



Other Hockey Leagues

American Hockey League (AHL) (AAA)

Team: Albany River Rats

Affiliate: Carolina Hurricanes, Colorado Avalanche

Principal Owner: Walter Robb

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Pepsi Arena

Date Built: 1990

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: In April 2006, the River Rats announced a new affiliation with the Hurricanes and the Avalanche. The River Rats extended its lease in the Pepsi Arena through at least the 2006-07 season.

NAMING RIGHTS: Pepsi is paying \$3 M over ten years for a naming rights deal that expires in 2007.

Team: Binghamton Senators

Affiliate: Ottawa Senators

Front Office: Thomas Mitchell (Executive Vice President 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

Facility Financing: 100% publicly funded.

[Facility Website](#)

Team: Chicago Wolves

Affiliate: Atlanta Thrashers

Principal Owners: Don Levin, William Meyers and Seth Gold

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Allstate Arena

Date Built: 1980 (renovated in 1999)

Facility Cost (millions): \$11

[Facility Website](#)

NAMING RIGHTS: Allstate is paying \$10 M over ten years for a naming rights deal that expires in 2009.

Team: Grand Rapids Griffins

Affiliate: Detroit Red Wings

Principal Owner: Dan DeVos and David Van Andel

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Van Andel Arena

Date Built: 1996

Facility Cost (millions): \$75

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](#)

Team: Hamilton Bulldogs

Affiliate: Montreal Canadiens

Principle Owner : Michael Andlauer

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Copps Coliseum

Date Built: 1985

Facility Cost (millions): \$42.7

Facility Financing: The city borrowed \$17.79 M from the Ontario Municipal Board, \$8 M came from federal and provincial government contributions, \$10.9 M from taxpayers and city reserves, and \$3.5 M came from public contributions.

[Facility Website](#)

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

[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 M 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 expires 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

Facility Financing: The city spent \$20 M on the land for the arena. The sports authority sold \$182 M in bonds to build the arena and secured \$125 M of that with money from hotel and car rental taxes. The garage project is paid for by a private business. The Rockets are responsible for cost overruns and have pledged to spend \$20 M on enhancements.

[Facility Website](#)

NAMING RIGHTS: In July 2003, the Rockets signed a 20-year, \$100 million deal with Gulf States Toyota Inc., which will expire in 2023. The major lure for Toyota to sign the naming rights deal with Houston was the signing of Yao Ming, who is very popular in the Asian market. While Toyota Motor Sales USA and Toyota Motor Corporation in Japan signed off on the deal and will fund an undisclosed portion of the purchase, Gulf States Toyota and the dealerships that it represents will be paying most of the fee. 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: Howard Baldwin and Bob Schlegel

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Wells Fargo Arena

Date Built: 2005

Facility Cost (millions): \$217 M for the entire facility, called the Iowa Events Center.

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: Wells Fargo is paying \$11.5 M over twenty years for a naming rights deal that expires in 2025.

Team: Lowell Devils

Affiliate: New Jersey Devils

Principal Owner: New Jersey Devils

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Tsongas Arena

Date Built: 1998

Facility Cost (millions): \$28

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: In June 2006, the Devils bought the Lowell Lock Monsters from Elkin McCallum. Along with the purchase came a change in the name and the logo.

Team: Manchester Monarchs

Affiliate: Los Angeles Kings

Principal Owner: Anschutz Entertainment Group

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Verizon Wireless Arena

Date Built: 2001

Facility Cost (millions): \$67

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: Verizon is paying \$11.4 M over fifteen years for a naming rights deal that expires 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

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 expires in 2014.

Team: Milwaukee Admirals

Affiliate: Nashville Predators

Principal Owner: Milwaukee Admirals, LLC

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Bradley Center

Date Built: 1988

Facility Cost (millions): \$90

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 August 2006, the Admirals unveiled a new logo, new jerseys, a new color scheme and the slogan "never say die" for the 2006-07 season.

In November 2005, plans were announced for a \$6 M upgrade to the Bradley Center. The remodel will include upgrading the sound system, upgrading the club and adding a second club for the upper level season ticket holders, and adding two permanent bars.

NAMING RIGHTS: 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 Arena

Date Built: 1971

Facility Cost (millions): \$28.1

[Facility Website](#)

Team: Omaha Ak-Sar-Ben Knights

Affiliate: Calgary Flames

Principal Owner: The Calgary Flames and the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Omaha Civic Auditorium

Date Built: 1954

Facility Cost (millions): \$25 M renovation completed in 1997.

[Facility Website](#)

Team: Peoria Rivermen

Affiliate: St. Louis Blues

Principal Owner: Anne Griffith and Bruce Saur

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Carver Arena at Peoria Civic Center

Date Built: 1982

Facility Cost (millions): \$64

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: In 2005, a \$55 M revitalization plan was finalized for the Carver Arena and Peoria Civic Center. Construction began at the end of 2005 and is expected to be completed in 2007. The project is being 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: CoreStates Bank purchased the naming rights for \$1.4 M a year until 2023 for the Wachovia Center and Wachovia Spectrum (the old arena). CoreStates was acquired by First Union, which then merged with Wachovia Bank in 2001, keeping the Wachovia name. In 2003 the Center and Spectrum acquired the new name.

Team: Portland Pirates

Affiliate: Anaheim Ducks

Principal Owner: Portland Pirates, LLC

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Cumberland County Civic Center

Date Built: 1977

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: A Blue Ribbon Panel (BRP) was created to determine the best way to fund a new Civic Center. The BRP reported its results at a Civic Center Committee meeting in March 2006. The BRP recommended a 1% increase in the lodging tax, which would generate over \$5.5 M each year. The recommended new location was downtown Portland. The Committee also considered three different options for renovating and maintaining the Civic Center. The option chosen was a \$4.5 M "bare minimum maintenance option" that would ensure the facility would be operational through maintenance until a new facility was built.

Team: Providence Bruins

Affiliate: Boston Bruins

Principal Owner: Frank DuRoss

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Dunkin' Donuts Center

Date Built: 1972

Facility Cost (millions): \$13

Facility Financing: Publicly funded.

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: Construction began in July 2006 for a \$62 M renovation that will include new seats, suites, a new scoreboard, sound system and a redesigned concourse and lobby. The arena will be operational during construction and the project is expected to be completed by the 2008-09 season.

NAMING RIGHTS: Dunkin' Donuts is paying \$8.65 M over ten years for a naming rights deal that expires in 2011.

Team: Rochester Americans

Affiliate: Buffalo Sabres, Florida Panthers

Principal Owner: Randall Latona

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Blue Cross Arena at the War Memorial

Date Built: 1955

Facility Cost (millions): \$7.5 M (\$41 M renovation and expansion completed in 1998)

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The Americans added the Panthers as an affiliate in August 2005.

NAMING RIGHTS: Blue Cross is paying \$2.975 M over fifteen years for a naming rights deal that expires in 2013.

Team: San Antonio Rampage

Affiliate: Phoenix Coyotes

Principal Owner: Spurs Sports and Entertainment

[Team Website](#)

Arena: AT&T Center

Date Built: 2002

Facility Cost (millions): \$175

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.

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The name of the arena was changed to the AT&T Center in January 2006. The change was made after SBC Communications acquired AT&T and adopted the name AT&T Inc.

NAMING RIGHTS: AT&T Inc. is paying \$41 M over 20 years for the naming rights that expire in 2022.

Team: Springfield Falcons

Affiliate: Tampa Bay Lightning

Principal Owner: Pro Friends, Inc.

[Team Website](#)

Arena: MassMutual Center

Date Built: 1972

Facility Cost (millions): A \$71 M renovation of the existing building was completed in 2005.

[Facility Website](#)

NAMING RIGHTS: Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company is paying \$5 M for a naming rights deal that began in 2005.

Team: Syracuse Crunch

Affiliate: Columbus Blue Jackets

Principal Owner: Howard Dolgon

[Team Website](#)

Arena: War Memorial at Oncenter Complex

Date Built: 1951

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The Crunch and the Blue Jackets affiliation contract for the 2006-07 season was extended for at least four years.

Team: Toronto Marlies

Affiliate: Toronto Maple Leafs

Principal Owner: Maple Leafs Sports & Entertainment

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Ricoh Coliseum

Date Built: 1921

Facility Cost (millions): \$38 M renovation of an existing building in 2003.

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: 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: Pittsburgh Penguins

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Wachovia Arena at Casey Plaza

Date Built: 1999

Facility Cost (millions): \$44

[Facility Website](#)

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

Team: Worcester Sharks

Affiliate: San Jose Sharks

Principal Owner: San Jose Sports and Entertainment Enterprises through Sharks Minor Holdings

[Team Website](#)

Arena: DCU Center

Date Built: 1982

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: After the 2005-06 season, the San Jose Sharks chose to move their minor league team, the Cleveland Barons, to Worcester, Massachusetts.

NAMING RIGHTS: Digital Federal Credit Union is paying \$5.2 M over ten years for a naming rights deal that expires 2014.

Central Hockey League (CHL) (AA)

Team: Amarillo Gorillas

Front Office: Darren McLean

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Amarillo Civic Center

Date Built: 1964

Facility Financing: In 1999 a \$10 M bond was approved for a new arena at the fair grounds and renovations to the Civic Center. Private donations funded the remaining amount totaling \$19.6 M in construction for the two buildings. The construction was completed in 2003. The bond was secured by a 2% hotel tax and a 5% car rental tax.

[Facility Website](#)

Team: Arizona Sundogs

Affiliate: Colorado Avalanche (NHL)

Principal Owner: Eric Lacroix and Shawn P. Fowler

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Prescott Valley Convention & Events Center

Date Built: 2006

Facility Cost (millions): \$24

Facility Financing: Prescott Valley paid \$3 M for the arena with the rest privately financed.

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: 2006-07 is the inaugural season for the Sundogs. Lacroix paid \$1 M to own a CHL franchise. The arena is expected to be complete before the start of the season.

Team: Austin Ice Bats

Affiliate: Houston Aeros (AHL), Minnesota Wild (NHL)

Principal Owner: Capital Hockey Ventures

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Chaparral Ice Center

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The Ice Bats will begin playing in the Chaparral Ice Center for the 2006-07 season. The Ice Center underwent a major renovation to be able to host the Ice Bats, including expansion of the concession area and remodeling the club area. The renovation should be complete in time for the start of the 2006-07 season. The club is still studying whether it can get a brand new arena sometime in the future.

Team: Bossier-Shreveport Mudbugs

Affiliate: Rochester Americans (AHL), Buffalo Sabers (NHL)

Principal Owner: John Madden

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Century Tel Center

Date Built: 2000

Facility Cost (millions): \$56.5

Facility Financing: Paid for by the city.

[Facility Website](#)

NAMING RIGHTS: 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

[Facility Website](#)

NAMING RIGHTS: 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

Facility Financing : Funded by a 1/8th cent sales tax approved by Corpus Christi voters in November 2000.

[Facility Website](#)

NAMING RIGHTS: The terms of the naming rights agreement for the American Bank Center were undisclosed.

Team: Fort Worth Brahmas

Principal Owner: Stuart Fraser

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Fort Worth Convention Center

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The Fort Worth Brahmas suspended operations for the 2006-07 season when the team and the city could not negotiate a lease that would have been financially feasible for the team.

Team: Laredo Bucks

Affiliates: San Antonio Rampage (AHL), Phoenix Coyotes (NHL)
Principal Owner: Glenn Hart and Julian "Kiki" DeAyala
[Team Website](#)

Arena: Laredo Entertainment Center
Date Built: 2002
Facility Cost (millions): \$36.5
[Facility Website](#)

Team: Lubbock Cotton Kings

Principal Owner: Mark Adams
[Team Website](#)

Arena: Lubbock Municipal Coliseum
Date Built: 1956
[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The Cotton Kings signed a new lease with the City of Lubbock in July 2006. The one-year lease will keep the Kings in the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum through the 2006-2007 season. The lease requires the Kings to pay a smaller rental fee than in the past and gives the team a percentage of concession revenue for the first time in franchise history.

Team: Memphis RiverKings

Affiliate: Hartford Wolf Pack (AHL), New York Rangers (NHL)
Principal Owner: Maddox Hockey, Inc.
[Team Website](#)

Arena: Desoto Civic Center
Date Built: 2000
Facility Cost (millions): \$27.5
[Facility Website](#)

Team: New Mexico Scorpions

Principal Owner: Scorpions Hockey Club, LLC

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Santa Ana Star Center

Date Built: 2006

Facility Cost (millions): \$44

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The ownership group, Scorpions Hockey, LLC, purchased the New Mexico Scorpions in January 2006 from Doug Frank.

Team: Odessa Jackalopes

Affiliate: Edmonton Oilers (NHL)

Principal Owner: Miles Prentice and Bob Richmond

[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: Express Sports

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Ford Center

Date Built: 2002

Facility Cost (millions): \$89

[Facility Website](#)

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

Team: Rio Grande Valley Killer Bees

Principal Owner: Joe Sakulenzki

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Dodge Arena

Date Built: 2003

Facility Cost (millions): \$20

[Facility Website](#)

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

Team: Rocky Mountain Rage

Principal Owner: Tim Wiens and John Frew

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Broomfield Event Center

Date Built: 2006

Facility Cost (millions): \$45

Facility Financing : The Event Center was financed through tax revenues generated by real estate development.

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: Construction on the Event Center began in December 2005 and is expected to be completed by the start of the 2006-07 season.

Team: Tulsa Oilers

Principal Owner: Jeff Lund

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Tulsa Convention Center
Date Built: 1964
[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The Tulsa Convention Center is currently undergoing a massive reconstruction.

Team: Wichita Thunder

Front Office: Chris Presson (General Manager)
[Team Website](#)

Arena: Kansas Coliseum
Date Built: 1977
Facility Cost (millions): \$10
[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: Sedgwick Arena is planning to build a new arena in downtown Wichita, which should be completed in 2009. The budget for the project is \$184.5 M and is being financed through a sales tax, which is projected to raise \$201M.

Team: Youngstown SteelHounds

Principal Owner: Herb Washington
[Team Website](#)

Arena: Chevrolet Centre
Date Built: 2005
Facility Cost (millions): \$41
Facility Financing: \$26.8 M was paid for by a federal grant.
[Facility Website](#)

East Coast Hockey League (ECHL) (AA)

Team: Alaska Aces

Affiliates: Peoria Rivermen (AHL), St. Louis Blues (NHL)

Principal Owner: Terry Parks

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Sullivan Arena

Date Built: 1983

[Facility Website](#)

Team: Augusta Lynx

Affiliates: Portland Pirates (AHL), Anaheim Ducks (NHL)

Principal Owner: Group Operating the Augusta Lynx, LLC (GOAL)

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Augusta-Richmond County Civic Center

Date Built: 1973

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: In April 2006, the ECHL approved the sale of the Lynx from Augusta Entertainment to GOAL.

Team: Bakersfield Condors

Principal Owner: Bakersfield Sports Entertainment

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Rabobank Arena

Date Built: 1998

Facility Cost (millions): \$38

Facility Financing : Publicly financed by the City of Bakersfield.
[Facility Website](#)

Team: Charlotte Checkers

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

Principal Owner: Michael Kahn

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Charlotte Bobcats Arena

Date Built: 1955

Facility Cost (millions): \$265

Facility Financing : Two bonds, backed by revenue from city tourist taxes. Bank of America, Duke Energy and Wachovia underwrote \$100 M in exchange for approximately \$50 M from the sale of real estate downtown, where the venue is located. \$16.8 M came from exclusive food and beverage rights, and a 3% seat tax at events in city arenas generated \$15 M. The balance came from the team.

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: Michael Kahn purchased the Checkers in June 2006.

By moving to the Charlotte Bobcats Arena, the team was able to raise attendance by 16% from the previous year.

Team: Cincinnati Cyclones

Affiliates: Hamilton Bulldogs (AHL), Montreal Canadiens (NHL)

Principal Owner: Nederlander Entertainment

[Team Website](#)

Arena: U.S. Bank Arena

Date Built: 1975

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: In April 2004, the Cyclones announced that the team would need to suspend operations due to lack of revenue. In April 2006, the team announced it would return for the 2006-07 season.

NAMING RIGHTS: U.S. Bank is currently under a 10-year, \$3 M naming rights deal for the arena.

Team: Columbia Inferno

Affiliates: Toronto Marlies (AHL), Toronto Maple Leafs (NHL)

Principal Owner: Dr. Ezra Riber and Sam Imbeau

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Carolina Coliseum

Date Built: 2002

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The Inferno will be playing in a new arena for the 2007-08 season. The arena will be part of a \$30 M sports and entertainment complex, which will include a practice rink, and an \$8 to \$10 M hotel. The plans were helped by the Lexington County Council's decision to pay \$2 M to acquire the land for the project. Construction on the new arena should begin in August of 2006.

Team: Dayton Bombers

Affiliates: Syracuse Crunch (AHL), Columbus Blue Jackets (NHL)

Principal Owner: Donco Entertainment, LLC

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Nutter Center

Date Built: 1990

[Facility Website](#)

Team: Florida Everblades

Affiliates: Albany River Rats (AHL), Carolina Hurricanes (NHL)

Principal Owner: Peter Karmanos Jr. & Thomas Thewes

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Germain Arena

Date Built: 1998

Facility Cost (millions): \$25

[Facility Website](#)

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

Team: Fresno Falcons

Affiliates: Worcester Sharks (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](#)

NAIMING RIGHTS: Save Mart is paying \$20 M over twenty years for a naming rights deal that expires in 2023.

Team: Gwinnett Gladiators

Affiliates: Chicago Wolves (AHL), Atlanta Thrashers (NHL)

Principal Owner: Gwinnett County Hockey, LLC

[Team Website](#)

Arena: The Arena at Gwinnett Center

Date Built: 2003

Facility Cost (millions): \$91.5

Facility Financing: Funded by Gwinnett County.

[Facility Website](#)

Team: Idaho Steelheads

Affiliates: Iowa Stars (AHL), Dallas (NHL)

Principal Owner: Idaho Sports Properties/Block 22

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Qwest Arena

Date Built: 1997

Facility Cost (millions): \$50

[Facility Website](#)

NAIMING RIGHTS: Qwest Communications signed a naming rights deal with Idaho Sports Properties/Block 22 in October 2005. The terms of the agreement were undisclosed.

Team: Johnstown Chiefs

Affiliates: Springfield Falcons (AHL), Tampa Bay Lightning (NHL)

Principal Owner: Jim Weber

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Cambria County War Memorial

Date Built: 1950

[Facility Website](#)

Team: Las Vegas Wranglers

Affiliate: Omaha Ak-Sar-Ben Knights (AHL), Calgary Flames (NHL)

Principal Owner: Chandar Sports; headed by Charles Davenport

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Orleans Arena
Date Built: 1996
[Facility Website](#)

Team: Long Beach Ice Dogs

Principal Owner: Power Play Entertainment, LLC
[Team Website](#)

Arena: Long Beach Arena
Date Built: 1962
[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: In June 2006, Sporting Life, Inc, comprised of Barry Kemp and Rick Adams, transferred ownership to Power Play Entertainment, LLC.

Team: Mississippi Sea Wolves

Principal Owner: Wolf Pack, LLC
[Team Website](#)

Arena: Mississippi Coast Coliseum
Date Built: 1977
[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: Hurricane Katrina caused over \$30 M worth of damage to the Mississippi Coast Coliseum. Due to the extent of the damage, the Sea Wolves will not play in the 2006-07 season. However, the team received a guarantee letter that it would be able to return for the 2007-08 season.

Team: Pensacola Ice Pilots

Affiliates: Bridgeport Sound Tigers (AHL) / New York Islanders (NHL)

Principal Owner: Hockey Enterprises of Pensacola, LLC.

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Pensacola Civic Center

Date Built: 1985, with the ice added in 1996

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: In June 2006, the Ice Pilots changed its logo and colors for the 2006-07 season. The Ice Pilots reached an affiliation agreement with the Islanders in July 2006.

Team: Phoenix Roadrunners

Principal Owner: Suns Legacy Partners

[Team Website](#)

Arena: US Airways Center

Date Built: 1992

Facility Cost (millions): \$90

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](#)

NAIMING RIGHTS: The America West Arena was renamed the US Airways Center in January 2006, following the merger of the two companies. America West was paying \$26 M over 30 years for a naming rights deal that expires in 2019.

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

Facility Financing: \$12.5 M came from a state grant, \$12.5 M was matched by Burkes County, partially through a 5% hotel room tax.

[Facility Website](#)

NAIMING RIGHTS: Sovereign Bank has a \$3 M naming rights deal.

Team: South Carolina Stingrays

Affiliates: Hershey Bears (AHL), Washington Capitals (NHL)

Principal Owner: A local investment group led by Jerry Zucker and Edward Pearlstine.

[Team Website](#)

Arena: North Charleston Coliseum

Date Built: 1993

Facility Cost (millions): \$20

[Facility Website](#)

Team: Stockton Thunder

Affiliates: San Antonio Rampage (AHL), Phoenix Coyotes (NHL)

Principal Owner: Stockton Hockey Franchise Group, Inc

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Stockton Arena

Date Built: 2005

Facility Cost (millions): \$64

Facility Financing: Publicly financed by the City of Stockton.

[Facility Website](#)

Team: Texas Wildcatters

Affiliates: Houston Aeros (AHL)
Principal Owner: RBC Sports
[Team Website](#)

Arena: Ford Arena

Date Built: 2003

Facility Cost (millions): \$72

Facility Financing: To pay for Ford Park, the complex including the arena, Jefferson County Commissioners issued \$55 M in certificates of obligation. \$9 M was paid for from interest and \$7.5 M was paid for by a refunding bond issue.

[Facility Website](#)

NAIMING RIGHTS: 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: \$7.5 M in state funding is in holding, unused since 2002, because the city cannot agree upon the location of the new arena. In March 2006, the city and state designated \$5.5 M to a new arena.

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): \$53

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](#)

NAIMING RIGHTS: 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): \$58

Facility Financing: \$7 M from the Salt Lake City Olympic Committee and \$46 M from the City of West Valley secured with bonds.

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The E-Center was built for the 2002 Winter Olympics.

Team: Victoria Salmon Kings

Affiliates: Manitoba Moose (AHL), Vancouver Canucks (NHL)

Principal Owner: RG Properties

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre

Date Built: 2005

Facility Cost (millions): \$30

Facility Financing: The city borrowed \$30 M to finance the arena.

[Facility Website](#)

NAIMING RIGHTS: 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 Cost (millions): A \$3.2 M renovation was completed in 2005.

[Facility Website](#)

NAIMING RIGHTS: 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: Columbus Cottonmouths

Front Office: Jerome Bechard

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Columbus Civic Center

Date Built: 1996

[Facility Website](#)

Team: Fayetteville FireAntz

Front Office: Kevin MacNaught (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

[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

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 John Langley and Rita Harris

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Knoxville Coliseum

Date Built: 1950's

[Facility Website](#)

Team: Pee Dee Cyclones

Principal Owner: Bob Kerzner

Arena: Florence City-County Civic Center

Date Built: 1992

Facility Cost (millions): \$21

[Facility Website](#)

Team: Richmond Renegades

Principal Owner: Richmond Renegades, LLC; headed by Allan Harvie

Arena: Richmond Coliseum

Date Built: 1971

Facility Cost (millions):

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The Richmond Renegades is an expansion team for the 2006-07 season. The team is named after the ECHL team, owned by Allan Harvie, that folded in 2003.

United Hockey League (UHL) (AA)

Team: Bloomington Prairie Thunder

Front Office: Jerry McBurney (Vice President/General Manager)

Arena: US Cellular Coliseum

Date Built: 2006

Facility Cost (millions): \$37

Facility Financing: Funded by the City of Bloomington

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The Prairie Thunder is an expansion team for the 2006-07 season.

Team: Chicago Hounds

Principal Owner: Chicagoland Sports, LLC

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Sears Centre

Date Built: 2006

Facility Cost (millions): \$62

Facility Financing: \$12 M was contributed by Ryan-Sears.

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: The Richmond RiverDogs was transferred to become the Chicago Hounds.

Team: Elmira Jackals

Principal Owner: Dr. Mostafa Afr

[Team Website](#)

Arena: First Arena

Date Built: 2000

Facility Cost (millions): \$15.5

Facility Financing: The Department of Housing and Urban Development lent \$4 M for the project, Chemung County paid \$1.25 M, the state granted \$3 M and the Afr family contributed \$7.25 M toward the arena.

[Facility Website](#)

NAIMING RIGHTS: 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

Principal Owner: Franke family

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Allen County War Memorial Coliseum

Date Built: 1952

[Facility Website](#)

Team: Kalamazoo Wings

Principal Owner: R. T. Parfet

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Wings Stadium
Date Built: 1974
[Facility Website](#)

Team: Muskegon Fury

Principal Owner: Tony Lisman
[Team Website](#)

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

Team: Port Huron Flags

Front Office: Charlie Barrett (Chairman of the Board); Mark Neal (President)
[Team Website](#)

Arena: McMorrان Arena
Date Built: 1962
Facility Cost (millions): \$3.5
Facility Financing: The McMorrان Foundation donated the original \$1.2 M to build the sports and entertainment center. Over time, the McMorrان and Murphy families, who made up the foundation, donated the remainder of the cost.
[Facility Website](#)

Team: Quad City Mallards

Principal Owner: Quad City Sports Ventures
[Team Website](#)

Arena: The MARK of the Quad Cities

Date Built: 1993

Facility Cost (millions): \$35

[Facility Website](#)

UPDATE: Quad City Sports Ventures purchased the Mallards in the summer of 2006.

Team: Rockford IceHogs

Principal Owner: Dr. Kris Tumilowicz and Craig Drecktrah

[Team Website](#)

Arena: Rockford MetroCentre

Date Built: 1979

Facility Cost (millions): \$3.8 M renovation was completed in 2005.

[Facility Website](#)

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