

Annual Report - Director of Operations

Season: 2024/2025



Accomplishments:

The 2024/2025 season was a remarkable year for the FYRA, particularly in terms of securing incremental ice for our association. This significant achievement is a testament to the hard work and dedication of many past and present board members, and I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to everyone involved. Also, collaborating with Lee Miller was both positive and productive and I believe the entire association benefited from this approach. With that, here are some of the notable accomplishments from this season:

- Increased our weekly ice allocation by 8 hours per/week.

- Ice times to support goalie development sessions.

- Strengthened our partnership with the City Rec Department.

- We saw a notable reduction in disruptions to our scheduled ice times.

- The increased lead time we now receive when special events are being hosted in the city allowed us to pivot more effectively, ensuring minimal impact on our regular schedule.

- Fielded less requests for incremental ice than previous years.

- Successfully scheduled on-ice team/player photos.

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Challenges:

Here are some of the challenges Lee Miller and I faced during the 2024/2025 season and will work to overcome leading into the 2025/2026 season:

Increased Operating Budget: Due to the incremental ice, we saw an increase in our operating budget.

Ice Time Rental Fee: We might be facing a price increase on ice time rental fees.

U10 Power Skating on Sundays: This has been identified as a significant challenge, and will work to find ways to improve this experience.

Collaboration with RNB: Work together with RNB to enhance the seeded game schedule for the benefit of all teams involved.

Learning from Past Schedules: Take the learnings and feedback from the 2024/2025 schedule to develop a more effective schedule that maximizes full ice practices for more teams.

Increased Demand for Ice: With a growing demand for ice from both new and existing user groups, we need to strategize on how to address this need efficiently.

Community Rooms: Fielding last-minute requests for community room bookings.

Outlook for coming Season:

As we gear up for the upcoming season, I'd like to outline some key points regarding our scheduling and potential opportunities.

We are currently in the process of securing ice times for the "Come Try Ringette" sessions, along with the pre-season activities for 2025.

It's important we leverage weekday ice times effectively for both seeded and exhibition games, when and where applicable.

Discuss options to make the best use of our Friday evening and 6 AM Wednesday ice slots.

Create a more efficient and effective approach to booking community rooms.