

Evaluation skates for house players are run in August. The ratings assigned during the draft are used to place each child on a team as part of the draft process that is required by the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association (MAHA). This ensures that the teams that are put together are as even in ability as possible.

As a result of the draft, the house teams are formed in August and practices will begin the beginning of September. Travel teams are formed in July and begin skating right after the team has been formed.

Ice times for games and practices are sorted out once we know how many teams we will have, but you can count on three hours of ice each week. Two skates during the week after school times and once on the weekends. Our teams play up and down the I-275 corridor. That includes Dearborn, Westland, Garden City, Plymouth, etc. Teams often decide to attend hockey tournaments as well. Those are up to the coach, manager, and parents to arrange.

Costs are worked out using this algorithm:

Ice Cost (In 2003-04 the cost was \$235 an hour)

X (times)

The number of skates in a month (usually about 12)

+ (plus)

Other team costs (pucks, tournament costs, etc.)

- (minus)

Team fundraising and team sponsorship revenue

÷ (divided by)

The number of the kids on the team

= (Equals)

Monthly Ice Bill for each player

This all gets worked out by the team's manager, usually a volunteer parent, and is published along with a monthly budget for the team. Ice payments are due in advance, are paid by each team, and are usually collected the last week of the month for the next month. The first ice payment is usually collected at the first or second skate of the year for September.