

The 2006-2007 Atlanta Junior Thrashers Travel Program
At the Marietta Ice Center
Travel Tryouts and Program Overview

With the recent program partnership that has been formed between the MIC and the Atlanta Thrashers, it is not only the identity of the team affiliation that has changed at the MIC. The introduction of the Thrashers name brings a complete overhaul of our travel program designed to be consistent with travel program designs utilized in traditional hockey rich areas of the country. Though we are directly affiliated with the Atlanta Thrashers, the teams at the MIC are not associated with the IceForum as our program concept is quite different and independent.

These changes are intended to create a different program than the typical one marketed in the Greater Atlanta area and one that will bring the maximum value to the players and families that participate. Our concept is designed to maximize development through excellent coaches, professional instructional support, progressive practice and training programs, with a focus on developing the maximum potential from each player on and off the ice.

Here are the highlights of the travel program:

- The MIC will field multiple travel teams in each age division, including Midget, Bantam, Pee Wee, Squirt and Mite
- Teams will compete at the appropriate level of competition based on the players selected
- League play will be determined by competition level of our teams and of the applicable league as determined by the respective coaches and with the assistance of the Hockey Development Committee Directors
- Reduced roster size to support more development for each player and the team as a whole
- Increased practice to game ratio needed to full develop the needed skills to compete
- Selected high level coaching staff, with an integrated and coordinated instruction and development process intended to support excellence at all levels
- Integrated off-ice programs and activities designed to enhance player development
- More meaningful travel schedule, with the additional development of an NHL venue reciprocating team program where the entire program travels together to certain venues to play similar sponsored teams with similar games played at home
- More balanced schedule of games with more home games to reduce travel costs
- Involvement of Thrashers staff to assist all coaches and team with practices and in game situations. This includes specific positional instruction designed to full develop offensive, defensive and goalies positions.
- Travel league clinics and other development programs provided in conjunction with Thrashers staff
- Proprietary goalie coaches for MIC Travel players to assist with goalie development
- Planned monthly progress meeting with parents, coaches and Thrashers staff to educate and allow the parents to properly support the development of their child

This overview is just a summary of the unique and exciting program that is designed to exceed all expectations in terms of prior experience you or your child may have had with other programs. Our commitment is to the development of each player in our program, in a family environment that promotes creativity, responsibility, honor and integrity.

Please view the appropriate links for our travel tryout schedule. If you have any questions, please contact MIC Executive Directors and General Manger Stephane Normandeau or Travel Team Coordinator Kelli Hurt at 770-509-5067.