Other Hockey Leagues

American Hockey League (AHL) (AAA)

Team: Albany River Rats

Affiliate: New Jersey Devils
Principal Owner: Walter Robb
Team Website

Arena: Pepsi Arena
Date Built: 1990
Facility Website

UPDATE: The Pepsi Arena will host the 2006 NCAA Hockey Championship East Regionals. Pepsi is paying $3 M over ten years for a naming rights deal that expire in 2007.

Team: Binghamton Senators

Affiliate: Ottawa Senators
Front Office: Thomas Mitchell - Executive VP. Of Operations
Team Website

Arena: Broome County Veterans Memorial Arena
Date Built: 1973
Facility Website

Team: Bridgeport Sound Tigers
**Affiliate:** New York Islanders  
**Principal Owner:** New York Islanders  
[Team Website]

**Arena:** Bridgeport Arena at Harbor Yard  
**Date Built:** 2001  
**Facility Cost (millions):** $35 M  
**Facility Financing:** 100% state funded.  
[Facility Website]

**UPDATE:** In July 2004, The New York Islanders purchased the Sound Tigers after dropping a lawsuit against founder and former owner, Roy Boe, for failure to make affiliation payments.

**Team:** Chicago Wolves

**Affiliate:** Atlanta Thrashers  
**Principal Owners:** Don Levin, William Meyers, and Seth Gold  
[Team Website]

**Arena:** Allstate Arena  
**Date Built:** 1997  
**Facility Cost (millions):** $11 M  
[Facility Website]

**UPDATE:** Allstate is paying $10 M over ten years for a naming rights deal that expire in 2009.

**Team:** Cincinnati Mighty Ducks

**Affiliate:** No Affiliation.  
**Front Office:** Pete Robinson - President/CEO  
[Team Website]

**Arena:** Cincinnati Gardens  
**Date Built:** 1949  
**Facility Cost (millions):** $3 M  
[Facility Website]

**UPDATE:** In May 2005, the Anaheim Mighty Ducks pulled their affiliation, forcing the Cincinnati Mighty Ducks to ask the AHL for a voluntary year suspension. The team is hoping to return for the 2006-07 season with a new team name and new affiliation.

**Team:** Cleveland Barons
Affiliate: San Jose Sharks  
Principal Owner: San Jose Sports and Entertainment Enterprises'  
Team Website

Arena: Gund Arena  
Date Built: 1994  
Facility Cost (millions): $152 M  
Facility Financing: Built as part of a city sports complex that was funded both publicly and privately. Public funding came from state capital improvement funds and a countywide sin tax on alcohol ($3/gallon on liquor, 16 cents/gallon on beer) and cigarettes (4.5 cents/pack) for 15 years.  
Facility Website

UPDATE: Gordon Gund is paying $14M over 20 years for the naming rights that expire in 2014.

Team: Edmonton Road Runners

Affiliate: Edmonton Oilers  
Principal Owner: Edmonton Investors Group Limited Partnership  
Team Website

Arena: Rexall Place  
Date Built: 1974  
Facility Cost (millions): $68 C  
Facility Financing: In 1994 a $14 M C renovation was completed.  
Facility Website

UPDATE: The Road Runners were moved to Edmonton, from Toronto, when the NHL lockout began. The team was moved to ensure Rexall Place would not be vacant during the hockey season. In June 2005, the Road Runners applied to the AHL for a voluntary year suspension with the hopes that the NHL would return for the 2005-06 season. Rexall signed a 10-year deal in 2003 for an undisclosed amount for both the naming rights and the right to be the Oilers' exclusive health care provider. Terms of the deal were not disclosed but the previous deal was worth $1.2 M in Canadian dollars.

Team: Grand Rapids Griffins

Affiliate: Detroit Red Wings  
Principal Owner: Dan DeVos  
Team Website
Arena: Van Andel Arena  
**Date Built:** 1996  
**Facility Cost (millions):** $75 M  
**Facility Financing:** DeVos paid $15 M, the Van Andels paid $11.5 M, $8.5 M was paid for by other private interests, and state taxes were used to fund the remainder.  
[Facility Website](#)  

**UPDATE:** The Arena was named after Jay and Betty Van Andel for being the arena's largest benefactor.  

**Team:** Hamilton Bulldogs  

*Affiliate:* Montreal Canadiens  
*Front Office:* Michael Andlauer - Chairman of the Board and Governor  
[Team Website](#)  

**Arena:** Copps Coliseum  
**Date Built:** 1985  
**Facility Cost (millions):** $42.7 M  
**Facility Financing:** The city borrowed $17.79 M from the Ontario Municipal Board, $8 M came from federal and provincial government contributed $10.9 M from taxpayers and city reserves, and $3.5 M came from public contributions.  
[Facility Website](#)  

**UPDATE:** The arena was named after former Mayor Victor Copps for his strong resolve to get Hamilton an arena, even though he was forced to retire, because of a heart attack, before he could accomplish his goal.  

**Team:** Hartford Wolf Pack  

*Affiliate:* New York Rangers  
**Principal Owner:** Madison Square Garden  
[Team Website](#)  

**Arena:** Hartford Civic Center  
**Date Built:** 1975  
**Facility Cost (millions):** $75 M for the arena and surrounding area.  
[Facility Website](#)  

**Team:** Hershey Bears  

*Affiliate:* Washington Capitals
**Principal Owner:** Hershey Entertainment and Resorts Company

*Team Website*

**Arena:** Giant Center  
**Date Built:** 2002  
**Facility Cost (millions):** $95 million for the arena, roads, parking lots and infrastructures.  
**Facility Financing:** The State contributed $25 M towards building the Arena.  
*Facility Website*

**UPDATE:** Giant Food, a grocery store chain, is paying $4.5 M over ten years for a naming rights deal that expire in 2012.

**Team:** Houston Aeros

*Affiliate:* Minnesota Wild  
*Principal Owner:* Minnesota Sports and Entertainment  
*Team Website*

**Arena:** Toyota Center  
**Date Built:** 2003  
**Facility Cost (millions):** $235 M  
**Facility Financing:** The city spent $20 on the land for the arena. The Sports Authority will sell $182 M in bonds to build the arena and secure $125 M of that with money from hotel and car rental taxes. The garage project is paid for by private business. The Houston Rockets are responsible for cost overruns and have pledged to spend $20 M on enhancements.  
*Facility Website*

**UPDATE:** The Houston Aeros use the Houston Rockets' arena. The Rockets signed a 20-year, $100 million deal with Gulf States Toyota Inc, which will expire in 2023. While the naming rights deal is for 20 years, it can be extended to 30 years to match the deal that the Rockets currently have to stay in the arena.

**Team:** Iowa Stars

*Affiliate:* Dallas Stars  
*Principal Owner:* Kirby Schlegel  
*Team Website*

**Arena:** Wells Fargo Arena  
**Date Built:** 2005  
**Facility Cost (millions):** The entire facilities, called the Iowa Events Center, cost $217 M.  
*Facility Website*
UPDATE: In addition to the Wells Fargo Arena, the Events Center now includes a brand new two-story exhibition hall, and a remodeled auditorium. Wells Fargo Arena was the last part of the complex to be built, completed in July 2005.

Team: Lowell Lock Monsters

Affiliate: Carolina Hurricanes and Colorado Avalanche
Principal Owner: Elkin McCallum
Team Website

Arena: Tsongas Arena
Date Built: 1998
Facility Website

UPDATE: The facility is named after the late Massachusetts Senator, Paul Tsongas, a Lowell native.

Team: Manchester Monarchs

Affiliate: Los Angeles Kings
Front Office: Kevin Gilmore
Team Website

Arena: Verizon Wireless Arena
Date Built: 2001
Facility Cost (millions): $67 M
Facility Website

UPDATE: Verizon is paying $11.4 M over fifteen years for a naming rights deal that expire in 2016.

Team: Manitoba Moose

Affiliate: Vancouver Canucks
Principal Owner: True North Sports & Entertainment Limited
Team Website

Arena: MTS Centre
Date Built: 2004
Facility Cost (millions): $133.5 M
Facility Financing: The public sector contributed $40.5 M and the remaining $93 M came from private entities.
Facility Website
UPDATE: Manitoba Telecom services (MTS) is paying $7 M over ten years for a naming rights deal that expire in 2014.

Team: Milwaukee Admirals

Affiliate: Nashville Predators  
Principal Owner: Milwaukee Admirals, LLC  
Team Website

Arena: Bradley Center  
Date Built: 1988  
Facility Cost (millions): $71  
Facility Financing: Money for the arena was donated by the Pettit family as a gift to the people of Wisconsin and in memory of Jane Bradley Pettit's father Harry Lynde Bradley.  
Facility Website

UPDATE: In April 2005, a group of investors led by Milwaukee Businessman Harris Turer expressed interest in buying the Admirals from the Estate of Jane Petit. The AHL board approved the purchase in May. Turer is principle shareholder and managing member.

The money for the Bradley Center was donated by the Pettits with the understanding that it would always be named the Bradley Center after Jane Bradley Pettit's father, Harry Lynde Bradley. The Board has said that under no circumstances would the naming rights be sold.

Team: Norfolk Admirals

Affiliate: Chicago Blackhawks  
Principal Owner: Ken Young  
Team Website

Arena: Norfolk Scope  
Date Built: 1972  
Facility Cost (millions): $28.1 M  
Facility Website

Team: Omaha Ak-Sar-Ben Knights

Affiliate: Calgary Flames  
Front Office: Doug Soetaert - President  
Team Website
Arena: Omaha Civic Auditorium  
**Date Built:** 1954  
**Facility Website**

**UPDATE:** 2005-06 is the Knights inaugural season ending Omaha's thirty-year span without hockey.

**Team:** Peoria Rivermen

*Affiliate:* St. Louis Blues  
**Principal Owner:** Anne Griffith and Bruce Saurs  
**Team Website**

Arena: Carver Arena at Peoria Civic Center  
**Date Built:** 1982  
**Facility Cost (millions):** $64 M  
**Facility Website**

**UPDATE:** In 2005 a $55 M revitalization plan was finalized for the Carver Arena and Peoria Civic Center. The project will be financed through the Hotel/Restaurant/Amusement (HRA) taxes.

**Team:** Philadelphia Phantoms

*Affiliate:* Philadelphia Flyers  
**Principal Owner:** Comcast-Spectacor, owned by Ed Snider  
**Team Website**

Arena: Wachovia Spectrum  
**Date Built:** 1967  
**Facility Website**

**UPDATE:** In 2005, the Phantoms competed for the Calder Cup in the Flyer's Wachovia Center, and drew near sellout crowds. The Wachovia Center is also owned by Comcast-Spectacor.

CoreStates Bank purchased the naming rights for $1.4 M a year until 2023 for the Center and the Spectrum, the old arena. CoreStates was acquired by First Union, which then merged Wachovia Bank in 2001, keeping the Wachovia name. In 2003 the Center and Spectrum acquired the new name.

**Team:** Portland Pirates

*Affiliate:* Mighty Ducks of Anaheim
Principal Owner: Portland Pirates, LLC, with Brian Petrovek as managing owner.
Team Website

Arena: Cumberland County Civic Center  
Date Built: 1977
Facility Website

UPDATE: In 2005 the twelve year affiliation with the Washington Capitals ended, and in May the Mighty Ducks were named as the new affiliate. The Pirates also signed a new five-year lease with the Civic Center in 2005, which will provide the Pirates with renovations to the scoreboard and locker rooms.

Team: Providence Bruins

Affiliate: Boston Bruins  
Principal Owner: Frank DuRoss
Team Website

Arena: Dunkin' Donuts Center  
Date Built: 1972
Facility Cost (millions): $13 M  
Facility Financing: Publicly funded.
Facility Website

UPDATE: In June 2005, Rhode Island expressed interest in issuing bonds to allow the Convention Center Authority for $28.5 M and then renovate the building for $62 M. Dunkin' Donuts is paying $8.65 M over ten years for a naming rights deal that expire in 2011.

Team: Rochester Americans

Affiliate: Buffalo Sabres  
Principal Owner: Randall Latona
Team Website

Arena: Blue Cross Arena at the War Memorial  
Date Built: 1955
Facility Cost (millions): $7.5 M  
Facility Website

UPDATE: A $41 M renovation and expansion was completed in 1998. Blue Cross is paying $2.975 M over fifteen years for a naming rights deal that expire in 2013.

Team: San Antonio Rampage
Affiliate: Phoenix Coyotes
Principal Owner: Spurs Sports and Entertainment
Team Website

Arena: SBC Center
Date Built: 2002
Facility Cost (millions): $175 M
Facility Financing: $146.5 M was generated through a county tax increase and an increase in hotel and rental car taxes. The Spurs contributed $28.5 M themselves, which they raised through a $1.00 increase in ticket fees for NBA games and a $1.00 parking surcharge. The bulk of the facilities revenues go to the team.
Facility Website

UPDATE: At the end of June 2005, the AHL approved a multi-year affiliation between the Phoenix Coyotes and the Rampage.

With the SBC Center's completion in 2002, San Antonio had a venue that allowed the city to acquire an AHL and a WNBA team.
SBC Communications is paying $41 M over 20 years for the naming rights that expire in 2022.

Team: Springfield Falcons

Affiliate: Tampa Bay Lightning
Principal Owner: ProFriends, Inc.
Team Website

Arena: MassMutual Center
Date Built: 1972
Facility Website

UPDATE: The MassMutual Center underwent a massive renovation that cost approximately $70 M.
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company is paying $5 M for a naming rights deal beginning in 2005.

Team: Syracuse Crunch

Affiliate: Columbus Blue Jackets
Principal Owner: Howard Dolgon
Team Website

Arena: War Memorial at Oncenter
Facility Website
Team: Toronto Marlies

*Affiliate:* Toronto Maple Leafs  
*Principal Owner:* Maple Leafs Sports & Entertainment  
[Team Website](#)

*Arena:* Ricoh Coliseum  
*Date Built:* 2003  
*Facility Cost (millions):* $38 M renovation of an existing building.

**UPDATE:** The St. Johns Maple Leafs changed their name to the Marlies for the 2005-06 season. Ricoh Canada Inc. is paying $10 M over ten years for a naming rights deal that expires in 2013.

Team: Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins

*Affiliate:* Pittsburgh Penguins  
*Principal Owner:* Mario Lemieux  
[Team Website](#)

*Arena:* Wachovia Arena  
*Date Built:* 1999  
[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** Wachovia is paying $2.3 M over ten years for a naming rights deal that expires in 2009.

Central Hockey League (CHL) (AA)

Team: Amarillo Gorillas

*Principal Owner:* Local Owners  
[Team Website](#)

*Arena:* Amarillo Civic Center  
*Date Built:* 1960's  
[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2003 an eighteen-month renovation was completed.

Team: Austin Ice Bats

*Affiliate:* Houston Aeros (AHL), Minnesota Wild (NHL)
Principal Owner: Capital Hockey Ventures
Team Website

Arena: Travis County Exposition Center
Date Built: 1985
Facility Website

Team: Bossier-Shreveport Mudbugs

Affiliate: Rochester Americans
Principal Owner: John Madden
Team Website

Arena: Century Tel Center
Date Built: 2000
Facility Cost (millions): $56.5 M
Facility Financing: Paid for by the city.
Facility Website

UPDATE: CenturyTel is paying $5 M over ten years for a naming rights deal that expires in 2010.

Team: Colorado Eagles

Principal Owner: Ralph Backstrom
Team Website

Arena: Budweiser Event Center
Date Built: 2003
Facility Cost (millions): $60 M
Facility Website

UPDATE: Budweiser is paying $1.5 M over twenty years for a naming rights deal that expires in 2023.

Team: Corpus Christi Rays

Principal Owner: Doug Frank
Team Website

Arena: American Bank Center
Date Built: 2004
Facility Cost (millions): $50 M
Facility Website

Team: Fort Worth Brahmas

Principal Owner: Stuart Fraser
Team Website

Arena: Fort Worth Convention Center
Facility Website

UPDATE: A $75 M renovation was completed in 2003.

Team: Laredo Bucks

Affiliates: San Antonio Rampage (AHL), Florida Panthers (NHL)
Principal Owner: Julian "Kiki" DeAyala
Team Website

Arena: Laredo Entertainment Center
Date Built: 2002
Facility Cost (millions): $36.5 M
Facility Website

Team: Lubbock Cotton Kings

Principal Owner: Mark Adams
Team Website

Arena: Lubbock Municipal Coliseum
Date Built: 1956
Facility Website

Team: Memphis RiverKings

Principal Owner: Maddox Hockey, Inc.
Team Website

Arena: Desoto Civic Center
Date Built: 2000
Facility Cost (millions): $27.5 M
Facility Website
Team: New Mexico Scorpions

**Principal Owner:** Doug Frank  
**Team Website**

**Arena:** Rio Rancho Events Center  
**Date Built:** 2006  
**Facility Cost (millions):** $44 M

**UPDATE:** The Scorpions will not play during the 2005-2006 season, but will return to the league when their arena is open. The groundbreaking for the building was June 2005.

Team: Odessa Jackalopes

**Affiliate:** Edmonton Oilers  
**Principal Owner:** Miles Prentice  
**Team Website**

**Arena:** Ector County Coliseum  
**Date Built:** 1954, renovated in 1991.  
**Facility Cost (millions):** $1.6 M for renovations.

Team: Oklahoma City Blazers

**Principal Owner:** Bob Funk  
**Team Website**

**Arena:** Ford Center  
**Date Built:** 2002  
**Facility Cost (millions):** $89 M  
**Facility Website**

**UPDATE:** Ford is paying $8.1 M over fifteen years for a naming rights deal that expires in 2017.

Team: Rio Grande Killer Bees

**Principal Owner:** Grant Buckborough - President/GM  
**Team Website**

**Arena:** Dodge Arena  
**Date Built:** 2003
Facility Cost (millions): $20 M
Facility Website

**UPDATE:** Dodge is paying $2 M over ten years for a naming rights deal that expires in 2013.

**Team:** Tulsa Oilers

**Principal Owner:** Jeff Lund
Team Website

**Arena:** Maxwell Convention Center
**Date Built:** 1964

**Team:** Wichita Thunder

**Front Office:** Chris Presson
Team Website

**Arena:** Kansas Coliseum
**Date Built:** 1977
**Facility Cost (millions):** $10 M
Facility Website

**UPDATE:** In January 2005 renovations began on the Kansas Coliseum. A new arena will be built as a part of the renovations, which should be completed in 2008 or 2009.

**Team:** Youngstown SteelHounds

**Principal Owner:** Herb Washington
Team Website

**Arena:** Youngstown Convocation Center
**Date Built:** 2005
**Facility Cost (millions):** $41 M
**Facility Financing:** $26.8 M is being paid for by a federal grant.
Facility Website

**UPDATE:** The 2005-06 season will be the inaugural season for the SteelHounds. The Youngstown Convocation Center is scheduled to open in the fall of 2005, in time for the team's first season.

**East Coast Hockey League (ECHL) (AA)**
Team: Alaska Aces

**Principal Owner:** Terry Parks - Managing Member
[Team Website]

**Arena:** Sullivan Arena
**Date Built:** 1983
[Facility Website]

Team: Augusta Lynx

**Principal Owner:** Augusta Entertainment
[Team Website]

**Arena:** Augusta-Richmond County Civic Center
**Date Built:** 1973
[Facility Website]

**UPDATE:** In June 2005, voters in Augusta voted no to a general obligation bond that would fund a new $60 M arena for the Lynx.

Team: Bakersfield Condors

**Principal Owner:** Jonathan Fleisig
[Team Website]

**Arena:** Rabobank Arena
**Date Built:** 1998
[Facility Website]

Team: Charlotte Checkers

**Affiliates:** Hartford Wolf Pack and Binghamton Senators (AHL); New York Rangers and Ottawa Senators (NHL)

**Principal Owner:** Carl Scheer
[Team Website]

**Arena:** Cricket Arena
**Date Built:** 1955
**Facility Cost (millions):** A $4 M renovation was completed in 1992.
[Facility Website]
**UPDATE**: The Checkers will move to the New Charlotte Arena for the 2005-06 Season.

**Team**: Columbia Inferno

**Affiliates**: Manitoba Moose (AHL), Vancouver Canucks (NHL)
**Principal Owner**: Rick Woodard
**Team Website**

**Arena**: Carolina Coliseum
**Date Built**: 2002
**Facility Website**

**UPDATE**: The Carolina Coliseum belongs to the University of South Carolina.

**Team**: Dayton Bombers

**Affiliates**: Syracuse Crunch (AHL), Columbus Blue Jackets (NHL)
**Principal Owner**: Orlando Predators Entertainment
**Team Website**

**Arena**: Nutter Center
**Date Built**: 1990
**Facility Website**

**UPDATE**: Wright State University owns the Nutter Center.

**Team**: Florida Everblades

**Affiliates**: Lowell Lock Monsters (AHL), Carolina Hurricanes (NHL)
**Principal Owner**: KTB Sports
**Team Website**

**Arena**: Germain Arena
**Date Built**: 1998
**Facility Cost (millions)**: $25 M
**Facility Website**

**UPDATE**: Germain Motor Company is paying $7 M over twenty years for a naming rights deal that expires 2018.

As of June 2005, KTB has an exclusivity agreement to negotiate the sale of the Everblades to Robert and James Brooks. If the offer is accepted the ECHL board still must approve the deal prior to any ownership changes. If the offer falls through or the exclusivity agreement expires before a deal is made, there is a second group who is still expressing interest in purchasing the team.
Team: Fresno Falcons

**Affiliates:** Cleveland Barons (AHL), San Jose Sharks (NHL)
**Principal Owner:** Chandar Sports

**Team Website**

**Arena:** Save Mart Center
**Date Built:** 2003
**Facility Cost (millions):** $103
**Facility Financing:** Privately Funded.

**Facility Website**

**UPDATE:** Fresno State owns the Save Mart Center. Save Mart is paying $20 M over twenty years for a naming rights deal that expires in 2023.

Team: Greenville Grrrowl

**Affiliates:** Norfolk Admirals and Edmonton Roadrunners (AHL); Chicago Blackhawks and Edmonton Oilers (NHL)
**Principal Owner:** Greenville Sports and Arena, LLC

**Team Website**

**Arena:** BI-LO Center
**Date Built:** 1998
**Facility Cost (millions):** $63 M

**Facility Website**

**UPDATE:** BI-LO is paying $3 M over ten years for a naming rights deal that expires in 2008.

Team: Gwinnett Gladiators

**Affiliates:** Chicago Wolves (AHL), Atlanta Thrashers (NHL)
**Principal Owner:** Gary Adams

**Team Website**

**Arena:** The Arena at Gwinnett Center
**Date Built:** 1992
**Facility Cost (millions):** $33 M
**Facility Financing:** Funded by Gwinnett County.

**Facility Website**

**UPDATE:** In June 2005, the Gwinnett Center owners proposed an $88M renovation.
Team: Idaho Steelheads

*Affiliates:* Iowa Stars (AHL), Dallas (NHL)
*Principal Owner:* Diamond Sports & Entertainment
*Team Website*

*Arena:* Bank of America Centre  
*Date Built:* 1997
*Facility Website*

**UPDATE:** June 2005, an affiliation agreement was reached with the Stars. Previously, the Steelheads were affiliated with the Utah Grizzlies and the Phoenix Coyotes. However, the Grizzlies were having financial problems in the AHL and joined the ECHL after the 2004-05 season ended.
At the end of 2004, Bank of America chose not to renew their $1 M over ten years naming rights deal. Although the naming right deal expired, the Centre will remain the Bank of America Centre until a new naming rights deal is found.

Team: Johnstown Chiefs

*Affiliates:* Springfield Falcons (AHL), Tampa Bay Lightning (NHL)
*Principal Owner:* RBC Sports
*Team Website*

*Arena:* Cambria County War Memorial  
*Date Built:* 1950
*Facility Website*

**UPDATE:** An $8 M renovation was funded by a grant from the Commonwealth. The renovation was completed in 2003.

Team: Las Vegas Wranglers

*Affiliate:* Calgary Flames (NHL)  
*Principal Owner:* Chandar Sports
*Team Website*

*Arena:* Orleans Arena  
*Date Built:* 1996
*Facility Financing:* The Orleans Arena is owned by Coast Casinos.
*Facility Website*

Team: Long Beach Ice Dogs
**Affiliates:** Hamilton Bulldogs (AHL) Montreal Canadiens (NHL)
**Principal Owner:** Barry Kemp and Rick Adams
**Team Website**

**Affiliates:** Hamilton Bulldogs (AHL) Montreal Canadiens (NHL)
**Principal Owner:** Barry Kemp and Rick Adams

**Arena:** Long Beach Arena
**Date Built:** 1962
**Facility Website**

**Team:** Mississippi Sea Wolves

**Principal Owner:** Wolf Pack, LLC.
**Team Website**

**Arena:** Mississippi Coast Coliseum
**Date Built:** 1977
**Facility Website**

**Team:** Pee Dee Pride

**Front Office:** Joe Babik - President

**Arena:** Florence City-County Civic Center
**Date Built:** 1992
**Facility Cost (millions):** $21 M
**Facility Website**

**UPDATE:** The Pee Dee pride was granted a one-year voluntary suspension by the ECHL. The team will return for the 2006-07 when the new arena at Coastal Carolina University is completed.

**Team:** Pensacola Ice Pilots

**Affiliates:** Toronto Marlies (AHL) Toronto Maple Leafs (NHL)
**Principal Owner:** Hockey Enterprises of Pensacola, LLC.
**Team Website**

**Arena:** Pensacola Civic Center
**Date Built:** 1985
**Facility Website**

**Team:** Phoenix Roadrunners
**Principal Owner:** Suns Legacy Partners
[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** America West Arena
**Date Built:** 1992
**Facility Cost (millions):** $90 M
**Facility Financing:** The city of Phoenix contributed $35 M with $28 M going to construct the arena and $7 M for the land. The NBA's Phoenix Suns contributed $55 M. The city has a 30-year commitment from the Suns to repay a portion of the contribution at $500,000 per year, with an annual 3% increase. The city will also receive 40% of revenue from luxury boxes and advertising.
[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** 2005-06 will be the Roadrunners inaugural season.

**Team:** Reading Royals

**Affiliates:** Manchester Monarchs (AHL), LA Kings (NHL)
**Principal Owner:** SMG & AEG
[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Sovereign Center
**Date Built:** 2001
**Facility Cost (millions):** $25 M
**Facility Financing:** $12.5 M came from a state grant, $12.5 was matched by Burkes County, partially through a 5% hotel room tax.
[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** Sovereign Bank has a $3 M naming rights deal.

**Team:** San Diego Gulls

**Affiliates:** Portland Pirates (AHL), Mighty Ducks of Anaheim (NHL)
**Principal Owner:** Ron Hahn
[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** ipayOne Center
**Date Built:** 1966
**Facility Cost (millions):** $6.4 M
[Facility Website](#)
**UPDATE**: In March 2005, it was announced that a naming rights deal was reached with ipayOne for the San Diego Sports Arena. ipayOne is paying $2.5 M over five years for the deal that expires in 2010. If it is extended past five years, ipayOne will pay $500,000 per year.

**Team: South Carolina Stingrays**

*Affiliates:* Hershey Bears (AHL), Washington Capitals (NHL)  
*Principal Owner:* A local investment group led by Edward Pearlstine.  
[Team Website]

**Arena:** North Charleston Coliseum  
**Date Built:** 1993  
**Facility Cost (millions):** $20 M  
[Facility Website]

**Team: Stockton Thunder**

*Principal Owner:* Stockton Hockey Franchise Group, Inc  
[Team Website]

**Arena:** Stockton Arena  
**Date Built:** 2005

**UPDATE:** As of the completion of the 2004-05 season, the Atlantic City Boardwalk Bullies were relocated to Stockton and renamed the Thunder. The new arena will be completed in time for the start of the 2005-06 season.

**Team: Texas Wildcatters**

*Affiliates:* San Antonio Rampage (AHL), Florida Panthers (NHL)  
*Principal Owner:* RBC Sports  
[Team Website]

**Arena:** Ford Arena  
**Date Built:** 2003  
**Facility Cost (millions):** $72 M  
**Facility Financing:** To pay for Ford Park, the complex including the arena, Jefferson County Commissioners Court issued $55 M in certificates of obligation, $9 M was paid for from interest from the certificates, and $7.5 M was paid for by a refunding bond issue.  
[Facility Website]

**UPDATE:** Ford is paying $1.25 M over five years for a naming rights deal that expires in 2008.
Team: Toledo Storm

Affiliates: Grand Rapids Griffins (AHL), Detroit Red Wings (NHL)
Principal Owner: Tim Gladieux
Team Website

Arena: Toledo Sports Arena
Date Built: 1949
Facility Website

UPDATE: Negotiations are in the works for a new arena for the Storm with hopes that it will revitalize the Marina District. The estimate for the arena, quoted in June 2005, was $70 M. Mayor Ford is attempting to get the University of Toledo as a partner in the project.

Team: Trenton Titans

Affiliates: Philadelphia Phantoms (AHL), Philadelphia Flyers (NHL)
Principal Owner: Geoffrey Berman, Ron Berman, and Steve Cowan
Team Website

Arena: Sovereign Bank Arena
Date Built: 1999
Facility Cost (millions): $42 M
Facility Financing: $31.1 M in bonds issued by Mercer County paid for the arena; the remainder came from the city and the state.
Facility Website

UPDATE: Sovereign Bank is paying $2.67 M over ten years for a naming rights deal that expires in 2009.

Team: Utah Grizzlies

Principal Owner: Grizzlier Hockey Corporation Inc.
Team Website

Arena: The E-Center
Date Built: 1997
Facility Cost (millions): $7 M
Facility Website

UPDATE: The E-Center was built for the 2002 Winter Olympics.
Team: Victoria Salmon Kings

**Principal Owner:** RG Properties
[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre
**Date Built:** 2005
**Facility Cost (millions):** $30 M
[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** Save-On-Foods is paying $1.25 M over ten years for a naming rights deal that expires in 2015.

Team: Wheeling Nailers

**Affiliates:** Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins (AHL), Pittsburgh Penguins (NHL)

**Principal Owner:** Nailers Hockey LLC.
[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** WesBanco Arena
**Date Built:** 1981
[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** As of April 2005, Phase I of the arena's renovations was completed at a cost of $3.2 M. WesBanco is paying $2.3 M over ten years for a naming rights deal that expires in 2013.

Southern Professional Hockey League (SPHL) (AA)

Team: Asheville Aces

**Principal Owner:** An Ownership group comprise of Dr. Richard Hoodenpyle, Bill Stewart, Wendell Young, Charlie Davis, Steve Stark, and Jeff Brubaker
[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Asheville Civic Center
**Date Built:** 1939
[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2001 the Civic Center began a $25 M renovation. As of June 2005, the Aces are working on securing a new lease. Without an agreement, the Aces will not play in the 2005-06 season, and may not remain in Asheville.
Team: Columbus Cottonmouths

**Front Office:** Jerome Bechard  
[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Columbus Civic Center  
**Date Built:** 1996  
[Facility Website](#)

Team: Fayetteville FireAntz

**Front Office:** Kevin MacNaught - Co-owner and president  
[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Crown Center Coliseum  
**Date Built:** 1997  
[Facility Website](#)

Team: Florida Seals

**Principal Owner:** Florida Seals Professional Hockey, Inc.  
[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Silver Spurs Arena  
**Date Built:** 2003  
**Facility Cost (millions):** $33 M  
[Facility Website](#)

Team: Huntsville Havoc

**Principal Owner:** Huntsville Sports Ventures, Inc  
[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Von Braun Center  
**Date Built:** 1975  
[Facility Website](#)

Team: Jacksonville Barracudas

**Principal Owner:** Barracudas Hockey Club Inc.  
[Team Website](#)
Arena: Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena  
Date Built: 2003  
Facility Cost (millions): $130 M  
Facility Financing: The arena was funded with a half-penny sales tax increase and with Jacksonville's existing revenue sources.  
Facility Website

Team: Knoxville Ice Bears

Principal Owner: A local ownership group headed by Rita Harris  
Team Website

Arena: Knoxville Coliseum  
Date Built: 1950's  
Facility Website

Team: Pee Dee Cyclones

Principal Owner: Dr. Richard Hoodenpyle, and Tommy Jones

Arena: Florence City-County Civic Center  
Date Built: 1992  
Facility Cost (millions): $21 M  
Facility Website

UPDATE: The Pee Dee Cyclones are the first expansion team for the SPHL, and 2005-06 will be their inaugural season.

United Hockey League (UHL) (AA)

Team: Adirondack Frostbite

Principal Owner: Glens Falls Professional Hockey, LLC  
Team Website

Arena: Glens Falls Civic Center  
Date Built: 1979  
Facility Cost (millions): $6.9 M  
Facility Financing: Built by the city of Glens Falls  
Facility Website

UPDATE: ESPN Hockey analysts Barry Melrose and Steve Levy make up two of the three members in the Frostbite's ownership group.
Team: Danbury Trashers

Principal Owner: James Galante
Team Website

Arena: Danbury Ice Arena
Date Built: 2001
Facility Website

Team: Elmira Jackals

Principal Owner: Dr. Mostafa Afr
Team Website

Arena: First Arena
Date Built: 2000
Facility Cost (millions): $15.5 M
Facility Financing: Housing and Urban Development lent $4 M for the project, Chemung County paid $1.25 M, the state granted $3 M, the Afr family contributed $7.25 M toward the arena.
Facility Website

UPDATE: First Transit is paying $1 M over ten years for a naming rights deal that expires in 2013.

Team: Flint Generals

Principal Owner: Khaled M. Shukairy, M.D.
Team Website

Arena: Perani's Arena and Event Center
Date Built: 1969
Facility Website

Team: Fort Wayne Komets

Front Office: Michael Franke - President
Team Website

Arena: Allen County War Memorial Coliseum
Date Built: 1952
Facility Website
UPDATE: The War Memorial Coliseum was renovated in 2001 to make it more modern. This included raising the 1200-ton roof over 41 feet.

Team: Kalamazoo Wings

Principal Owner: R. T. Parfet
Team Website

Arena: Wings Stadium
Date Built: 1974
Facility Website

UPDATE: In June 2005, Wings Stadium became completely smoke-free.

Team: Missouri River Otters

Principal Owner: Mike Shanahan, Jr.
Team Website

Arena: The Family Arena
Date Built: 1999
Facility Cost (millions): $35 M
Facility Website

Team: Motor City Mechanics

Principal Owner: Southfield-based Michigan Sports LLC
Team Website

Arena: Great Lakes Sports City Arena
Facility Website

UPDATE: 2004-05 was the Mechanics inaugural season.

Team: Muskegon Fury

Principal Owner: Tony Lisman
Team Website

Arena: L.C. Walker Arena
Date Built: 1960
Facility Cost (millions): $2 M
Facility Financing: $1 M from L.C. Walker for the arena, and $1 M from the city of Muskegon for land and utility connections and furnishings for the arena.

Team: Port Huron Flags

Front Office: Dan Isenberg - President

Arena: McMorran Arena
Date Built: 1962
Facility Cost (millions): $3.5 M
Facility Financing: The McMorran Foundation donated the original $1.2 M to build the sports and entertainment center. Over a decade the McMorran and Murphy families, who made up the foundation, donated the remainder both through the foundation and individually.

Team: Quad City Mallards

Principal Owner: Victory Sports Group, LLC

Arena: The MARK of the Quad Cities
Date Built: 1993
Facility Cost (millions): $35 M
Facility Website

Team: Richmond RiverDogs

Principal Owner: Glenn Morelli

Arena: Richmond Coliseum
Date Built: 1971
Facility Website

Team: Roanoke Valley Vipers

Principal Owner: Kristen Dixon
Team Website
**Arena:** Roanoke Civic Center  
**Date Built:** 1971  
**Facility Website**

**UPDATE:** 2005-06 will be the Valley Vipers' inaugural year.

**Team:** Rockford IceHogs

**Principal Owner:** Tri Vision Sports, LLC  
**Team Website**

**Arena:** Rockford MetroCentre  
**Date Built:** 1979  
**Facility Website**

**UPDATE:** In 2005, a $3.8 M renovation was completed.