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Mite/8U Important Ice Scheduler Announcements

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Mite/8U Coaches and Managers,

For those that don't know me...my name is Chris Klalata and I am your ice scheduler. Thank you for all your commitments to our young hockey players.

Sorry this is coming a little later than normal, but just a couple notes now that the season is off and running. Lots to process here and sorry for the length, but please read in its entirety.

This email will be posted out on the Managers Info tab for future reference

Contact List

The IP Contacts list for coaches and managers is attached for your reference and use. If any information needs to be changed, please let me know. The sheet is also out on the Managers Page on our website [RESOURCES >> MANAGERS INFO](#)

Current Ice Scheduling

Currently ice is scheduled out through the end of Dec and I will be working on the January schedule soon and will get that posted in chunks and out as soon as possible.

With the loss of the Pond, this is obviously one of those years with lots of changes and left and right turns. I was hoping to limit practices at IGH and Woodbury as much as possible, but once the picture started to become clearer, it was evident that teams would need to travel more than I had hoped.

A couple reasons for this:

- 1) We have 26 traveling teams this year playing a total of 220 Home Games. We want to get as many home games at RCC as possible as this is obviously our home rink. Of the 220 games, 192 are at RCC and 28 are at IGH, so teams are still playing some games over on our sister rink.
- 2) We arun the concession stand and it is only open during RAHA and HS games, so the more games at RCC, the more revenue RAHA generates from the stand.
- 3) Due to our association size with 40 RAHA teams, I have limited practice ice for traveling teams during the weekdays. This pushes around 70% of games to the weekends to maximize weekday practice ice which gobbles up a lot of the RCC time slots.
- 4) IGH Youth Hockey runs 5 tournament weekends annually and Woodbury is running a couple of tournaments this year. On these weekends, ice can be tight for RAHA and I have actually had to go out and find supplemental weekend ice at Hastings, Burnsville, Lakeville and Apple Valley just so I have enough for IP and Traveling teams.

I am tracking RCC, IGH and Woodbury Ice touches for each team and rotating as fairly as I can so that one team is not always going out to Woodbury and one team is always at RCC. I also have the Mini-Mites, 6U Girls and Termite teams to rotate as well.

For more information on ice scheduling or if you have a parent who inquires on scheduling, we have a page setup on the website outlining the process under [RESOURCES >> PARENTS](#) that you can refer them to.

Home Ice Solos/Home Scrimmages

Home solos may be hard to come by this season. I will try to mix them in when I can, but teams may need to be creative in looking for a Home and Home with your sharing team where you go out and find another association with 2 teams sharing that are at the same level and send one of our teams to their ice and one of their teams come to our ice. You can schedule a team to come in for a cross ice game on your half of the ice with your sharing team practicing on their half of the ice, but locker rooms can usually get busy. Normal process if you schedule a team to come in to scrimmage on your half is to make sure you communicate with me and the sharing team coach/manager so they are in the know. I will contact the rink to assign a locker room for the visiting team and then the 2 sharing teams will need to share a locker room.

Away Scrimmages

If your practice ice is not yet published to your calendar and you want to schedule an away scrimmage and DON'T want practice ice on that day, please send me a note so I can block you from practice for that day. If you want to also practice on that day, let me know that you have scheduled a scrimmage at X:00 AM/PM and you would like practice in the afternoon or morning that day. I can usually be accommodating as long as you are communicating with me.

IMPORTANT

If your team has shared ice with another team that is scheduled out on your calendar and you are choosing to forego your shared ice time for an away scrimmage, PLEASE send the other Coach/Manager a note so they know they will have the full sheet as Solo.

IMPORTANT

Communication needs to be sent to me when a visiting team is joining your team on our home ice so I can update the rink manager for locker room monitors.

Team Requests

If you have an activity planned on a weekend where ice is not yet published to your calendar, just send me a note to request an early or later practice time for that day and I will make a note to accommodate.

Last Day of Scheduled Ice

The last day of scheduled RAHA practices is Feb 28 and Mar 1st. I know some teams have scheduled jamborees after this weekend and that is fine.

Jamboree's

I am aware of the Shakopee Jam that all teams are participating in at the end of DEC. If you schedule other Jam's during the season, please make sure you communicate those dates with me so I can block practice ice for that weekend (Only if the JAM is Mar 1st or before) If you schedule a Jam into March, I do not need to know.

Outdoor Ice

Your team will have access to optional city scheduled weekday outdoor ice once the rinks are ready. The city has told me that flooding rinks are on the schedule for this week. Once I receive notice that the ice is ready, I will send out a schedule for you to reserve times. Reservations are on a first come, first serve basis and we will keep a reference schedule of scheduled and open slots on our website.

Ice Sale Page/Extra Ice Purchases

If your team is looking for extra ice, please note that we have an Ice Sale page under HOME on the RAHA homepage where teams post ice times they are trying to sell. Once in a while you can find a weekday opening you may want to grab. We also have other links on the page for local arenas as you may be able to find something available for a Full Ice Solo that can be used for a scrimmage and then forgo your Sat or Sun RAHA practice ice. Just make sure to communicate with me if you choose to purchase additional weekend ice where you won't be needing practice ice. If needed, I can help facilitate a direct bill payment for any ice for other arenas and then you coordinate payment from your team through me.


if anyone has any questions, concerns etc in my novel above.....please don't hesitate to ask.

I am Here to help and I don't bite.

Happy Holidays!

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