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**New Westminster Parks, Culture and Recreations and New Westminster
Minor Hockey**

Principles of Arena Use

In the early 1970's, New Westminster Parks Culture and Recreation Department, Parks, Culture and Recreation Committee, City Council and Minor Hockey Association established a formula that ensured equitable ice allocation within the Minor Hockey Association and the within the community.

The formula is as follows:

Maximum cost – (% of New Westminster participants x difference between the maximum and the minimum cost)

Maximum cost = 50% of prime time rate

Minimum cost =30% of prime time rate

The basic principle is to have all commercial ice rentals put on hold each year until New Westminster Minor Hockey submits their registration numbers for the upcoming season. Requests for ice allocations must be received by May 31. The City guarantees the standard allotment of ice time per team, regardless of registration numbers so that the Minor Hockey Association is not put in the position of having waiting lists or refusing players the opportunity to participate. Historically, ice time is calculated to teams comprised of an average of 15-18 players.

The standard ice time allotment for each team is one practice time (ranging from 1 non-prime-time hour shared to 1 non-prime-time hour exclusive use depending on level) and one game time (ranges from 1¼ to 1½ hours depending on level) per week.

New Westminster Minor Hockey weekly ice allocation is based on:

Hockey 1 – one hour practice (non prime time) and 1 hour game shared by two teams

Hockey 2 - one hour practice shared by two team (non prime time), 1 ¼ hour game time per team

Hockey 3 and 4 - one hour practice (non-prime-time) 1¼ hour game per team

Plus one additional hour non prime time ice to be used for upgrading beginner skating skills

Atom - one hour practice (non-prime-time) per team, 1 ¼ hour games per team

Pee Wee and above - one hour practice (non-prime-time), 1 ½ hours games per team

Prime time

Monday to Friday 6:00 PM – 12:00 AM

Saturday and Sunday 6:00 AM – 12:00 AM

Non Prime time Monday to Friday 6:00 AM – 6:00 PM

The City does not reserve or hold open ice times after the allocation of Minor Hockey is determined. Commercial renters commit to their time slots by contract for the fall/winter season. This is done in early July and is completed by mid July. Any ice time that has not been committed is available to any group on a first come, first served basis at commercial rates.

The ice allocation begins in September and runs through until the end of the third week of March at both Moody Park and Queen's Park Arenas. Any ice time outside of regular season (September 1 – March 31) or outside the seasonal allotment is to be booked directly through the arena offices and will be billed at regular commercial rates. If the public school spring break falls in April, the ice time for the spring tournament will be honored at the regular minor hockey tournament rates.

Minor Hockey ice times will not be allotted on the following days each year: Christmas Eve after 4:00 PM; Christmas Day; Boxing Day; New Years Eve after 4:00 PM; New Years Day. Regular Minor Hockey ice times will be scheduled on the following days each year: Thanksgiving; Remembrance Day; Family Day.

Minor Hockey rates will be in effect for all regular season games and practices and playoff games. Tournaments will be invoiced at the Minor Hockey tournament rate. These rates are set based on no admission charged for the games.

The Association receives invoices on a monthly basis. The Association is responsible to ensure these are paid by the following month.

The Parks, Culture and Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel scheduled ice time and will where possible, re-allocate ice times. Where possible, advance notice will be given regarding cancellations.

The City will endeavor to have sufficient ice in one arena starting the Tuesday after Labour Day until the following Sunday to accommodate tryouts. This schedule must be worked out before May 31.

In regards to tournaments, the City has agreed to two (2) tournaments per year. They are as follows:

NWMHA Christmas tournament: Midget Division
Midget - The Herb House (four days)
To be held during the Christmas school break

NWMHA Spring tournament: Combined Atom "C" and Peewee "C" Division
Atom-Bobby Love
Peewee-Al Hughes

The Al Hughes and Bobby Love tournaments will be run as a combined, 4 day tournament during the public school spring break.

All tournaments must be scheduled around the Parks, Culture and Recreation public skating and skating lesson programs.

All tournaments must be requested and approved prior May 31.

If minor hockey would like to host additional tournaments, a request must be received by the Parks, Culture and Recreation Department one year in advance.

Regular weekly ice time must be cancelled a minimum of one week in advance. Cancellation of tournament ice times must be made a minimum of one month in advance. If a cancellation is made with less than the appropriate time and the City is unable to rebook the time at commercial rates, Minor Hockey will be invoiced at regular minor hockey rates.

Minor Hockey tournament rates are as follows:

Monday – Friday	6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Minor Hockey non-prime time rate
Saturday & Sunday	6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Minor Hockey prime time rate
Monday – Sunday	after 8:00 p.m.	Commercial rate