



2007-08 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: *What league do you play in?*

The Team participates at the Division II level of the American Collegiate Hockey Association (“ACHA”). The ACHA began as a men’s collegiate hockey league in 1991, and quickly grew to a league of over 150 teams in three men’s divisions. Since then, the ACHA has grown tremendously and now boasts five divisions with over 350 men’s and women’s teams from across the nation.

Within the ACHA, the Team competes in the ten-team Mid-Atlantic Collegiate Hockey Association (“MACHA”). Comprised of Princeton, Wagner, Rider, William Patterson University, Seton Hall University, Temple University, Lafayette College, University of Maryland-Baltimore County, St. Joseph’s, and Penn, the MACHA is widely considered to be one of the premier DII Club conferences in the nation.

Q: *When does the season start?*

Generally, the Team’s season runs from September through early March. The 2007-08 season, for example, will begin on September 10.

Q: *How often do you practice?*

The Team practices between two to the three times per week. Each player must also complete off-ice conditioning work.

Q: *How many games do you play?*

The Team plays approximately thirty games, eighteen of which are MACHA league games.

Q: *Do you recruit?*

No, although we encourage you to express your interest in the program when you begin your college search, ideally at the end of your junior year or the beginning of your senior year.

Q: *Does Penn give scholarships for ice hockey?*

No, although you can learn more about Penn’s financial aid packages by visiting the following link: <http://www.sfs.upenn.edu/paying/index.htm>

Q: *What are my chances of making the team?*

The answer largely depends on number of players who tryout for the Team. Ordinarily, the Team will carry a roster of roughly 20-23 players. To the extent that interest exceeds available roster spots, then the coaching staff will make cuts.

Q: *Where did your players play before coming to Penn?*

The Team's roster is historically comprised of accomplished players from a variety of hockey backgrounds; for example, before coming to Penn, some competed at the Junior or Prep school level, others played high school hockey, and still others competed at the travel/club level.

Q: *Does it cost money to play?*

Yes, dues for the season are \$800-\$1200 per player, although no player will be turned away because of financial hardship.

Q: *What does my dues fee include?*

Your dues fee includes jerseys (game and practice), socks (game and practice), a Penn shell, navy helmet, tape, transportation to/from away games, Team warm-ups, and all practice and game ice for the year.

Q: *Can I come see a game?*

Yes, we encourage all interested players to advise the Team of their interest to attend a home game. During a pre-arranged visit to watch a game, prospective players are invited to come down after the game and meet both the coaching staff and the Team's captain.

Q: *Can I attend a practice?*

Yes, although you must first attend a home game and apply to Penn. Ordinarily, this option is best for prospective players who apply and are admitted early decision.