

CVMHA Ice Allocator report for 2021/22 season

This season CVMHA was made up of 7 divisions, 37 teams and 600 plus players. You can guarantee you will be in daily contact with the facility coordinators at both the CVRD and DND. It is imperative that you have a good working relationship with them.

I have been asked many times this season why we can't have better ice times, or more ice at the Sport Centre or Glacier Gardens. The answer is simple really. In the Spring there is a big ice meeting and I do lobby for additional ice; however I have listed below all of the user groups below so you can understand the challenges.

- Skating club
- Can Skate
- Ringette
- Everyone Welcome skate / Shinny hockey
- Military skate (GG)
- Silver Totems Hockey (GG)
- Commercial league (many spots throughout the week at both SC and GG)
- Ice Maintenance
- 16+ drop in hockey
- 55+ drop in hockey
- 65+ drop in hockey
- 70+ drop in hockey
- Homeschool hockey
- Glacier Kings
- High Calibre
- Vanier Hockey Academy
- CVRD registered programs (many spots Sunday to Saturday)
- CVRD Hockey league Rec Division (slots weekday evenings)

The programs CVMHA currently runs throughout the season:

- Power skating
- Goalie Development
- Referee clinics
- First Shift hockey
- Female Development
- Female Impact Team
- House development

CVMHA seasonal ice:

- U7
- U9
- U11 House
- U11 Rep
- U13 House
- U13 Rep
- U15 House
- U15 Rep
- U18 House
- U18 Rep
- U21
- **Campbell River Minor Hockey

Campbell River was a curveball this season and I found myself allocating ice for two Minor Hockey Associations with great help from our Division Managers parting with some of their ice or inviting the CR teams to join them for a duration of 3 to 4 months. Thankfully their strike ended before we made our way to our tournament season.

The new board was elected in May 2021 and I was selected by the members to stay on as the ice allocator for the 2020/2021 season making this my fifth season in this position. The ice allocator position is a year-round position as the full seasons ice, including all tournaments for CVMHA, need to be submitted in May. The Rep tryout ice for the following season is due in full in the month of November of each season. Many adjustments are made leading up to our Rep Tryout ice in August and the start of the House season in September.

It was emphasized this season to this year's Division Managers, both Rep and House, that any team with a single ice slot wanting to cancel the slot (pre and regular season play) needed to do so with **no less than 14 days to the date**. Any team cancelling within this time frame would be charged for the "black" ice slot. This season all teams were excellent with using the ice they were provided, and we had less than a handful of teams charged for black ice.

Tournament ice works a bit differently as it is booking a block of ice over a few days and in some cases at all three rinks. In order to cancel tournament ice, **it needs to be done 45 days prior to the start date of the tournament**. You can cancel up to 30% of your ice without penalty but it **needs to be done 30 days prior to the start date of your tournament**. Ice cancelled inside these terms will be charged to the host tournament team(s) as black ice if it cannot be filled by the ice allocator by another team from the CVMHA.

I hope everyone has a great Spring and Summer.

Melissa