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A New Ice Age

MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

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Program Information

HISTORY

The Missouri State Hockey team skated onto the ice for the first time in September 2001 with the opening of Jordan Valley Ice Park. This marked the beginning of collegiate ice hockey at Missouri State University.

UNIVERSITY

Missouri State University offers more than 190 undergraduate and graduate academic programs. With an enrollment of over 21,000 students, the school is the second-largest university in Missouri. Through a curriculum and emphasis on all aspects of public affairs, Missouri State is committed to helping students succeed in their own lives and as active citizens.

The Missouri State Hockey Club is an officially recognized University student sports organization. It receives a portion of its budget from the Student Organization Funding Allocation Council (SOFAC) through a competitive application process.

For more information about Missouri State, visit the university website at www.missouristate.edu

FACILITY

The Missouri State Hockey teams play all of their home games at the Mediacom Ice Park, which also serves as the Bears' practice facility. The Ice Park is a \$7.5 million facility with two NHL-regulation rinks. Each rink features 500 permanent bleacher seats, with an additional 600 temporary bleacher seats and standing room areas on the MIP east rink.

The team has a permanent dressing room and equipment storage room at the Ice Park. Div. 2 and Div. 3 teams players are provided a locker to store their equipment during the season.

The Ice Park, at 635 E. Trafficway, is five blocks from the heart of campus and within Center City's Jordan Valley Park.

PROGRAM

The Missouri State Ice Hockey Club competes in the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA). The ACHA is an organization of college and university affiliated programs that provides

structure, regulates operations, and promotes the quality of collegiate ice hockey.

The ACHA establishes and regulates academic standards, eligibility criteria, and standards of play, and conforms to NCAA Ice Hockey rules.

The ACHA consists of five levels of play – Men's Divisions I, II and III, and Women's Division I and II. Each Division hosts Regional and National Championship Tournaments for the top seeded teams in each respective Division.

Div. 2 and Div. 3 TEAMS

The Missouri State Ice Hockey program includes both Div. 2 and Div. 3 teams. The formation of a Div. 3 team increases the depth of the hockey program and provides an opportunity for player development before attaining membership on the Div. 2 team.

The Varsity team is an ACHA Div. 2 team competing in the ACHA Central Region and the Jr. Varsity team is an ACHA Div. 3 team. Both teams compete against other collegiate teams in the Midwest in these states: Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma.

The Div. 2 and Div. 3 teams are also members of an ACHA affiliated Div. 2/3 League – the Mid-America Collegiate Hockey Association (MACHA) [Div. 2 - Gold Div. / Div. 3 - Silver Div.] The top four MACHA teams in each division play for division championships in mid-February. The 10-11 season marks the tenth Div. 2 Ice Bears team season.

In the Ice Bears first two seasons, the team competed at the Div. 3 level. In 2003, the team narrowly missed qualifying for the Div. 3 National Tournament—finishing fourth in the Central Division rankings.

At the start of the 03-04 season, the Ice Bears moved to ACHA Div. 2, competing against teams from the Midwest and Great Lakes regions.

During the 2005-2006 season, the Div. 3 team was formed based on a significant level of interest in the hockey program.

It is anticipated, selected players on the Div. 3 team exhibiting the necessary athletic skills to compete at a higher level, may be assigned to the Div. 2 team during the season.

The hockey program continues to build a strong reputation throughout the ACHA and has a goal of attaining an ACHA National Tournament berth.



SEASON SCHEDULES

The hockey season begins in late August and coincides with the beginning of the fall semester. Games begin in late September and continue through early March.

The Div. 2 team generally plays a 35 to 38 game schedule against D 1 and D 2 ACHA opponents with most games consisting of a two-game series. Home games at the Ice Park are usually played at 7pm on Friday and Saturday nights.

The Div. 3 team generally plays a 28 to 32 game schedule against D 2 and D 3 opponents.

Both teams travel approximately seven to nine times per season to opponents throughout the Midwest, ranging between 3 - 12 hour bus rides from Springfield. Team travel occurs by chartered bus and players stay in a team hotel during each trip.

On a few occasions players are required to miss class on a Friday to permit team travel. Players are provided with absence letters, but are responsible for any work, including exams missed during team travel.

The Div. 2 team practices three times per week and the Div. 3 team practices twice per week. In addition to on-ice sessions, players also participate in dry-land conditioning and strength training throughout the season.

TRYOUTS

Tryouts consist of informational meetings, dry land training, and on-ice evaluations at the beginning of the Fall semester. The Div. 2 and Div. 3 teams rosters are finalized by early September. Each team can carry a maximum of 30 players. Tryout fees, which are separate from the player fee, are \$50 per player and assessed at the time of tryouts.

PLAYER FEES AND EQUIPMENT

The Div. 2 and Div. 3 teams both function as one organization. However, each team maintains a separate operating budget to ensure stability of the organization and fairness among each team.

The 10/11 season player fees for both teams players are \$1,500. Player fees are payable in installments during the Fall semester.

The players fees and other team revenues cover the expenses of all practice and game ice time, officials, marketing, team equipment and

uniforms, and travel and lodging expenses. Players are responsible for their meals during team travel.

The team provides team warm-ups, practice jerseys, game jerseys and socks, black pant shell covers, and equipment bags for travel.

Each player must supply his own full, legal equipment, including full facemasks, BLACK helmets and BLACK gloves.

ACADEMICS

Student-athletes must abide by the academic requirements established by the University and the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA). Student-athletes are required to sign an ACHA player eligibility form at the beginning of each season.

All ACHA student-athletes must maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 by the beginning of a student athlete's second year of eligibility. In addition, each student must maintain a minimum credit requirement of nine (9) semester hours in both the Spring and Fall semesters to be eligible for play.

SERVICE

The Missouri State Hockey program recognizes that it receives many benefits from the community and a part of each player's experience at Missouri State is to give back to the University and the Springfield community.

The team hosts a variety of game night promotions and participates in a variety of events such as team promotional activities, volunteering at local charities, and assisting with youth hockey and ice-related activities at the Ice Park.

FUNDRAISING

The Missouri State hockey teams use a variety of methods to raise funds to support the program.

Game admission fees are one source of revenue for the program. Team revenue is also generated through game night promotions and team marketing opportunities. In addition, the teams also produce a color, game-night program for home games and sells advertisements to offset program costs and generate team revenue.

These and other occasional fundraising activities are used to supplement player fees and assist in payment of team expenses.

Staff

The Missouri State Hockey teams consist of a player board, faculty advisor, coaching staff, and a 10 person volunteer staff to assist with team management, marketing, advertising, game night events, and other aspects of the team.

The coaching staff consists of a dedicated group of coaches with a variety of playing and coaching experiences, all committed to developing a quality hockey program, both on and off the ice.

The team faculty advisor serves as a resource for the team in navigating university procedures and assisting students in achieving their academic goals. Our faculty advisor is knowledgeable about the hockey teams and assists the teams in abiding by all university policies and requirements.

Ryan Armstrong
Club President

Stan Melton
General Manager

Curt Bussen
Asst. General Manager

Paul Durham
Faculty Advisor

Tony Dunseith
Head Coach

Bobby Saitta
Assistant Coach

Jeff Crenshaw
Asst. Coach - Goalies

Paul Frizzell
Associate Coach

Tim Tobin
Head Coach - Div. 3

Danny Bethmann
Asst. Coach - Div. 3

Joe Combs
Asst. Coach - Defense

Jim Emerich
Associate Coach

Andy Whitener
Student Asst. Coach

Clayton Baker
Student Asst. Coach

Recruitment

Springfield is Missouri's third largest city situated in the beautiful Ozarks region. The city is a vibrant and active community of 160,000 people with numerous services and activities to meet the needs of its citizens. Missouri State combines outstanding academics with a friendly campus near the heart of the Springfield community. The hockey program provides exciting hockey competition to create opportunities for student-athletes.

The University actively recruits and welcomes student-athletes from across the United States and Canada— as well as other nations. To enhance admissions consideration, interested student-athletes are encouraged to apply to the university as early as possible - six to twelve months in advance of the semester in which you plan to attend.

The coaching staff encourages serious student-athletes to consider what Missouri State has to offer. Please take the opportunity to visit the campus, meet the coaching staff and determine if Missouri State and the hockey program are right for you.

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