Ice Scheduler 2023/24 Report

Early in the season, I assumed the position of Ice Scheduler, a challenging role that was managed successfully with the invaluable support of the outgoing Ice Scheduler, board members, managers, coaches, and the Town of Redcliff.

This year, significant efforts were made to streamline the master ice schedule spreadsheet and ensure it was accessible to all stakeholders. We broke down the master schedule by division and team, allowing managers to easily track their respective team schedules. Additionally, we provided live visibility to the Town of Redcliff, town employees, concession staff, and all directors.

Referee scheduling was efficiently managed with the assistance of the Ref Schedulers in Medicine Hat, who received well-deserved praise for their organization and ability to make quick adjustments when needed.

The association achieved substantial cost savings by returning unused ice time to the town. I extend my sincere thanks to Kelli and the Town of Redcliff for their cooperation and guidance.

Looking ahead, we need to address a few tournament timing issues, particularly for U11 and U13, to ensure sufficient time for potential ties in the final rounds.

Moving forward I would suggest the possibility of Dryland/Classroom time as I believe it would be a benefit to the players, the ice costs and potentially the town during busy times. As Redcliff is quite generous with our ice time I believe a significant benefit to all can exist here.

Overall, managing the ice schedule is a significant responsibility, and streamlining it is essential. Open communication will be crucial to ensure that all parties are aligned and informed moving forward.

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