

2026/2027 EHA Ice Scheduling

Please share this information with your coaches, team ice manager and team families

All questions regarding Ice Scheduling should be sent to edinaice@edinahockey.org (Janae Hentges-EHA Ice Scheduler)

*All questions regarding Edina Tournaments should be sent to tournaments@edinahockey.org (Janae Hentges - Edina Hockey Tournament Director) **DO NOT SEND THE EMAILS TO JUDY GOODMAN - SHE DOES NOT HANDLE ICE OR TOURNAMENTS!***

THIS IS A VERY DIFFERENT YEAR WITH REGARD TO ICE. *I have worked very hard to buy up as much ice as I possibly can to get teams as close to their ice budget as possible. I understand that the early morning practices, late night practices and practices at Mariucci, Ridder, Burnsville, Plymouth, Univ of St Thomas, Brooklyn Park, etc are not ideal but these ice buys are necessary in the effort to get teams to their ice budget. Please do not email me asking for more ice or to complain about your schedule. I work very hard to make the ice schedules as fair as possible and I distribute all of the ice that I have. I do not hold back ice for scrimmages, game reschedules, etc.*

Team ice schedules

- Ice has been posted to team calendars through Oct 23rd. I will post the next batch of practice ice with the game schedules around Oct. 15th when Bantam, PW and 12U game schedules are approved by D6.
- **After your games are posted on your team page, team managers are responsible for checking Arbiter to ensure that your game schedule online matches the your games in Arbiter. If you don't have an Arbiter log in...email Terri Loken - D6 ref scheduler (d6refereescheduler@gmail.com) to request access. Include your team name in the email (e.g. EHA BB1 Green) This site ensures that refs will be assigned to your games. You should also check Arbiter to ensure that any scrimmages that you request refs for are also listed on your team Arbiter listing.**
- **Team ice will be added to team calendars in much smaller chunks this season - likely every two or three weeks at least through the end of 2026. This is because I need to have the ability to continue buying ice throughout the season to try and reach the team ice budgets.** You can buy ice on your own but I cannot work around team ice purchases and I will not take back ice assigned to teams. I will not add ice to team calendars after ice is posted, unless I ask you if you want it. NOTE: Teams can only sell or trade ice to another Edina team (this is for insurance reasons).
- Some of the practice times may be odd amounts of ice (65 min, 80 min, etc). This will allow me the flexibility to not waste valuable ice.
- You can list ice that you want to sell on the following page:
<https://www.edinahockeyassociation.com/page/show/2160647-ice-for-sale-page> The ice cost per hour for each rink is listed on this page. These transactions will be handled between your team checkbooks. If you sell or trade ice, keep track of the transactions. It often works best to mark your team calendar with a note stating canceled, traded or sold (in red).
- If you choose to reschedule a game, there will be a \$250 game change fee that will need to be paid by credit card at the time the game is rescheduled. The EHA does not pay for game reschedules.
- I **DO NOT** need to be notified of any ice sales or trades on EHA-allocated ice, however, it is important for you to let the rink know that a different team will be skating on the ice (give them the new team name, date, time and rink) because I send the rinks the teams that were originally assigned the ice.
- If you decide to use an assigned sheet of ice for a scrimmage, please let the rink know as they will need to reserve two locker rooms (give them the name of the team you are scrimmaging, rink, date and time). You will also need to reserve refs (and pay for them at the scrimmage from team funds) for any scrimmage that you set up. If the scrimmage is on our home ice, you need to pay for the refs and have the opposing team pay your team for the refs. D6 refs must be paid by the home D6 team. Complete information on scrimmage scheduling along with the form to request refs can be found here:
<https://www.d6hockey.net/page/show/96192-schedule-a-scrimmage>
Scroll down the page a bit until you see the boxes to fill in your scrimmage request info.

Factors that impact team ice schedules:

1. Most of the Braemar ice will be used for Home district games. Home district games will also be scheduled at MN Made-Edina (North and South rinks), MN Made - Valley View (new rink across 169 bridge - turn left on Washington Ave 2nd building on left), Richfield and Bloomington rinks.
2. Teams will NOT be scheduled for games or practices on your tournament weekends and I try not to schedule games the day before or after a tournament. Practices are often scheduled the day before and/or day after tournament weekends.
3. I try to limit the # of games scheduled for Wednesday evenings for Bantams and 15U due to confirmation commitments, however, I tend to have the greatest amount of weekday ice on Wednesdays so we are unable to completely stay away from scheduling on Wednesday evenings.
4. Team practices have not been scheduled for the Thursday-Sunday of MEA weekend (Oct. 15-18). If you choose to hold practice that weekend, it will be your responsibility to find the ice and pay for it out of your team checkbook. **Note: There is goalie training on the evening of the 18th.**
5. I did not schedule teams for ice on Oct 2 - Edina Homecoming football game, Oct 3 evening due the Homecoming dance. I will also not schedule teams for the evenings of Oct. 31 (Halloween), Dec 31 (NYE) and Feb 14 (SuperBowl).
6. Edina High School dances and most large school function dates (ACT testing dates, choir concerts etc) have been blocked off of team GAME schedules, **if information was posted on the school websites calendars by mid Sept. *With the tight ice schedule, I was not able to block off every school event but tried to block off the events that will impact the largest number of players.*** I cannot reschedule games due to school conflicts.
7. All teams will have some small sheet ice (Velocity and MN Made SLP). We try our best to spread this ice out amongst the teams with the younger teams receiving more small sheet ice than the older teams overall.
8. Ice has been purchased all over the Twin Cities and I will do my best to spread out the various rinks to all teams but some of it is time dependent since younger teams generally skate on weekends in the early morning and older teams can skate later at night.
9. I have purchased early morning ice (6:30-7:30am) at Hopkins Pavilion for the PW and U12 teams and I have purchased early morning Braemar ice for Bantam and 15U teams (6:00-7:00am). There will also likely be some early am ice at Braemar for PW and 12U teams, as well. **These ice buys were requested by the EHA.**
10. Teams will have more shared practices this year. This is being done to get teams on the ice as much as possible with the more limited ice. I gave teams quite a bit of solo ice in October (thru the 23rd), however there will not be that much solo ice in future ice allocations. This is because most of my ice will be used for district games and there will be more teams to divide the ice between (10's, SQ's and Mites and then a bit later we add in 15U's and JG teams).

Wishing all EHA teams a great season ahead!!

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