



University of Maryland

Men's Division 2 Ice Hockey FAQs

How many games a year do you play?

- We play around 25-30 games per year.
- Games are played on Friday and Saturday nights, and occasionally Sunday afternoons.

What is the skill level?

- We compete in the Southeast region of the ACHA D2 and are members of the Mid-Atlantic College Hockey (MACH) conference. The MACH is one of the best, if not the best, conference in the ACHA D2.
- The best D2 players have comparable skill to NCAA D3 players. Most players have experience playing at the AAA/AA travel level and/or Tier I-III Juniors.
- Players who do not make the 30-man roster are given the opportunity to join the practice squad. Several players have made the jump from the practice squad to the full-roster in recent years.

How many times a week do you practice?

- We practice 2-3 times per week for 60-90 minutes at a time.
- Practices are generally held in the evening after classes have ended.
- We also hold one voluntary off-ice workout per week and encourage players to establish their own strength training routine. The coaches will work with each player to develop an individualized workout plan.
- Depending on cost and availability, we practice at three different rinks: The Gardens Ice House in Laurel, MD; Herbert Wells Ice Arena in College Park, MD, and Bowie Ice Arena in Bowie, MD.

What is the cost?

- Typically our dues are about \$1,200 for the year, but discounts may be arranged on a case-by-case basis. Players who organize fundraising or sponsorship opportunities can earn significant reductions. These dues cover travel costs, ice time, uniforms, hotels, league fees, etc.
- Practice squad players only pay for practice ice time. This typically costs about \$300, but can vary depending on our budget.



Do you travel?

- Yes, we travel up and down the East Coast, from Boston to North Carolina, and everywhere in between. Our farthest conference opponents are Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA and Rider University in Trenton, NJ. Both are approximately a four hour drive from College Park.
- We try to play as many local (Washington, DC-area) teams as possible and usually make 2-3 overnight road trips per year.

What are the eligibility requirements for ACHA D2?

- Men's Division 2 student-athlete have five (5) years of ACHA eligibility. A player that participates in 20% or more of the team's games will be assessed a year of eligibility. Players with prior NCAA experience are limited to four (4) years of ACHA eligibility.
- Student-athletes must enroll in a minimum of 12 credit hours during each semester of competition. Graduate students must enroll in a minimum of 9 credit hours each semester.
- A senior in the last semester or quarter prior to graduation is not required to meet the required semester or quarter hour minimums.
- Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA to remain eligible. However, we pride ourselves on academic achievement, as well as on-ice success, and our team GPA is usually far higher.

Do we need to stay for all school breaks?

- No, we do not hold practices or games during academic breaks, such as Thanksgiving and Winter Break.

How can I reach out for more information?

- Send an e-mail to Head Coach Joe Carter: coach@terpshockey.com
- Contact us on one of our social media pages:
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