

# Rushmore Hockey Association

## Ice Management

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### Ice Resurfacing

- Resurface prior to practice or game with hot water.
- Use cold water following practices for Bantams, Boys JV/Varsity, and Girls.
- Resurface between periods for Boys and Girls Varsity / Boys JV.
- Resurface after 2<sup>nd</sup> period for Girls JV and below.
- Resurface after last practice or game of day.
- Use cold water wash for deep gouges and for Bantams and up.
- Do NOT skate on dirty ice following Boys Varsity. This is NOT acceptable.
- Current RHA Olympia Policy is posted on the website:  
[http://www.rushmorethunder.com/files/Documents/Ice\\_Policy.pdf](http://www.rushmorethunder.com/files/Documents/Ice_Policy.pdf)
- Each team will need to assign 2 operators to run the Olympia. The team taking the ice will need to resurface prior to practice.
- Each team will need to cover their own practices and is responsible to cover games and other league games.
- The last team of the day is also responsible to resurface the ice after practice.
- Individual training sessions can be set up any time by calling Ted Schultz at 381-0433 or Roger Hall 390-8413.
- Raise the conditioner (blade) before the gate and stop. Stop with your wheels on the ice.
- Turn off zam water on the last blue line NOT at gate. Use squeegee if you have water.
- Use practice nets for practice. Push the nets out of the way so we can use the gates. Game nets MUST be placed by the Compressor Room door.
- Shovel the snow off the ice and off the concrete area outside the gate. The snow MUST be removed from the concrete area and shoveled outside and through the garage door.
- Chip ice off the threshold and gate area. Drill peg holes out for the gate.
- Do NOT ride the boards or hit the boards in any way. This is not acceptable.
- Do NOT run Bleacher Heat during practices for Squirts, Peewees, Bantams, B/G JV/Varsity.

- Do NOT run Bleacher Heat if the outside temperature is 55 degrees or higher.
- Use cold wash waster following practices for Bantams, Boys JV/Varsity and Girls JV/Varsity.
- The last team of the day is also responsible to resurface the ice after practice.
- Teams MUST get off the ice at the scheduled time. We have limited time to zam and every team deserves their full practice time.
- The morning practice team is responsible to zam after the morning practice prior to the next scheduled practice that day.
- The north goal crease (blue area) is historically thin ice. Put additional full water layers over the north goal crease when you are complete with ice resurfacing.
- Do NOT drive in the mud. Stay on the gravel. Build a snow road to the west end for snow dump. Do NOT dump snow at the end of the concrete on the west side.
- If you break glass. Call Ted Schultz 381-0433. Spare glass is in Mechanical Room 1. Drills and screws are in the Zam garage. Clean up glass and put in the green dumpster.
- It is ok to lower the Olympia blade. If you are not cutting – make sure the conditioner is down and turn the blade clockwise in ¼ turn increments until cutting.
- Do not move the Olympia in or out of the garage until the doors are up 100%.
- If you are going to hit the boards: Stop! Shut off Water! Raise Conditioner! Back up. Turn and proceed. Make a pass over the snow/flooded area to clean up.
- Only trained and approved drivers are to operate the OLYMPIA.
- Do not zam the first pass with the doors open unless you are the only one at the rink.
- Do not run Bleacher Heat during practices for Squirts, Peewees, Bantams, B/G JV/Varsity. Once the rink temp is between 45-48 Degrees F it will the ice will not freeze within the 15 minute zam time.
- Do not run Bleacher Heat if the outside temperature is 55 degrees or higher.
- Read the Olympia Ice Resurfacing Guidelines.