

## Jets Ice Scheduler Report

2024-25 Season

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 Camp and Checking Clinic.

Conditioning camps and the Checking clinic were held in August.

Alongside come Try Goalie, there were also offered Goalie specific Conditioning camps

Ice has already been obtained for August 2025.

### Rep and House Evaluations:

Rep and House evaluations began in early September, including the mandatory 4 one hour pathways sessions for the U10- U11 groups and rust-off skate sessions for all other levels from U7 to U21 inclusive. Then moving on to the usual tryout formats for all levels.

### Practice Ice:

The season 33 teams were allocated practice.

Five teams at the U7 level.

23 House League teams

And 5 Rep. B teams

### Practice ice Allocations:

All teams were at or above the budgeted practice ice for the season by the end of March 2025. This included the ongoing use of Winchester ice on Sundays. Practice ice allotted to MDHA is provided to us via GHA from the City of Ottawa. The ratio of distribution of the ice was provided at roughly 75% of our allocation on weekend time slots and 25% on weeknights. This is a seemingly consistent to last year where we may have been 50/50 weekend to weeknight ratio. Due to this allotment ratio, practice scheduling was challenging, as most teams have games on

weekends and therefore because the majority of our practice ice was on weekends, teams who were available were typically allocated full ice practice in order to ensure that all ice was used fully..

In addition, it was noted that a significant volume of our practice ice was in later hours (8 pm and later) on the weekdays or at 5 pm, requiring the older age groups to see the majority of the weeknight ice in the later hours, with the exception of the 5:00 p.m. slots which were allocated to the younger age groups in order to ensure they had weeknight ice.

#### Development Sessions:

Development sessions were provided for U9, U11 and U13 level teams. Each team received four sessions. All sessions occurred on Tuesdays, in conjunction with Action Innovation providing the development sessions. There was confusion around whether goaltender sessions were included in MDHA development sessions, this should be discussed and confirmed well in advance and communicated so there are no misunderstandings.

#### Ice going Forward

City of Ottawa ice rental cost fees are increasing in September 2025. There will likely be another increase in January 2025.

We will continue to purchase additional ice for use at the Winchester arena on Sundays the application for the ice hours has been submitted and yet to be confirmed.

#### City of Ottawa Allocations

As previously noted, our City of Ottawa ice allocation ratio was primarily on weekend time at 75%, and weeknight was closer to 25% of our available practice ice.

As well as noted, rates are increasing in September with a potential increase again in January.

We have not received any 6:00 a.m. Ice times in 2024-25. We continue to receive 5:00 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. time slots on weeknights. These were primarily allocated to younger age groups in order to get them out on weeknight hours.

A significant decrease in volume of ice hours at Armstrong. Bob Macquarrie and Blackburn Arenas made for less driving distances for practices, however Cumberland joining GHA increased the distance in driving for games.

#### Other observations and notes:

An ongoing effort should continue to ensure that there are 24 hours between the last Rep B cuts and the first House evaluation session, with Pathway sessions to begin well before last cuts as needed.

I will be passing the ice scheduler role on to someone new as of the AGM and I wish everyone good luck and may your hockey life be enjoyable - Lesley