



## Ice Allocation Policy

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The City of Ottawa allocates hours of ice to the Metcalfe and District Ringette Association (MDRA) by applying the same formula it uses to distribute ice to other sports organizations. The ice allocated to the Association is to be used for League play and team practices. In order to allocate the ice fairly, MDRA has adopted the following procedures.

### **Procedures:**

1. The MDRA provides the National Capital Region Ringette League (NCRRL) approximately nine (9) hours per team for games to participate in league play. This includes all regional teams as well as U12A and U14A competitive teams. Each player will receive approximately 18 games (9 home and 9 away) covered through registration fees.
2. The MDRA provides the Ligue Elite de Ringette du Québec (LERQ) approximately ten to eleven (10-11) hours per team for games to participate in league play. This includes all AA competitive teams. Each player will receive approximately 20-22 games (half home and half away) covered through registration fees.
3. The MDRA provides the Ligue de Ringette du Québec (LRQ) approximately ten to eleven (10-11) hours per team for games to participate in league play. This includes U16A and U19A. Each player will receive approximately 20-22 games (half home and half away) covered through registration fees.
4. The MDRA provides each team with 26 half-ice practice hours, or equivalent (one full-ice practice = 2 half-ice practices). This allocation is covered through registration fees. The selection of times (weekday/weekend) will be determined by the MDRA Ice Scheduler. No practice ice will be allocated between Christmas and New Years unless requested and paid for by a team.
5. The MDRA provides competitive A teams with an additional 13 half ice practices, or equivalent. These additional practices are covered by the competitive player team fees.
6. The MDRA provides AA competitive teams with an additional 26 half ice practices, or equivalent. These additional practices are covered by the competitive player team fees.



7. The MDRA will allocate a minimum of 30 hours throughout the season to Conditioning and/or Power Skating. The VP Player Development working with the MDRA Ice Scheduler will determine the most appropriate times to be offered, considering the age of the participants and the times and dates of their regular practices. Conditioning and power skating fees will be established yearly and recovered from players who participate. These costs are not included through registration fees.
8. Any hours of ice remaining after allocations 1 through 7 will be distributed to MDRA teams based on the ratio in which they receive their season's practice ice.
9. Each team will establish the team contact(s) for all ice requirements (e.g. practice ice, rescheduling games, etc.) and advise the Ice Scheduler accordingly. It is the team contact's responsibility to notify the Ice Scheduler of:
  - a. All planned tournaments by the deadline set out by the team's respective leagues. This is done to avoid game conflicts.
  - b. Ice conflicts as soon as possible. The Ice Scheduler will help rectify game conflicts; however, it is the team's responsibility to rectify any practice conflicts and notify the Ice Scheduler of any changes.

If the team fails to contact the Ice Scheduler within a reasonable amount of time, responsibility for rectifying any conflicts will be the team's responsibility. If a team fails to utilize ice that has been allocated for any reason, and has not contacted the Ice Scheduler, the team will be invoiced accordingly above and beyond what has already been paid by registration fees.
10. Teams are forbidden to sell any of the ice allocated to them. If a team would like to sell ice to another MDRA team, they must forward a request to the Ice Scheduler for approval.
11. The Ice Scheduler will forward the ice usage report to teams (mid-November and mid-January) for verification and planning purposes.

**NOTE:**

Any significant changes to the current number of hours allocated to MDRA by the City of Ottawa or in the number of hours of ice required by the NCRRL, LERQ or LRQ will require a complete review of the policy.