

Policy

LMRL AA Program Ice Allocation Policy

Objective

The objective of the AA ice allocation policy is to effectively and efficiently allocate the scarce ice resources available to the program such that teams are fully prepared and highly competitive when representing the LMRL at the BC Ringette Provincial AA Championships and both the Western and Canadian Ringette Championships.

This policy formalizes operational procedures to which the LMRL AA Ice Scheduler shall adhere when allocating ice resources to teams participating in the LMRL AA Program.

Policy Description

1. The LMRL AA Ringette Program Ice Scheduler shall accord priority to AA teams when allocating ice. Ice times not allocated to AA teams shall be allocated to Development teams.
2. The AA Ice Scheduler shall observe the precedence indicated in the LMRL AA Program Resource Allocation when allocating ice to teams participating in the LMRL AA Ringette Program. Ice times shall be allocated on a fair and equitable basis within the defined priority groups.
3. Coaches within each priority group shall meet with the AA Ice Scheduler at the start of each season and as necessary throughout the season to determine preferred assignment of available ice slots. If conflicting requests arise within the priority group, the AA Ice Scheduler will assign an equitable rotation system for the ice times in conflict.
4. The LMRL AA Ice Scheduler shall refer each schedule revision to coaches in priority groups one and two for review and approval on a month-by-month basis.
5. AA teams shall be allocated a minimum of 2.5 ice times weekly. The weekly allocation may include assigned league home games.
6. AA teams shall be allocated a home game ice time to allow participation in the LMRL League Schedule. Should sufficient ice time be available, Development teams shall also be allocated a home game slot. Should available ice slots be inadequate to reasonably support both AA and Development team home games, the AA Ice Scheduler may negotiate a partial home game schedule with the league scheduler or, alternatively, convert Development team practice times into home game ice slots.
7. To reduce league game schedule conflict inherent in the “double-carding” structure required when participating in the Development program, any game time slots allocated to the Development teams shall first be taken from the pool of early morning weekend times starting at or before 7:00 AM.
8. All ice slots made available to the LMRL AA Program by way of any LMRL association must be submitted to the LMRL AA Ice Scheduler. The LMRL AA Ice

Scheduler shall allocate such ice according to the AA Ice and Resource Allocation policies. Short-notice, single ice slots provided by a league association may be channeled directly to individual teams but must be reported to the Ice Scheduler within 24 hours of acquisition.

9. The LMRL AA Program encourages the independent acquisition of third-party ice slots by AA and development teams. Third-party ice times are those purchased outside of existing arrangements between an LMRL association and its municipal facilities and is exclusive of any municipal subsidy available to LMRL associations. Third-party ice is not subject to reallocation by the LMRL AA Ice Scheduler.