



Metcalfes Jets Ice Report
2022-2023
Annual General Meeting
May 29, 2023

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:

Conditioning camp was run in August and was well attended. Ice has been booked for this coming summer to hold the camp once again. We have also booked a couple of extra hours for some "intro to goalie" sessions. ~~Conditioning camp consisted of:~~
~~~111 registrants~~  
~~~34 hrs of ice was used~~

~~For the coming sessions only Novice to Bantam sessions will be offered in August, with Midget being offered in September closer to sort outs. All summer sessions this year will take place between Monday and Friday with no weekend sessions.~~

Checking Clinic:

~~There were 18 registrants and this clinic~~

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 32 teams received practice ice:
5 initiation groups
22 house league teams (6 U9, 5 U11, 3 U13, 5 U15, 4 U18 and 1 U21)
5 Rep B teams

Practice Ice Allocation:

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With the closing of Jim Durrell arena, it created pressure on ice city wide and caused our daily profile to change from previous years. In the past we would receive about 50% of our practice on the weekend and 50% through the week. This year it shifted to 60% on weekends. The shortage of weekday ice made it difficult to get the U9 teams out enough throughout the year. All the other groups hit their budgeted amount (or close to it). We were also left with an abundance of ice on weekends, so there was a lot more full ice and 90 minute practices given out than in previous years. This was compounded by the fact that we also picked up an additional 3 hours every Sunday in Chesterville in an effort to give the older Rep B teams 90 minute practices. Unfortunately, they were not available a lot of the time due to games and tournaments so the ice had to be repurposed. I do not recommend doing this again next year.

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. Each team received 4 hour sessions.

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 2022-23. 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:

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

An early season touch point with the U18 coaches is recommended in order to determine if they wish to have more full ice practices, or continue sharing the ice in an effort to get larger numbers of.

I would like to thank the board, coaches and membership for their support in this past year.

Ward Mallon
Ice Convenor

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