



## Lacombe Minor Hockey Association

# Ice Policy Ice

Lacombe Minor Hockey has a strict ice policy in place to ensure we have, even allocations between divisions and teams, ensuring all ice is used and used in an effective manner. Because LMH must sign an agreement with the city for ice prior to the season starting, any ice allocate to the association must be used. Additional ice may be picked up if available, but any unused ice is still charged to the association and makes it difficult to secure additional slots when we are not using current allocated ice to its fullest.

### Returning Ice:

- All ice for LMH and CAS teams are allocated by LMH. Teams can not secure their own ice but must contact LMH for ice.
- Any ice a team can not use must be returned to LMH to be reallocated.
- Prior to returning practice ice to the association, check with your divisional director to see if there is another team within your division that you can trade ice times with.
- Ice returned to the LMH must be done a **minimum of 7 days prior ice time**.
- Ice will post returned ice to “available ice” on the LMH web site with the date and time details
- **Any ice returned to LMH in side of 7 days, will remain the responsibility of the team.** If an alternate user for the ice is not found, the team remains responsible for the use. Alternate users for ice are accepted (sell to other teams outside of LMH, such as a men’s team or ringette)
- Teams may be charged ice fees if ice goes unused. (see Unused Ice)
- **Returning of morning practice ice is not permitted unless authorized by the President.** It is recommended that these ice times are exchanged with alternate teams.
- Initiation and Novice teams are allocated ice at the beginning of the season and it is expected you will use it. If you are attending a tournament or other special circumstances contact your divisional director for assistance with having the ice re-allocated.



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### Claiming Ice:

- When ice becomes available it will be emailed to all team managers. Ice will be booked first come, first serve. It is not your ice until you receive a confirmation email from the ice coordinator
- If ice is not claimed by a team then the ice may be assigned to a team with no events that day
- Bad users of ice (teams causing un-used ice) will lose priority for claiming ice.

### Fines and Penalties

- Ice returned inside the 7 day period not claimed (unused) may result in the team being fined. Amounts will be calculated by the amount of ice time X the adult user rate.
- All ice time fines charged by LMH shall must be paid in full by the team within 14 days after the fine is assessed or additional fines and/or disciplinary actions may be taken by LMH. Disciplinary actions could result in all practice ice being suspended until fines are paid.
- Offending teams shall be required to provide an explanation to why ice was un-used to the Executive through the Division Director.
- Fines will be determined by the LMH Executive
- Unused ice will be tracked and posted on the LMH web site.