

Ames Minor Hockey Practice Player Only Policy:

Any current or past AMHA Player who wishes to participate in their age appropriate AMHA team as a Practice Player Only may do so under the following guidelines:

1. Any player wanting to be a Practice Player Only must submit a request to the AMHA Player and Coach Development Committee for approval. If the player is accepted, he or she must follow all AMHA rules and guidelines and all the coaches' team rules and code of conduct specific to that team.
2. Any player who leaves the association to participate in a AAA program or other specialized programs their player fee will be \$950 for HS or \$700 for Squirt-Bantam regardless of the number of practices attending each week. The program must not be directly affiliated with another youth hockey association; i.e., Des Moines Minor Hockey Association.
3. An AMHA player who wishes to participate in practices only and doesn't participate in tournament travel may do so at 80% of the full season fees for the age group in which he or she is practicing in. This practice only option applies only to Mites – Bantams.
4. For AAA players the player must have previously played for AMHA and must have the intentions of returning to AMHA should the player be released from the AAA team unless an event or circumstance causes the players' family to move into another association's area. If a player does return to AMHA full-time in the middle of a given season, the player shall be expected to pay full fees for the season and only be rostered on an AMHA team. In the situation, whereas a player moves into the AMHA association area and does not have a previous affiliation that player may also request to be a Practice Player Only and is subject to all guidelines, rules, and regulations.
5. For players who wish to practice only and not participate in tournament travel, those players would still be expected to attend all practices (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and weekend practices) and participate in friendship games both at home and away.
6. The player is required to practice at the age-appropriate level unless they petition AMHA to move up a level per regular AMHA player movement guidelines.
7. The player must be rostered on his or her AAA team and is not eligible to play in games for AMHA unless the player chooses to return to AMHA full time, in which he would be taken off the AAA roster and rostered on an AMHA team only. (Please see number 2)
8. The respective coach reserves the right to coach to the overall team's needs in any given practice, and as such may involve or un-involve the AAA player in periods of practice in a way that supports the team needs and the overall development of the AMHA players.
9. Per the USA and Midwest Hockey Guidelines, each player is allowed two association moves at the youth hockey level, and a player in this situation would be considered to have moved despite practicing with AMHA. Moving back to playing for AMHA full time would be viewed as a second move.
10. AMHA reserves the right to revoke this privilege for the individual player on a case by case basis pending a review of the conduct review committee if it is determined that the player is disruptive to the team or not in compliance with the guidelines outlined in this policy and all other AMHA policies regarding player conduct. If the player voluntarily decides to forgo the practice arrangement with AMHA - or is dismissed for the reasons above, there will be no refund of fees.
11. All AAA players who are practicing with AMHA are subject to all AMHA fundraising and volunteer policies.
12. Any issue or question and the subsequent decision can be taken up with the AMHA board on a case by case basis and reviewed at the player's request.