St Albert Ringette Association

Ice Allocation Plan

(updated Aug 2021)

Ice Availability

In addition to ice in St Albert (Servus Place and Iginla/Kinex arenas), SARA has ice contracts at RQB. All additional ice requests for the St Albert locations must go through the Ice Allocator and qualify for the SARA ice rates on St Albert rinks.

Ice Allocation

In an effort to follow LTAD of more practices than games, to improve both player development and competitiveness, SARA will be providing all teams with increased practice ice opportunities.

In order to accomplish this fairly and equitably, all available ice slots will need to be evenly distributed between undesirable and desirable ice, including early morning (6:15 am and 7:30 am) ice.

While this process may prove challenging for some, it is important to remember that all ice is good ice and that you may just need to be creative in how to use it effectively.

Allocation Process

1. All ice will be calculated in half ice slots and each team will start with a base amount of "extra ice" (ie; 20).
2. As extra ice is used up, your allocation number will decrease by 1 for a half ice slot and by 2 for a full ice.
3. Ice will be assigned by the ice allocator who will take into consideration games, dry land, and tournaments as long as the information is provided on a timely basis.
4. All teams will share in undesirable ice slots. U19 teams will not be required to use 6:15am ice slots as they take the 9:00 - 11:00pm ice slots.
5. Teams that have full ice for their regular ice slot will see their "extra ice allocation" decreased.

6. If your team is unable to use a slot, you must request a return of the ice at least 5 days prior to not having the ice slot counted against your allocation. Failure to do so will result in a count against your allocation even if that slot is filled by another team.
7. Requests for specific slots will be accepted but not guaranteed.
8. Teams sharing regular practice ice may request to receive their extra slots together to accommodate specific practice options like power skating or goalie work.
9. The flexibility of the process will mean that a team could end with multiple practices one week and only a single the next. All ice allocations are tracked and by the end of the season, all teams should have been offered the same amount of ice.
10. An Ice Allocation schedule will be posted on the website. The goal is to have the schedule listing ice allocations two weeks in advance, keeping in mind that at the beginning of the season and during the repooling this may not occur.
11. If you trade ice with another team, make sure you let me know otherwise it comes off your allocation.
12. I won't remember everything if you make a verbal request. Communication needs to be via email. Please send request to iceallocator@stalbertringette.com

This is a fluid process and may change as we discover better ways to handle the allocation and distribution. PLEASE BE PATIENT

Exhibition Game Ice

While practice ice will always be the priority, there will be occasions when ice may be available for exhibition games. These requests must also be in writing, indicating two day/times choices. This ice will be charged against your allocation.

I DO NOT BOOK REFEREES

(For U14B and under please contact refallocator@stalbertringette.com, for U14A and above please visit http://www.blackgoldleague.com/content/referee-info.)

Use of School Gyms for Dryland

Use of school gyms for dryland purposes is managed by Facilities personnel at the City of St Albert under the School/City Joint Use Agreement.

If you wish to use a school gym for dryland purposes, you must submit your request in writing to iceallocator@stalbertringette.com

All requests will be submitted to the City at the same time on October 4th. Please make sure your request is submitted to me by noon on October 2nd.

Your request should include 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice of night of the week, preferred time (start and finish), start week, age group, contact information of the person responsible for the team (include team name, home address, postal code, phone number), and detailed activities.

Black Gold League Games

First Session starts October 15, 2021

Second Session starts December 10, 2021

BGLOperationsManual

All requests for game reschedules must be done through me. When you send in the request you must include the following:

1. Your team number (i.e. U12A-1)
2. Game number (i.e. U12A-019)
3. Original date of the game
4. Opponent (i.e. BMT-U12A-1)
5. Date/time of game
6. Dates you cannot play (other than BGL dates)
7. Optimal dates for reschedule

I will send you a number of alternate dates/times. Once you verify these are suitable, these will be forwarded to the ice allocator of the opposing team. You will receive an email confirming the new date and time.

Please keep in mind that according to section 14 of BGL operations, rule 1404, a minimum of 72 hours must be given for reasons other than weather advisory or road closure. I would prefer as much notice as possible so please notify me

as soon as you can.

Rule 1406 lists unacceptable reasons for game postponements, therefore no request is guaranteed and is granted only if the opposing team agrees to it.

All games, if rescheduled, must be played within 14 days of the original date. Failure to do so will result in both teams being fined.

There is a maximum number of non weather related game reschedules permitted (3).

There are a number or rules regarding other game issues (i.e. game forfeits and using tournament games for league games) that can be found in the BGL operations manual.

To avoid conflicts with tournaments that a team is hoping to get into, you can file a black out request.

Blackout requests for the second session are due by Nov 6, 2021 so that I can get them into the BGL Scheduler (due by Nov 13, 2021). This should include confirmed tournaments, tournaments you've applied for and other team events.