

## **NHL Award Criteria**

As with vUAL's other sports team awards (i.e., MLB and NFL), pilots will qualify for the NHL Award after they complete the flights in the order provided on any one team page. A pilot may complete more than one team's schedule but only one award will be issued.

Pilots may fly any aircraft in the Captain class or higher, provided their CAT rating is sufficient. That said, most team planes seem to fall in the Captain class (i.e., A319/320 or Boeing 737).

Flights for this award **must** take place between October 1 and March 31; flights occurring between April 1 and September 30 cannot be accepted towards this award. If a pilot does not complete the award by the end of March 31, he can re-commence the tour where he left off after the next October 1; there is no need to repeat flights flown in the previous year to count for the current year.

**Only two NHL Award PIREPs may be filed on any one calendar day** because it would be unrealistic for the team to play multiple games in multiple cities in one 24-hour period.

The first flight originates from the home airport and the last flight concludes at the home airport. For example, on the Anaheim Ducks page, KSNA is the home airport for the purposes of this award.

There are two types of legs in this award, the single-flight leg where the current and succeeding leg commence at the home airport. For the Ducks, KSNA-KSJC and KSNA-KLAX are single-flight legs.

There are also "road tour" legs where the team travels to more than one location before returning to the home airport. For the Ducks, KSNA-KDTW, KDTW-KPIT, KPIT-KCMH, and KMCH-KBOS are a road tour leg.

Other flights may be flown between NHL legs, provided that the next leg on the award begins at the team's home airport. The road tour at the beginning of the Ducks' season would need to be completed before any non-NHL Tour flights.