

**Ice Allocation Policy**

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The Ice Allocation policy was developed to ensure fair and equitable access to ice for all teams and divisions. This policy will outline how ice will be allocated to divisions as well as other criteria and requirements related to the use of ice facilities.

Strait Richmond Minor Hockey Association (SRMHA) rents ice surfaces from both the Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre and Richmond Arena in Louisdale. All games and practices will be rotated weekly between both rinks as much as possible, but there may be times when doing so may not be possible due to other scheduled events at the facilities.

All ice rentals are to be booked through the SRMHA Ice Coordinator. Individuals or teams are not permitted to book ice rentals for SRMHA. Nor are teams permitted to swap ice times or transfer their ice time to another team. Any changes to the ice schedule, must be made through the coordinator.

U7 divisions (if combined) will be allocated 2 x 1.5hrs of ice time per week. If Port Hawkesbury and Richmond teams are not combined, each team will be allocated 2 x 1 hour of ice times per week. Ice times will occur on Saturday and Sunday.

U9 divisions will be allocated 2 x 1hour of ice time per week. If the schedule permits an additional 1 hour for all U9 teams (combined) will be allocated during a weekday. Starting the 2022-2023 season, U9 divisions will be allocated 2.5hrs per week of ice time (1 x 1hr and 1 x 1.5hr) when ice availability permits. Ice times will occur on Saturday and Sunday.

U11 to U18 divisions will be allocated 2.5 hours of ice time per week (1-hour practice and 1.5-hour game), which is covered by SRMHA.

All top tier teams are scheduled for 4.5 hours a week of ice time. 2.5 hours are covered by SRMHA, any ice time above 2.5 hours will be paid for by the team.

All teams from U9 – U18 can request extra ice time in addition to the 2.5 hours allocated each week but will need to submit a budget to be approved by SRMHA. Any costs above the 2.5hrs will be paid for by the team. Top tier teams will be given priority for extra ice time. Extra ice time requests will be granted subject to ice availability.

If your ice time needs to be cancelled for any reason, the SRMHA Ice Coordinator must be notified at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled time to give the facilities enough notice to cancel the booking. If within 48 hours, the team will be charged for the cancelled ice. In the event of a building shutdown due to weather, etc. SRMHA will not be charged for the ice rental.

Due to the limited availability of ice time, any unused ice during a week cannot be banked for future use as there is not enough available ice times to reschedule.

Each year SRMHA budgets for ice time based on the previous year's ice rentals. The budget is done with the assumption that ice times will be cancelled during the season due to weather, away games, tournaments, etc. This allows SRMHA to keep registration costs down for parents.