

AAAHA Ice Schedule Policy

Objective: To develop a Board approved policy to guide the scheduling and distribution of AAAHA purchased ice on an annual basis to the various Programs and teams offered through AAAHA.

Philosophy: AAAHA desires to develop a master ice schedule that recognizes and attempts to adhere (to the best extent possible) to USA Hockey (ADM) and MAHA guidelines and recommendations for age appropriate ice schedules specifically for; ice times, touches, and durations.

The allocation of ice to the various sponsored AAAHA Programs and teams should be cost neutral relative to where the ice is purchased from and a team skates. AAAHA will develop an “hourly” ice cost which represents the weighted average or blended rate of all ice purchased by AAAHA from the various rinks (Cube, Yost, Vets, Buhr...) and apply this rate to the ice distributed to the teams/program.

Policy:

- In January the leadership of AAAHA meets with The Cube, Yost, Vets & Buhr looking to secure the ice allocation for spring, summer & the following season.
- The Master Ice Schedule will adhere, to the best of our ability, USA & MAHA recommendations for ice touches, durations and start times.
- The Association will follow an ADM philosophy of scheduling ice for our Programs with a goal to balance ice touches commensurate with each Program’s goals and objectives.
- Ice schedule for Fall season is due to the Cube by June 30th. Spring Ice requests shall be submitted by January 31.
- Effort will be made to keep shared ice within the same age division (i.e. 10U with 10U, not 12U with 14U).
- Recognize the pressure of obtaining weeknight ice & utilize age appropriate distribution following suggested & recommended ice times
 - 8U 5:30 & 6:30
 - 10U 5:30, 6:30 & 7:30
 - 12U 7:30 & 8:30
 - 14U & up 8:30
- Framework for Program’s Schedule (understanding that variations will occur due to fluctuations in available Ice from vendors) is to seek and develop a weekly “rhythm” to the ice schedule for each program/team (e.g. mini-Mites; Sat/Sun morning; 05 Wolves Tu/Th/Sat).

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- Seek and take into consideration specific coach/team requests for ice (i.e, Yost vs. Cube, black-out weekends, days of the week...) with no guarantee or assurance that requests can and will be honored.
- Work to establish an ice sale/trade policy with teams outside of AAAHA.
- The Master Ice Schedule shall be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors as an accompaniment and support of the annual budget approved by the Board of Directors.

Program Goals:

The fall/winter season is assumed to be 26-27 weeks long (September thru mid-March). Therefore, the targeted ice allocation and distribution of ice by program is as follows. (Girls House teams will have the same ice touches as boys House teams. Girls Travel teams will have the same number of ice touches as boy Travel teams)

IP Schedule:

- Timbits & LTP have two 18-20 week sessions/season
- 50-minutes per skate
- 18-20 touches per session
- Saturday a.m.

Mini-Mites:

- Starts mid-late September
- Saturday & Sunday a.m.
- 50 minute duration

8U

- 50-54 Touches
- 2X a week, 1-on a weeknight, 1-weekend slot
- 50-minutes duration

10U House

- 65-70 Touches
- 2.5X a week (2 some weeks, 3 others), 1-on a weeknight, 1-2 on a weekend
- 50 minute durations (80 minute weekend)

10U Travel

- 75-80 Touches
- 3X a week
- 50/50/80 minute durations

12U House

- 65-70 Touches

- 2.5X a week (2 some weeks, 3 others), 1-on a weeknight, 1-2 on a weekend
- 80 minute durations

12U Travel

- 75-80 Touches
- 3x week
- 80 minute durations

14U House

- 65-70 Touches
- 2.5x week
- 80 minute durations

14U Travel

- 75-80 Touches
- 3x week
- 80 minute durations

16U House

- 65-70 Touches
- 2.5x week
- 80 minute durations

16U Travel

- 75-80 Touches
- 3x week
- 80 minute durations