

Does Ames High School have an ice hockey team?

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An ice hockey team at Ames High School? Not really, although seven people at AHS do play for a team that represents Ames. The team is organized by the Ames Hockey Association, and by the players on the team.

The high school players on the team are Scott Rupnow, Seth Wolins, Bill Robyt, Doug Cowles, Steve Graves, Bill Futrell and Gillie Suarez. The team is coached by Kelly Davis, an Iowa State student, and by John Robyt.

The Ames Hockey Association helps pay for some expenses that the team encounters, but some of the money also comes out of the pockets of the players themselves. The players pay for ice time (renting the place where they practice) and for the equipment they use.

The team practices at several different places. Early in the season they practice in Des Moines because there is no place to go in Ames. It is not cold enough to freeze ice

outside and Hilton Coliseum has not set up its ice hockey rink yet. Later, during the season, they either practice at Hilton or on an outdoor rink provided by the Ames Hockey Association. This rink is set up by the Homewood Golf Course. This year the team will play 17 games in Hilton Coliseum.

During the course of the year the team plays 30 games. They play schools in Des Moines, where the schools sponsor hockey teams. They also play Sioux City, Waterloo, Columbus, and a team formed by the rest of the Waterloo schools, they also play some schools in southern Minnesota.

Last year's team was a young team, with a lot of freshmen and sophomores playing. The team didn't have a very good year against teams like Des Moines and Waterloo, but against Midget teams in southern Minn., they won as many as they lost. Midget teams are teams in which all the players are either 15 or 16 years old.