

McKinney Lightning 2014-15 Program

Ice Training

Minimum 60 Hours of Practice Ice (Team can also use for scrimmages)

Our contract lists practice ice based on the hour rather than by practices because it lets you know what you will receive. You don't have to guess regarding how long practices will be or how many practices you will receive if the team's practice slots must also be used for games.

60 hours basically works out to two 75 minute practices a week during the 24 week regular season (August to February, excluding Thanksgiving and Christmas/New Year's holidays). There will be some fluctuations in how many practices a team receives in a week based on tournament weeks or multiple DSTHL game weekends, but with MIHC you know the minimum hours of practice ice you will receive.

Games

All DSTHL Regular Season Games (usually 20)

Labor Day Leveling Tournament (estimated to be a minimum of 4 games)

All DSTHL Playoff Games (in the past has been anywhere from 2 to 11 games)

(This includes all game costs, such as the ice, referees, and scorekeepers.)

Off Ice Training

Weekly Off Ice Training Sessions. Sessions will generally be on the same days as practices to alleviate the number of times players must come to the rink.

Goalies

Goalies will receive a minimum of 13 sessions throughout the year with the Club's goalie coach, Thomas Speer. This will be scheduled by team. These sessions will be conducted during team practices mainly, but potentially with some goalie specific clinics. Coach Speer is required to work with each team's goalies twice a month for all but one month of the season. Team assistant coaches will also be trained by Coach Speer so that goalies receive training during the team's additional practices.

Additional Items Included With Club Fee

Practice Jersey

Coach Travel Expenses for DSTHL Games

Concussion Baseline Testing for Pee Wee and Up (Except for players who took the test last year or receive it through the high school league)

Periodic Use of Club Locker Room

Year-End Awards Banquet (Free for Players)

USA Hockey Training for Coaches and Background Checks on all Coaches and Volunteers

2014-15 Club Costs (covers the items listed above)

Bantam and Midget Teams - \$3,400

Pee Wee and Squirt Teams - \$3,300

It is difficult to compare costs since not all clubs list their prices in advance and since packages may differ (some clubs buckle practices, some use practice slots for games, some provide different dryland options, etc.). Historically the McKinney Lightning has been one of the more affordable travel hockey clubs in the Metroplex while providing the same or more ice than comparable teams. We believe that will be true in 2014-15 as well, but it is up to each consumer to compare the different programs and offerings.

Payment plans are available. We encourage individuals to play by check or cash in order to ensure more funds are available for our teams, but we do accept credit card payments by Mastercard, Visa and the Discover Card.

Potential Additional Costs

Individuals who have been involved in travel hockey programs know that there are additional costs above and beyond club fees. For those new to travel hockey, here is a description of potential additional costs you will incur.

Required Uniforms and Warm Ups - Ranges from \$325 to \$375 for new Lightning players (existing players are not required to buy new jersey, socks or breezer shells)

Pro-rated cost for additional tournaments - Teams usually decide to participate in additional tournaments. These may be local (such as a Columbus Day Tournament, Stars' Fall Round-Up at Thanksgiving, or the Winter Classic over MLK Weekend) or out-of-town tournaments. The entry fees for local tournaments are usually pro-rated between the participating players (usually between \$75 to \$90). Pro-rated fees for out-of-town tournament generally also include reasonable travel expenses for the coach. The number of tournaments our teams participate in varies based upon the desires of the families. Younger teams generally will do the local tournaments and one or two out-of-town tournaments during the year. Depending on the level of play, the older teams will generally do two or three out-of-town tournaments a year. The cost can vary greatly depending on the tournament a team chooses.

Families are responsible for their own travel costs to DSTHL games in other cities (varies from one to three weekends a season) and out of town tournaments.

For the Midget teams and Bantam Major team - Pro rata cost of State Playdown Games and/or State Tournament Fees

Pro rata cost for any additional ice a team decides to purchase (for example, additional ice a team chooses to purchase for a scrimmage if not using its practice ice for the scrimmage), as well as the costs of referees and a scorekeeper for scrimmages. Often the two teams share the cost of scrimmages.

These items are not included in club fees because the amount varies from team to team and is partly controlled by the families on the team.

With the Lightning, you will not incur additional expenses for locker rooms, coach salaries, or additional off ice training.

If you have additional questions, please contact MIHC President, Jay Ray, at jayeray@tx.rr.com.