

2009 -2010 Ice Memorandum

TO: Team Managers and Coaches
FROM: Lakeville Ice Director
DATE: October 2009
SUBJECT: 2009 - 2010 Ice Allocation Information

Practice Ice Through December 4th

Attached, please find your team practice schedules through December 6th. These are the dates, times and number of hours that I have assigned to your team through December 6th. **If you are going to use a practice time for a scrimmage, you must notify me a minimum of 48 hours in advance. I will then work with the arena to get locker rooms designated for the visiting team.**

LHA Ice Draft Process:

Ice allocations for the 2009 - 2010 hockey season will be in the form of an ice draft. All ice will be allocated as "full" sheets of ice. Teams will be charged for full sheets of ice whether used as a solo, or shared with another team. Teams are encourage/expected to work together to coordinate "shared" practices to increase the number of touches teams have throughout the hockey season. The dates associated with the ice draft are 12/7 through 3/7. These are the dates remaining that LHA must commit to for the 2009-2010 hockey season.

"A" and "B1" teams may be required to draft practice ice beyond their regular season to account for ice they need for district, regional or state tournaments.

"B2", "Squirt" and "U8" teams will be required to schedule practice ice beyond the 3/7 date to accommodate their later district tournaments.

The JPA ice draft will be held Saturday, November 21st, Location and start time will be communicated at a later date. Plan on an early morning to noon duration. We will continue through the process until ice is completely handed out. *We will start on time, with or without you.*

Managers will be Emailed a copy of the "LHA Ice Draft Hours" on Thursday, November 19th. Included with the master schedule, will be the number of hours your team is eligible to select for the remainder of the season. For your convenience, I will also include a copy of your game schedule.

At the ice draft, you are encouraged to have at least 2 people in addition to yourself, to help you with the draft process. One (1) person keeping track of the hours drawn throughout the process, one (1) person keeping track of your team hours drawn, and one (1) person looking for your next hour to draw. Once called upon, each team will be given 30 seconds to respond with the ice selection. Teams unable to reply within their allotted time will be scratched until the next round. I will have a timer.

The ice draft will be conducted in a multiple round selection process. There will be rules associated with each round and it is expected that managers understand and follow the rules of the round. Each team will be required to take a some number of weekend touches, early touches and late touches. Upper levels will be limited to 8:30PM start times and later for a number of rounds. B2, Squirt and U8 teams will be required to take a certain number of ice hours between the dates of 2/22 through 3/14. Each ice hour will be numbered to assist the selection process

Any jockeying of ice is at the sole responsibility of the team and Team Manager with the exception of the trade dates provided below. Otherwise teams will be charged for pre-draft ice allocated to them, the ice they draft or ice they from acquire from other rinks after the draft and obviously game ice.

Game Scheduling:

The LHA Ice Director will have game schedules out to each team prior to the scheduling meeting. The LHA Ice Director will also participate in all game scheduling events. LHA does not support changing out time conflicts for anything other than tournaments that were scheduled prior to September 30. Tournament scheduling by teams is locked until after their league games have been scheduled.

Teams will be provided weekend ice for "Home" games. Teams are strongly encouraged to schedule "Away" games on week nights whenever possible. Each team will receive 10 dates/times for home games. Teams will be required to remain within the allotted dates/times, unless all options have been exhausted.

Teams must fill in the scheduling sheet provided by the LHA Ice Director, prior to leaving from the scheduling event. Upon finalizing the team game schedules, the LHA Ice Directory will provide a confirmation print-out from the scheduling system for the game dates entered. This will be provide the weekend following the game scheduling event. Team managers/coaches must confirm this against stickstats.com and communicate any conflicts within 24 hours of receiving the confirmation print-out.

Game scheduling can be found on stickstats.com under Bulletin Boards and General Notices. The District strongly recommends the team manager and head coach participate in this process. LHA will not accommodate any conflicts with practices. Teams have multiple coaches to accommodate any overlap. Below are the dates and times currently known. Locations have not been communicated and as the manager/coach you are responsible for following up on the dates and times.

Bantam A	October 12	7:00pm
Bantam B	October 12	7:00pm
Peewee A	October 14	7:00pm
Peewee B	October 14	7:00pm
Girls 12U	October 19	7:00pm
Girls 12U B	October 19	7:00pm
Girls 10U A	October 19	7:00pm
Girls 10U B	October 19	7:00pm
Bantam B2	November 2	7:00pm
Bantam C	November 2	7:00pm
Peewee B2	November 2	7:00pm
Peewee C	November 2	7:00pm
Squirt A	November 4	7:00pm
Squirt B	November 4	7:00pm
Squirt C	Cottage Grove	TBA
Girls 14U A	TBA	

Acquiring Ice Outside of LHA Allocations:

Any team with the desire of acquiring ice outside of Lakeville, must remain with the following rules. Each individual request will be limited to three (3) or less touches. No team will be allowed to acquire ice outside the association for dates 12/4 - 3-7, until after the ice draft and having received their full commitment of association ice.

If teams are looking for additional ice they will need to step through the following requirements:

- 1) Take any ice from LHA that is available on that date
- 2) Coordinate any ice purchases with outside rinks through the LHA Ice Director
(NO ICE CAN BE DIRECTLY PURCHASED BY A TEAM IF THEY WISH TO BILL THE ICE BACK TO LHA. All area arena managers have been notified that any team with a desire to schedule ice and invoicing it back to LHA, must do this through Lakeville Ice Director.)
- 3) All ice requests must be completed on-line through the LHA website found under the Manager and Coach buttons

Ice Trades and Shared Practices:

Each month there will be an opportunity for ice trades. These are the only opportunities for teams to trade ice that the Ice Director will account for as part of the end-of-season billing. Shared practices are to be provided to the Ice Director on these same dates, however there will be no accountability changed with the end-of-season billing for shared practices. The team originally drafting the ice will remain fully accountable. Information on shared practices will be sent to Lakeville Arenas. Dates for this are:

- December 10th for 12/12 thru 3/7 7:30PM Ames Conference Room
- January 17th for 2/1 thru 3/7 7:30PM Ames Conference Room
- February 21st for March 7:30PM Ames Conference Room

I will work with the arena to make sure that team locker assignments are communicated on the arena bulletin boards.

JR Gold and U14 Ice Allocations:

Reminder to JR Gold and U14 teams. I will schedule all your team practices for the season. These will be provided to you on November 19th. You are not required to attend the ice draft.

Outdoor Ice:

The city is considering reducing the number of open outdoor ice rinks for 2009-2010 as part of budget cuts. As part of their consideration, LHA would receive less ice. The city also wants to make sure that this ice is used, weather permitting. In support of the city's decision, LHA will conduct an outdoor ice draft, following a similar process used for the indoor ice draft. We will provide further communications as more is known.

North/South Games

As part of the 2009-2010 season, LHA has planned a North/South weekend. All North and South teams will play their equal counterpart on either 2/13 or 2/14 in conjunction with the North/South Boys High School game on the 13th. Teams that do not have an equal counterpart, will be asked to play a general visitor game on that weekend. Practices between games have been scheduled for these teams on this weekend and allocated as pre-draft ice.

LHA Website:

For the 2009-2010 season, there have been a number of ice forms implement for coaches and managers to use. This is how ice requests, trades and selling of ice will be requested. Emails will not be accepted. We will go over these forms in the managers meeting.

Selling Team Ice:

As a trial process, LHA and Lakeville Arenas have worked out a process by which teams can attempt to sell a portion of the ice allocated to them. Guidelines for this process are:

Each team will have the opportunity to resell up to 10% of their allocated ice (*pre-draft & draft: not including game ice*)

- Only ice from Ames Arena can be considered for resale
- Submissions to resell ice must be 7 calendar days prior to the date the ice is scheduled
- Lakeville Arenas will post the ice on Rinkfinder.com
- If the ice is sold, Lakeville Arenas will notify the LHA Ice Directory
- The LHA Ice Director will notify the team attempting to sell the ice and the team at that time will no longer be responsible for the ice.
- If a team mistakenly shows up for ice that it sold, the team purchasing the ice will receive the ice.
- If ice is not sold 72 hours prior to the scheduled time, it will be pulled from Rinkfinder.com and returned to the team. The team is then fully responsible for the ice as originally assigned.
- Ice submitted outside of a 14 day window, can be returned to the team any time prior to the 14 day window. Once inside the 14 day window the team will not receive it back unless unsold at the 72 hour mark.
- All requests must be submitted on the website using the Resell Ice button. This will provide LHA and Lakeville Arenas the required communications and document the request date/time in a

database to document the request. Upon any conflicts the website database will be used to determine the outcome.

Early Hours Over Christmas Break:

There will be additional early hours available on the draft. These start times are 4:15pm and 4:30pm 12/27 - 1/1. Prior to the ice draft, you should be communicating with your team to see if you can use these hours. LHA will be responsible for the hours following the early hours. If later hours have not been filled in, early hours will be pushed into the later hours.

Contact Information

Any questions, you can reach me at:

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I will do my best to return your call or e-mail within 24 hours. If you leave me a message, please let me know the latest time I can call you back. (I tend to work on this later in the evening).