BMHA ICE INFO 2021-2022

Managers:

* Proper communication flow regarding ice will come from the Manager ONLY.
* Contact BMHA Ice Scheduler via email at icescheduler@blackfaldsminorhockey.com
* Open Ice time may be assigned short notice to teams who are short a practice. Our goal is to fill our ice times we are paying for. If the team assigned cannot fill the available time at the discretion of the Ice Scheduler it will then be offered out as extra to teams in good standing that request extra ice time. If none of those teams can use it an offering to all association teams as first claimed basis will be sent out and lastly it will be offered to other user groups. These available ice times will be listed under the OPEN Ice tab on RAMP. The manager then will need to email ice scheduler to pick up if still available.

Practice Ice:

* Teams are responsible for their designated ice slot (weekday and weekend) unless it is given back with a minimum 10 days notice. Teams will be charged if ice is not correctly returned and as a result, the ice goes unused. If an alternate user is found or at the discretion of the Ice Scheduler the team will not be held responsible.
* Morning ice will be scheduled. It may be returned but will not be made up
* Blackfalds ice times will take priority over outsourced venues whenever possible. Practices or Games will not be booked at an outsourced venue if a Blackfalds ice time has been offered and there is no reason why it cannot be accepted
* Ice Scheduler will enter and edit all practice slots for each team. Managers have access via RAMP team login; DO NOT edit or delete any practices that are on schedule.
* Practices are assigned as Shared Ice or Full Ice appropriate to each level and Hockey Alberta recommendations.
* Practices will be assigned as equal as possible throughout the season. BMHA will schedule 2 practice slots per week. Practices may never be equal due to Holidays, Tournaments and team cancellations or modifications. Practices may not always be the same day or time each week, so Managers are responsible to check schedule frequently. Managers, please inform the team you are managing to also frequently check schedule.
* Ice times will be age appropriate unless otherwise agreed upon. Reasonable requests will be at the discretion of the Ice Scheduler.
* Teams will be allowed 1 final ice time after their season has come to an end for one last practice/team windup.
* Teams still in tournaments after their season has ended will be scheduled regular ice times until the completion of their tournament or ice is no longer available to BMHA.

Game Ice:

* Ice Scheduler will provide CAHL game slots per team; CAHL will then allocate the game slots to BMHA teams and upload to BMHA website. Until RAMP is up and running it will be up to Managers to enter upcoming games on the BMHA Website.
* Games do trump practices; their may be some circumstances where practices are cancelled due to needing that ice time for a game. For those teams that may lose a practice the ice scheduler will try and make it up if ice is available.
* Games will take priority over weekend practices. Weekend practices may be cancelled on short notice.
* All teams must be available to play during League Tiering, League Blackouts, Provincial Playdown time frames specified by Hockey Alberta and League Playoffs. No exceptions will be made.
* If your designated Game slot is changed, your team will still be required to use the ice as a practice unless there is a conflict or there is enough time to return it. Don’t forget to notify the BMHA Referee Assignor.
* CAHL Tiering, Regular Season and Playoff Games are entered by the League and cannot be modified in Goalline/RAMP by the Ice Scheduler. Please follow all CAHL policies and procedures for their assigned games for any changes. Please contact your Ice Scheduler ASAP if you need to offer times due to a game change.
* All U9-U18 Exhibition, League , and Provincial Playdown Games will be entered by the Manager.
* All U9-U18 Home Tournament will be entered by the Ice Scheduler.
* All ice offering procedures for Provincial Playdowns, League Playoffs and Game changes can be found under Managers on the BMHA website. If you cannot find the info there it will be in your League Manuals. Each League is different.
* Check your League websites for Blackout & Holiday dates. Tournaments and Exhibition games are not to be played during Blackouts and only Exhibitions can be played during Holidays. CAHL will only allow for 2 Tournaments to be submitted without game change requests (#1 being BMHA home tournament and #2 being team choice).

Tournament deadline for submission is up to the Mananger to submit on CAHL website.

* Best efforts will be made to fill all Open Ice with practices, exhibition games or offered to other user groups.
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Game Slot Allocation

U7 Games (Half Ice)

* 60 minute(1hour) time slots with no floods
* Games will require the use of the half boards
* 3 minute warm up
* Two 24-minute halves will be played with the 3-minute shift buzzer.
* 4 Teams =2 Teams per half on the ice
* 3 Teams on the ice -2 Teams on one half(game side) and 1 Team practice
* 2 teams =2 Teams on half and a Skill Zone/Mini Games

U9 Games (Half Ice)

* 60 minute(1hour) time slots with no floods
* Games will require the use of the half boards
* 3 minute warm up
* Two 24-minute halves will be played with the 3-minute shift buzzer.
* 4 Teams =2 Teams per half on the ice
* 3 Teams on the ice -2 Teams on one half(game side) and 1 Team practice
* 2 teams =2 Teams on half and a Skill Zone/Mini Games

U11 Games

* 120 minute(2 hour) time slots with 1 flood between the 2nd and 3rd period
* 5 minute warm up
* Three 20-minute stop time periods (No Drop Clock Allowed)

U13 Games

* 120 minute(2 hour) time slot with 1 flood between the 2nd and 3rd period
* 5 minute warm up
* Three 20-minute stop time periods (No Drop Clock Allowed)

U15 & U18 Games

* 135 minutes(2 hours 15 minutes) time slot with 2 floods (2.5 hours will be scheduled for Provincial Playdown and League Playoff Games)
* 5 minute warm up
* Three 20-minute stop time periods (No Drop Clock Allowed)

Ice for Tournaments/Jamborees

\*\*\*For Tournament Committee Members\*\*\*

* Please have your tournament teams selected and submitted to the Ice Scheduler no later than 2-3 weeks before your tournament.
* The Tournament Committee will be given a tournament schedule and a volunteer schedule to match.
* The tournament schedule will be made with travel consideration for the away teams.
* All tournament games will be entered by the Ice Scheduler into RAMP for the Arena Staff to see the schedule on the BMHA website.
* Tournament ice invoicing will be done through the Ice Scheduler/Treasurer
* Each team(s) hosting the tournament will be held accountable for all tournament ice invoices from the Town of Blackfalds. Tournament Invoices are to be paid one week after the completion of the tournament. A tournament cheque will be required to pay your ice invoice and is to be written to the Town of Blackfalds and delivered to the front desk of the Abbey Centre.
* The Banquet Room upstairs at the Arena may be available to book during your tournament. \*This room will be mandatory during the Initiation Jamboree and added onto your tournament Ice Invoice\*
* Friday night (4:00-9:30 pm) ice will be invoiced from BMHA as this cost is separate from the Town. A tournament cheque will be required to pay for your BMHA ice.

Thanks and should you have any questions at all about

Ice Scheduling please do not hesitate to contact me by email:

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