



## RINK INFORMATION

**Ground Breaking:** October 9, 2013

**Grand Opening:** September 12, 2014

**Tenants:** Nashville Predators Amateur Hockey (youth and adult), Scott Hamilton Skating Academy, Jr. Predators, Vanderbilt University Club Hockey, Middle Tennessee State University Club Hockey, Sewanee: The University of the South Club Hockey

**Arena size:** 90,000 square feet

**Number of Rinks:** 2 (North Rink, South Rink)

**Rink Size:** 85' x 200' (NHL regulation size)

**Rink floor:** concrete

**Glass:** tempered

**Locker rooms:** 8

**Seating capacity:** North Rink (550), South Rink (300)

**Ice resurfacers:** Zamboni 546 (2)

*Zamboni's third-largest model, the 546 is designed to be simple to drive and easy to operate with an electronic governor and car-like foot controls. Propelled by a smaller, more efficient engine than some other machines, the 546 consumes less fuel to help offer a cleaner arena environment. For more information, visit [www.zamboni.com](http://www.zamboni.com).*

**Lighting:** T-5 Florescent

**Refrigeration System:** Pace/Gateway – Glacier Arena Package: Model GAP-225-S



## **Achieved LEED Silver Certification:**

### *What is it?*

- A program instituted by the United States Green Building Council
- LEED stands for Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design
- “A green building certification program that recognizes best-in-class building strategies and practices.” (via [www.usgbc.com/leed](http://www.usgbc.com/leed))
- “To receive LEED certification, building projects satisfy prerequisites and earn points to achieve different levels of certification. Prerequisites and credits differ for each rating system, and teams choose the best fit for their project.” (via [www.usgbc.com/leed](http://www.usgbc.com/leed))

### *Certification – Building Design and Construction Category*

- Certification levels include: certified (40-49 points), silver (50-59 points), gold (60-79 points) and platinum (80+ points).
- Points are given based on a projects performance in integrative process, location and transportation, materials and resources, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, sustainable sites, indoor environmental quality, innovation, regional priority credits.
- Ford Ice Center achieved LEED Silver Certification, acquiring 50-59 of the needed points.
- Additional LEED Silver Certified buildings in the Nashville area include: Julia Green Elementary School, The Wharton School, Vanderbilt University Library Archives and more.
- For a list of LEED Certified buildings in Tennessee (all levels) visit [www.greenbuildingwire.com](http://www.greenbuildingwire.com).

## **First Rink in State of Tennessee with “Look-Up Line™”:**

### *What is it?*

- Designed with similar intentions to that of baseball’s “warning track,” the Look-Up Line™ hopes to help decrease spinal cord and head injuries in the sport of hockey.
- The line itself is made of a warning track extending 40 inches from the boards around the entire rink and painted “safety orange.”
- “The Look-Up Line™ does NOT affect the speed, intensity or heritage of the game of hockey, and does not require new playing rules directed at the player.” (via [www.justcureparalysis.org](http://www.justcureparalysis.org))
- The Look-Up Line™ is a program started by the Thomas E. Smith Foundation, a foundation based in Andover, Massachusetts that is dedicated to helping all individuals achieve maximum mobility regardless of age or financial status.

For more information on the Look-Up Line™, visit the Thomas E. Smith Foundation website at [www.justcureparalysis.org](http://www.justcureparalysis.org).



### **Fast Facts and Figures:**

- There is approximately 17 miles of piping constantly running coolant under each rink.
- An estimated 1,000 pairs of skates were ordered by Ford Ice Center prior to its opening.
- On average, a Zamboni machine “travels” close to 2,000 miles each year in the course of resurfacing. (via [www.zamboni.com](http://www.zamboni.com))
- Scott Hamilton, principal of the Scott Hamilton Skating Academy, is a longtime Franklin, Tennessee, resident and Nashville Predators season-ticket holder. Hamilton claimed men’s figure skating Gold at the 1984 Sarajevo Olympics, won four consecutive World and U.S. Figure Skating Championships from 1981-84 and was inducted into the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame in 1990.
- The Nashville Jr. Predators are a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting Tier I and Tier II youth ice hockey in the greater Nashville area.
- The Vanderbilt University Club Hockey Team, founded in 1976, is a Division III club affiliated with the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) and the Southeastern Collegiate Hockey Conference (SECHC). Vanderbilt Hockey is largely run by students and is supported by coaches, advisors and parents.
- The Middle Tennessee State University Club Hockey Team returns to the ice for the first time since disbanding following the 2009-10 season. MTSU is a DIII club affiliated with the ACHA.

### **Special Features:**

- Second floor overlook/lounge area
- Yoga/ballet studio
- Outdoor deck/street hockey and basketball area
- Four party/meeting rooms, each with seating up to 50
- 2,500 square feet of off-ice training space including three shooting lanes with synthetic ice, cardio equipment and dry-land training
- Dedicated locker rooms for Jr. Predators and Vanderbilt hockey teams
- 22 televisions
- Concession stand with restaurant-level kitchen, barbeque smoker and beer taps
- 2,000 square-foot pro shop operated by Perani’s Hockey World, featuring skates, sticks and more

### **Campus Features:**

- Six-acre park with a quarter mile walking trail
- 32,000 square-foot recreation center
- 26,000 square-foot library



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## HISTORY & TIME LINE

- June 17, 2013** – Mayor Karl Dean announces the addition of a community ice rink as part of the city’s new mixed use complex in southeast Davidson County. Mayor Dean also announces that the complex will include an expanded branch library, new regional community center and park. The ice rink, which was included in the lease agreement between the city and the Nashville Predators, is being developed as a public-private partnership between the city, Metro Sports Authority and the Predators.
- October 9, 2013** – Mayor Karl Dean is joined by Nashville government representatives, Nashville Predators executives, players, and more to ceremonially break ground on the new ice rink in southeast Davidson County.
- March 4, 2014** – The Nashville Predators announce they have entered into a naming rights partnership with the Mid-South Ford Dealers for the new rink development. The rink naming is an added component to the long-standing partnership between the Predators and Bridgestone Arena with the Mid-South Ford Dealers.
- April 2, 2014** – Craig MacDonald is announced as Ford Ice Center hockey director. MacDonald will manage all hockey programs with a focus on growing a youth hockey program and developing the rink’s adult hockey program, providing opportunities for everyone to play hockey, no matter their age or skill level.
- April 10, 2014** – The Nashville Predators and Olympic figure skating Gold Medalist Scott Hamilton announced the formation of the Scott Hamilton Skating Academy at Ford Ice Center. Hamilton will serve as active principal in the Academy, helping develop learn-to-skate and figure skating curriculums.
- July 8, 2014** – Bill Fauver, a four-time National Silver Medalist, five-time World Championship team member and a two-time Olympian is named Ford Ice Center skating director by the Nashville Predators and the Scott Hamilton Skating Academy. Fauver will manage all skating programs and assist Hamilton in the building of learn-to-skate and figure skating curriculums and facilitate skating competitions.
- July 16, 2014** – The Nashville Predators announced that Perani’s Hockey World, one of the premier hockey shops in the United States, will operate the pro shop inside Ford Ice Center. Perani’s Nashville location will be the company’s 24th store, bringing Middle Tennessee never-before-seen servicing for beginners, elite athletes, men, women, hockey players, figure skaters, teams and more.
- July 24, 2014** – Workers begin making the first sheet of ice at Ford Ice Center.
- September 4, 2014** – Skaters in Ford Ice Center’s first G.O.A.L! program take to the ice.
- September 12-14, 2014** – Ford Ice Center opened its doors for the Grand Opening celebration.



# PROGRAMMING INFORMATION

*Find up to date programming schedules and more information at [www.FordIceCenter.com](http://www.FordIceCenter.com)*

## **U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills Program (Learn-to-Skate)**

Both Ford Ice Center hockey programs and the Scott Hamilton Skating Academy will utilize U.S. Figure Skating's basic learn-to-skate program. Designed to serve both recreational and competitive skaters in both figure skating and hockey, the curriculum keeps skaters enthusiastic about learning from the start of lessons until they achieve their goals. All coaches are committed to sharing the joy that is skating with learn-to-skate students.

Additional benefits:

- All learn-to-skate participants can skate any public session for free during their enrolled semester (excluding Friday and Saturday).
- Each learn-to-skate participant is allowed to bring a friend to any class and/or public session (excluding Friday and Saturday).

## **Scott Hamilton Skating Academy**

- **Advanced Skating Program**  
The objective of the Advanced Skating Program is to tailor a program based on the needs of each participant, whether those goals are competitive or recreational, the Scott Hamilton Skating Academy will work to fit the needs of the skater. Advanced Skating Programs are also available to teach skating skills for hockey players. Lessons can be private or semi-private.
- **Additional on-ice and off-ice programs available including:**
  - Curry Class* – Teaches proper skating technique and attention to detail. Classes cover graceful movement, turning with ease, and well-defined edges that are deep and clean.
  - Stroking Class* – Focuses on stroking technique, increasing skaters' power, strength and endurance.
  - Stretching/Ballet Class* – Muscle strengthening/lengthening and balance along with proper positioning of the body.

## **Ford Ice Center Hockey Programs**

- **Get Out and Learn!** presented by Erie Insurance (G.O.A.L!)  
*For upcoming dates, visit [www.nashvillepredators.com/goal](http://www.nashvillepredators.com/goal)*

G.O.A.L! provides beginner players the opportunity to learn the basic skills of ice hockey through four on-ice sessions at Nashville area rinks. Participants will learn forward strides, stops/starts, turns and crossovers, backward skating, stick handling, passing, shooting, fun games and more. Each session will encourage participants to actively partake in fun drills geared toward



their skill progression. Once the four-week session is complete, there are hockey programs available at each rink for continued development.

Participants of G.O.A.L! will receive on-ice instruction by USA Hockey certified coaches, complimentary hockey equipment, stick and skates to check-out during the four-week program, official G.O.A.L! hockey jersey to keep as a souvenir, graduation certificate, progression sheet from the local rink and much more.

- **PREDeccessor**

The PREDeccessor program is available for children who have completed an introductory program (G.O.A.L!, Learn-to-Skate or Try Hockey for Free), but are still not quite ready to join one of Ford Ice Center's house league programs. This program, open to all ages, last four weeks and is aimed at helping kids transition from starter clinics up to the youth leagues.

Children in the PREDeccessor program will be taught fundamentals including footwork, stride, feel for the puck and general hockey knowledge. As an added benefit, participants will receive video and video analysis of their progression to better help them prepare for the next step. Each child will receive a PREDeccessor Personal Improvement Plan based on initial evaluations that recommends areas of improvement and things to work on both on and off the ice.

- **Youth Hockey Programs (Division/Age/Birth Year)**

Termite 6U (2008, 2009)  
Mite 8U (2006, 2007)  
Squirt 10U (2004, 2005)  
PeeWee 12U (2002, 2003)  
Bantam 14U (2000, 2001)

All divisions will play on the weekend, practicing on Saturday between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. with games being played on Sunday between 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The cost of each nine-week session (first begins Nov. 15 and ends Feb. 1) range from \$175-\$500. Registered participants receive tickets to one Nashville Predators game during the regular season. Optional off-ice programming is available in addition to on-ice individual only skill lessons. Participants may choose to use Ford Ice Center's equipment rental program.

- **Adult Hockey Programs**

Thirteen-week season including playoffs, with cost ranging from \$175-\$225 per person and \$2,600 per team. Registered participants also receive tickets to one Preds game during the regular season.

Fall Season: September 2-December 22

Winter Season: January 5-April 26



- Ice Fit

A new approach to the average conditioning clinic, Ice Fit is a full gear workout infused with creative strength and hockey drills. Ice Fit is aimed at making participants stronger, faster and quicker and utilizes a station circuit followed by a burnout exercise to test limits and push progression.

The 60-minute sessions are available on a drop-in/single-session rate and a four-week session rate.

- Stick Spinning

An intense on-ice session designed to help participants develop better puck handling skills while creating good habits at high tempo and game-like scenarios. Participants will have a stick in their hands during the entire session and will compete against themselves to better each new skill through repetition.

The class format will be built around allowing participants to create “muscle memory,” through drills that are formatted similar to a typical shift. Open to both skaters and goalies, the class teaches technique, stance, grip and footwork. Classes will be offered for all ages and skill levels in both 30-minute and 60-minute sessions and can be purchased as part of a four session package or on an individual basis.

- Ford Ice Center Adult Broomball League

A recreational league open to adults (21+) of all skill levels, the Ford Ice Center Adult Broomball League will feature coed teams of 12 players each. Games will be formatted six-on-six. The league is best suited for adults who are looking to get active in a social environment and will include eight games in eight weeks.



## Party and Event Rental Space

- Rookie Package
  - Includes party supplies for up to 10 kids and two adults
  - Pizza (two large single topping pies)
  - Soda (your choice of Pepsi product)
  - Two hours of ice skating
  - Skate rentals
  - And more!
- Captain Package (Private Party)
  - Includes party supplies for up to 10 kids and two adults
  - Pizza (two large single topping pies)
  - Soda (your choice of Pepsi product)
  - One hour of private ice skating
  - One hour of party room
  - Skate rentals
  - And more!

Interested in booking a reservation or have additional questions?

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## SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Sept. 12**

4:30 p.m. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony  
5-8 p.m. Grand Opening Festival

### **Sept. 13**

11 a.m.-6 p.m. Grand Opening Festival  
1 p.m. Rookie Tournament Game –Florida Panthers vs. Boston Bruins  
3:30 p.m. Nashville Predators Skate of the Union  
4:30 p.m. Rookie Tournament Game –Nashville Predators vs. Tampa Bay Lightning

### **Sept. 14**

12-7 p.m. Grand Opening Festival  
4 p.m. Rookie Tournament Game –Tampa Bay Lightning vs. Boston Bruins  
7 p.m. Rookie Tournament Game–Nashville Predators vs. Florida Panthers

### **Sept. 15**

10 a.m. Tampa Bay Lightning Rookie Practice  
10:30 a.m. Boston Bruins Rookie Practice  
12 p.m. Nashville Predators Rookie Practice  
12:30 p.m. Florida Panthers Rookie Practice

### **Sept. 16**

10 a.m. Rookie Tournament Game–Tampa Bay Lightning vs. Florida Panthers  
1 p.m. Rookie Tournament Game–Nashville Predators vs. Boston Bruins

### **Sept. 26-28**

USA Hockey Nashville Adult Classic Tournament

### **Sept. 28-Oct. 1**

Milwaukee Admirals Training Camp

### **Oct. 3-5**

MAPCO College Hockey Shootout (ACHA Tournament hosted by Vanderbilt University)  
Visiting teams: Wake Forest, University of Florida, Georgia Tech, University of North Carolina, Northwestern



## PRO SHOP INFORMATION

- Operated by Perani's Hockey World, one of the premier hockey shops in the United States
- Company based in Flint, Michigan
- Founded by former pro hockey player Bob Perani in 1976
- Currently operate 23 retail stores in addition to an e-commerce business that is one of the largest in North America
- Nashville location is the 24th store and the first in the Southeast U.S.
- Dedicated to offering their customers the best customer service, the lowest prices and largest product selection
- For more information on Perani's and their products, visit [www.hockeyworld.com](http://www.hockeyworld.com)

### WHAT THEY'RE SAYING:

“Partnering with Perani's, one of America's foremost providers in the retail hockey industry, brings yet another tremendous asset to Ford Ice Center. The Predators are excited to be able to help bring this level of unparalleled service, price and selection to Middle Tennessee.”

-Danny Butler, Ford Ice Center General Manager

“We are thrilled to enter this partnership with a great organization like the Nashville Predators and bring our brand and product to the southeast for the first time. The Nashville area is a rapidly growing hockey market and we are excited to be a part of it.”

-Mike Sander, Perani's Vice President

### HOURS OF OPERATION:

- Monday-Friday, 3-10 p.m.
- Saturday & Sunday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

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