

## CVMHA Ice Allocator report for 2022/23 season

This season CVMHA was made up of 7 House divisions, 6 Rep divisions and 2 Female divisions totaling 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 to keep things running smoothly. This position holds no power or vote within the Executive, it is simply a conduit for kids to play hockey.

I have been asked many times this season why we can't have better ice times, or more ice at the Sport Centre and Glacier Gardens. I have explained the "why" throughout the season to all of the Executive and the Division Managers so that they too could explain how the ice works. In the Spring there is an ice meeting where we lobby for additional ice; however, we are only one of the user groups at the table. DND has an obligation to fulfil the needs of their members first before the public and the CVRD is a public facility and has an obligation to run programs for the masses before "private" groups (we are considered private).

***\*It should also be noted that the CVRD run programs and the Glacier Kings team take precedence over minor hockey. This is why random weekday cancellations take place throughout the season, and more importantly why the tournament schedules are not always the most favourable. This is the same for Glacier Gardens, however it is for the military family skates on weekends and holidays and the Silver Totems team.***

The user groups are broken down into the following categories:

- Youth Not for Profit
- Schools
- Adult rentals
- Junior Hockey
- Private/Casual rentals
- Commercial group – non ticketed
- Commercial group – ticketed
- Recreation program use
- Special events
- Established ice users
- New ice users
- Weekday early night ice time
- Weekend late night ice time
- Weekend ice time

To break this down even further here is a list of some of the user's groups that fit into these categories so you can understand the challenges that come with scheduling minor hockey into desired ice times and favoured tournament schedules. Minor hockey has roughly 67 ice slots to fit all 36+ teams into, in a fair and equitable way.

Skating club

Can Skate

Ringette

Everyone Welcome skate / Shinny hockey

Military skate (GG)

Silver Totems Hockey (GG)

Ice Maintenance

55+ drop in hockey

65+ drop in hockey

70+ drop in hockey

Homeschool hockey

NIDES program

Glacier Kings

High Calibre

Vanier Hockey Academy

CVHL men's league (6 slots, 4 days a week, both weekday and weekend)

CVRD registered programs (20 slots, 7 days a week, both weekday and evening)  
CVRD Hockey League Rec Division (9 slots, 5 days a week, both late night and weekend)  
Travelling league (3 slots on Saturday late afternoon to night)  
Stick and puck

**The programs CVMHA currently runs throughout the season:**

Rep ID camps  
Powell River All Star tryouts  
Power skating  
Goalie Development (two different programs)  
Referee clinics  
First Shift hockey  
Female Development  
Female Impact Team  
House development

**CVMHA seasonal ice users:**

U7  
U9  
U11 House  
U11 Rep  
U13 House  
U13 Rep  
U15 House  
U15 Rep  
U18 House  
U18 Rep  
U21

The ice allocator position is a year-round position as the full seasons ice, including all tournaments for CVMHA, need to be submitted in April/May for the upcoming season. The Rep tryout ice for the following season is due in full in the month of November of the current season (2025 ice due in Nov of 2024). 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 at using the ice they were provided.

Tournament ice works a bit differently as it is block booking of ice over a few days, and in some cases at all three rinks. To cancel tournament ice in full, **it needs to be done 45 days prior to the start date of the tournament**. If moving ahead with your tournament but you fall short of filling it with out-of-town teams 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