPHOMORE YEAR BETTER THAN EVER. MY SOPHOMORE YEAR I BECAME A FIRST TEAM ALL-AMERICAN AND WAS 3RD IN THE COUNTRY IN GOALS. DARIN WAS THE FIRST PERSON I CALLED AND TOLD ABOUT BEING NAMED ALL-AMERICAN. I THANKED HIM FOR EVERYTHING HE HAD DONE FOR ME. HE WAS SO HAPPY FOR ME AND SAID IT WAS ALL OF MY HARD WORK BUT I KNOW I WOULD HAVE NEVER ACHIEVED WHAT I HAVE ACHIEVED WITHOUT COACH DARIN. HE IS ONE OF THE GREATEST PEOPLE I KNOW AND ONE OF THE GREATEST BLESSINGS IN MY LIFE."- TRENTON SHERMAN - CONCORDIA WISCONSIN (ACHA D2)

"The Spokane Braves are an excellent opportunity to learn and grow as a player. I can speak from experience that the KIJHL gets a lot of exposure to the Junior A level. Head Coach Darin Schumacher is someone I have had the privilege of skating with for the past number of summers. He's the best coach around and has taught me the necessary skills to be an effective player. I am truly grateful for his efforts on and off the ice. His passion and drive for the game gets the most out his players. He is going to be a game changer for the Braves Organization." - **DEREK HUMPHREYS - CONCORDIA WISCONSIN (NCAA D3)/NORTH IOWA BULLS (NAHL)**

"Coming out of midget hockey and jumping into juniors is a big step for a player but I was very fortunate to live at home and play locally for the Braves. It was one of the most enjoyable years of hockey I've played and I made tremendous strides which helped me sign with the Spokane Chiefs around Christmas of that year. Junior hockey is all about development, and although I have never played with Darin as my coach, I work with him both on the ice and in the gym during the summers. The best quality about him is he genuinely cares about us players, not only as an athlete but as a person. He also makes the sport enjoyable to play; hockey should be fun and if you are not looking forward to coming to the rink or gym everyday then progress will be stifled. Darin, like Mike Bay who was coaching when I played for the Braves, pushes a player to be the best you can be in an enjoyable way. Braves hockey needs to come back to Spokane for the development of players and Darin is a great fit to be the guy to help players continue to develop to move on to the next level." - **BEAR HUGHES - SOUTH CAROLINA STINGRAYS (ECHL)/SPOKANE CHIEFS (WHL)/FARGO FORCE (USHL)**

"I have been involved in hockey most of my life as a player (D1 Notre Dame), minor hockey coach and a Spokane Braves hockey dad. Over the years I have known a lot of coaches and instructors on and off the ice and would rate Darin at the very top. His pedigree in hockey-rich Grand Forks, ND gave him a solid foundation as both a player and coach. His passion, enthusiasm, and knowledge of the game have positively impacted many players over the last 25 years, including all three of my boys ('01, '05, '07). He is an extremely positive person that relates well with players and raises the water level wherever he goes. I am excited to see Darin Schumacher lead the Braves this coming season!" - **KEVIN HUMPHREYS - PARENT - NORTE DAME (NCAA D1)**

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