



**Metcalfe Jets Ice Report**  
2021-2022  
Annual General Meeting  
May 30, 2022

The mission with ice scheduling is to ensure that all members received their allotment of development and practice ice as set out in the budget within their respective regular seasons; being September to mid February for Rep B and mid September to mid March for House League.

**Conditioning & Checking Camp:**

After a two year break, we resumed the Conditioning Camp and Body Checking Clinic in the summer of 2021. Ice has been booked as well to run one this coming summer in August, 2022.

**Rep and House League Evaluations:**

We returned to the usual tryouts, evaluations and sort outs for all levels. There were a few issues with the timing of the various levels. Delays in AAA tryout had the trickle down effect of delaying all subsequent levels. This was of particular note for the U11s that were to begin the Pathways programs as laid out by Hockey Canada. Due to time constraints, they did not meet the required number of pre-season team practices and instead received extra development ice.

We once again held a preseason "rust off" skate for IP age kids and it was well received.

**Practice Ice:**

The following 34 teams received practice ice:  
5 initiation groups  
23 house league teams (7 U9, 4 U11, 4 U13, 3 U15, 4 U18 and 1 U21)  
6 Rep B teams

**Practice Ice Allocation:**

With Covid 19 restrictions lifted this year, we were able to return to a more normal ice allocation for practice. Younger teams mostly received half ice practices while I tried to assign more full ice practice to older kids. This approach may need some fine tuning in the future as some of the older teams felt they hadn't received as much as in previous years. The mid season lock down from mid December to the end of January made it impossible to evenly distribute ice so that all teams were balanced by the end of the year. I also had to re-purpose our practice ice to make up over 40 games that were missed during the same lockdown. I also had to re-purpose our practice ice to make up over 40 games that were missed several We began the year being allowed up to 20 kids on the ice but there were times when only 9 were allowed and times when

we weren't allowed on at all. This required the schedule to be flexible and nimble, being able to quickly alter the schedule to meet the ever-changing rules and regulations.

We continued to purchase additional ice from Winchester to supplement our City allocation, using it primarily for the U7 teams. It is recommended we continue to do so.

### **Development:**

We returned to providing development ice for the house league kids in U9, U11 and U13. We had originally planned do 4 sessions per team, however the mid season lockdown limited that to three per team.

### **Ice Going Forward:**

This past year the MDHA continued to have its Sunday ice times in Winchester, part of which was used to supplement our Initiation program. It is our intention to continue with this block of ice and extend it to the end of March.

### **City of Ottawa Allocations:**

We did not receive any 6AM ice times in 2021-22. We continued to receive 5PM time slots that were spread amongst the U9, U11 and U13 teams for the most part. Most of our practice ice was in Metcalfe or Leitrim, so there was less of a need to ensure that the ice was fairly distributed in terms of distance driven than there had been in previous years.

### **Other observations:**

There is a need for better communication between the scheduler and the teams to enure they are up to date on changes. I will look at possible solutions for next year.

An effort will be made to schedule evaluations at least 24 hours after Rep B final cuts.

I would like to thank the board, coaches and membership for their support in this past year. Here is hoping that the 2022-2023 season runs smoother.

Ward Mallon  
Ice Convenor  
April 22, 2022

