

### **Yearly Overview**

Given the monumental change in ice allocation this year (due to Covid-19), the allocation of ice to each of MDRA's teams was "challenging" to say the least.

All the teams that were provided ice this year, were provided (to the best of our ability) as equal as ice as possible. Given the unique circumstances to this year, MDRA had challenges (with the ice scheduling) along the following lines:

- Vacillating starting/stopping with the schedule (due to arena shutdowns)
- Forecasting various scenarios (dependent on what the city would allow for ice participants)
- Modifying our contracts with the city to align with the ever-changing direction that COVID imposed on us
- Restricting of teams participating on the ice due to COVID protocols
- Several ice times (namely 4:30 ice times) were not ideal and presented challenges for our members.

MDRA (juggled to the best of our ability) the schedule to meet such a crazy change in dynamics and attempted to ensure that each team was provided an equal amount of ice. Unfortunately, this was not possible for all teams and several teams were short compared to others in the association. While this is not ideal, it was a risk that was identified at the beginning of the year and was mitigated as best we could.

### **Looking Forward to 2021/2022**

We do not have any visibility as to what the season is going to look like (come September), but we have anticipated (at the request of Ringette Ontario) to prepare our ice contracts for the fall with some level of return to play being incorporated. As such, we have prepared for the best-case scenario (full ice resumption in the fall) and will adjust IF our provincial regulating body (Ringette Ontario) or the provincial health organization (PHO) deem that this approach must be modified. Let's hope that our players can get back on the ice as soon as it is safe for them to do so.

I appreciate all the patience that you the parents gave me for this, and I am looking forward to the fall and hoping that your child(ren) has the best ringette experience possible.

Sincerely,

John Bertram

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