



Ice Allocation Requirement Policy

Effective August 15, 2024

All member Local Minor Hockey Associations must provide 2 ice times per declared team for tiering round and 8 ice times for regular season using the ice submission form.

Each team's ice submission cannot be one designated ice slot. Submissions must be alternating days. (For Example, not every Saturday at 8 am). Associations must not enter ice times on dates that their associations are hosting tournaments or submit ice when teams are blacked out for tournaments as this is not usable ice for scheduling purposes.

Associations may submit ice in a bulk format, where ice is provided in designated time slots on a provided league form, (i.e. 1.5 hr, 2.0 hr, etc.) however, they still must have at least 10 ice times per team declaration and have 2 ice slots for tiering round, and 8 for regular season. Bulk ice cannot be designated to a certain Age Category, but RHL will make every effort to utilize appropriate hour ice slots for specific Age Category.

Ice submission deadlines must be followed as per the important dates as published for the current year. Failure to meet these deadlines, or errors in ice submission (i.e. double booking, invalid dates and times) will result in a two hundred (\$200.00) fine and later than 3 days may result in all or some of the teams of the Local Minor Hockey Association being suspended for the current season. Changes to the ice submissions to correct errors will be treated as incomplete ice submissions and therefore will be subject to the two hundred dollar (\$200.00) fine described above. Associations that would like to make amendments to ice slots after submission will incur a charge of fifty (\$50.00) Dollars per amendment.

Midweek games for all categories are strongly discouraged. If a weekday is required both teams must agree in writing to play the game during the week. Requests to play weekday games must be submitted to the relevant division governor and must be approved by the Administrator in consultation with either the Governor in Chief, the Vice- President or President.

Regular league schedule shall end on or around February 15th as identified in the list of Important Dates on the RHL Website. The first weekend of playoffs shall start the following weekend. If two teams both agree to start earlier they may do so.

Midweek and Sunday games shall commence no later than 6:00 PM for U11 and U13; no later than 8:00 PM for U15 and U18 without the agreement of both coaches. The game start time must consider the travel time of the visiting team. No midweek or Sunday game shall be scheduled that, when completed at the scheduled time, would force a visiting team to arrive at their home rink after 11:00 PM without an email from both Managers to the Governor agreeing to the change.

Friday Night games shall start no later than 8:30 pm unless agreed upon by the coaches and managers of both teams in writing.

Teams traveling more than 60 minutes away shall not be scheduled earlier than an 8:30 am start time unless agreed upon by the visiting manager in writing.