

2018-2019 MDRA ICE SCHEDULING

Allocation Policy

The allocation policy is posted on the MDRA website. Every team will be entitled to a maximum of 26 half practices. Competitive teams will see 1.5 half ice practices per week and will be paying for the additional .5 practices. This will work out roughly to two practices one week and one practice the next. *New this year – expect practices Saturday or Sunday due to additional ice allocation.

Available ICE times for games and practices after all ice is in by October 2018:

- Mondays:
 - 4:30p and 5:30p Osgoode
 - 9:00p Metcalfe (occasional)
- Tuesdays:
 - 5p and 6p Barrett East
 - 6p Chesterville (4 allocations only)
- Wednesday:
 - 7p and 8p Metcalfe
- Thursdays:
 - 7:30p Osgoode
 - 8:30p Osgoode (occasional pick-up ice)
- Fridays:
 - No ice
- Saturdays:
 - 5p Osgoode – reserved for bunnies program
 - 6p and 7p Osgoode
 - 6p, 7p and 8p Metcalfe
 - 9p Metcalfe (occasional during ice shortages)
- Sundays:
 - 7am Metcalfe (occasional ice, no games, just practices)
 - 8am Metcalfe (games and practices)
 - 3p, 4p and 5p Chesterville
 - 4:30p and 5:30p Barrett West

***Note: there may be deviations to the practice ice times if more ice is needed to practice.

Tournaments

Please submit your tournaments **ASAP** to the ice scheduler, icescheduler@mdra.ca. This helps prevent game conflicts and rescheduling issues. The U8-U12 regional teams have been blocked automatically for the 10-11 November Metcalfe tournament already.

When should I expect schedules?

Practice schedules are released as soon as possible once game schedules are released by the league. League games will begin on September 23rd or 30th.

(Ice for practice is being held back temporarily due to the Ottawa Tornado. You may be scheduled a practice on the weekend of September 30th at short notice. Please continue to check the website.)

1st half of the season runs until the beginning of December so once the game schedule is out, a practice schedule will be released until the beginning of December. Same process will follow for the second half.

Game Conflicts

If you notice a game conflict on your schedule, please address it immediately. Managers can follow the guidelines on the NCRRL website. These guidelines are found at:
http://ncrrl.on.ca/index.php?page=coaches_reschedule.

Please note that reschedules are only permitted for the following reasons:

- Inclement Weather (follow proper procedures for this)
- Loss of ice
- Participation in a tournament
- League Problem
- Other (with the approval of the NCRRL Division Convener)

If you need any guidance in regards to rescheduling, contact Penny McCullen at icescheduler@mdra.ca or text her cell 613-863-4065. Please also make sure she is aware of any potential reschedules as it does impact the practice schedule.

Practice Changes

Sometimes mistakes are made with the schedule. If you see a problem with the schedule, please let Penny know ASAP and we will rectify it. If you need to change your practice schedule for any other reason, it is the coach's responsibility to contact other coaches to either switch practices or ensure another team will use the ice. *If a team burns ice (does not use it and it sits empty), the MDRA Executive may require the team to pay for the loss of ice.*

Game Changes

Please notify the MDRA ice scheduler of any change to your game schedule, for both home and away games.

Can I purchase additional ice?

Yes! If you would like to purchase additional ice, you can either buy it yourself or request the purchase through the MDRA ice scheduler. Take a look at the facility availability utility on the city of Ottawa website:

<https://apps102.ottawa.ca/Facilities/FacilitiesSearchWizard.asp?LanguageId=1&LanguageIndex=1>

Here you can search for availability of any city of Ottawa rink for a given date range and time range. If you see ice available, you can purchase it directly after creating a personal account OR you can send Penny an email and the association can make the purchase and bill your team. If you want Penny to book the ice, please give her two business days' notice to ensure the booking request gets completed by the city prior to the ice being available. If you choose to book on your own, you MUST notify the executive to ensure that you have proper insurance coverage.

Ice Contacts

Please make sure that Penny has two names and email addresses from your team (usually head coach and manager) that can be on her distribution list. This list will be used to notify teams when schedules are posted, changes are made and/or ice is available.

Access to Goalline

All teams can have a login to the MDRA website that gives them the ability to add events, practices and games to their schedule. This is often handy to post tournament games for your individual teams. Contact Anthony, the MDRA webmaster, for your team login at webmaster@mdra.ca . Please do not alter posted game or practice schedules ;)