

BMHA Ice Allocation Policy

The intention of this policy is to ensure ice allocation is done with fairness, equity, and transparency for all members of BMHA. The Ice Allocator reports to the VP People and President.

Ice allocation will be assigned as follows.

- 1) In accordance with PCAHA, BCH and Hockey Canada requirements
- 2) To uphold the City of Burnaby's Ice Allocation and other Policies
- 3) To distribute ice allotted by the City of Burnaby based on the city's user group allocation formula in the following way.
 - a. To ensure all teams are assigned both a practice and home game ice time each week of the regular season. The related ice costs will be part of the player registration fees.
 - b. To ensure each A team is assigned a second practice time per week. The related cost is payable through rep fees.
 - c. Any division U11 and above without "A" hockey but that tiers, is to be allocated equitable ice to A1 for their top tier team.
- 4) To set expectations for families, players, and team officials as to when practice times will be assigned based on age group, practices will be assigned as follows.
 - a. U5, U7 and U9 weekend ice times or weekday late afternoon/early evenings at City of Burnaby Rinks
 - b. U11 weekday morning practices at City of Burnaby Rinks
 - c. U13 weekday morning practices on full sized ice surfaces
 - d. U15, U18 and U21 evening practices on full sized ice surfaces
- 5) To set expectations for families, players and team officials as to when game times will be assigned based on age group, games will be assigned as follows.
 - a. According to PCAHA Game and Time Schedules as outlined in the PCAHA Rule Book
 - b. Should ice availability allow for time in excess of PCAHA requirements, game time length will be assigned equally by age group. If ice cannot be assigned equally, the board of directors is to approve all exceptions.
- 6) To set expectations of which ice surfaces teams can anticipate being assigned based on age groups, ice will be assigned as follows.
 - a. U9 and under may be assigned any City of Burnaby Rink where ice partitions are available.
 - b. U11 and under may be assigned at any City of Burnaby Rinks
 - c. U13 and above may be assigned on any full-sized ice surfaces.
- 7) Where there is ice that has not been allocated or has been returned from a team to BMHA known as Free Ice, the ice allocation will be assigned as follows.

- a. All Free Ice must be posted such that all teams can book the Free Ice
- b. Allocation of Free Ice will be tracked and posted publicly for the purposes of ensuring there is an even distribution amongst teams.
- c. Free ice distribution will prioritize teams and divisions who accept “non prime time” ice to earn “prime time” ice.

An ice deposit cheque will be submitted by each team at the time of jersey pickup. Where teams have not used the allocated ice, the ice deposit cheque will be cashed by BMHA.

BMHA’s weekly ice allocation will be posted to BMHA’s website for transparency to the membership. This will include the allocation of free ice allocated and returned. The ice allocator will track the number of ice sheets, as well as the number of minutes per ice sheet, and name of ice sheet allocated by team.

All “special programming” like tournaments, development, camps and other ice allocation needs to be approved by the board of directors.

Any ice that cannot be allocated in compliance with the above, the alternate proposed ice allocation is to be reviewed and approved by the Executive Board of Directors at the next scheduled meeting for approval by the Board of Directors.

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