

The intent of this policy is to define the various types of Recurring User Groups within the facility and detail the process by which the Senior Facility Manager (SFM) will prioritize the allocation of ice time. It is the goal of facility management to both protect those programs with consistent usage over the previous 12 months, be sensitive to the needs of youth skaters, and allow for the development of new programs wherever possible.

Those users who regularly rent ice for themselves or their organizations may be entitled to the certain scheduling and pricing advantages if they meet the classification requirements for these categories of renters. These categories include:

Preferred Block Ice Renters (PBIRs) are those organizations have used 120 or more hours of ice time in the previous 12 month period October 1 – September 30 to provide class or league opportunities to large groups of patrons. The 120 hours must include a minimum of 2 hours per week during 24 of the 26 weeks of the Spring/Summer season. This group includes the following users:

- North Alabama Hockey Association
- Total Package Hockey
- Huntsville Havoc
- Fight Club Hockey Association

During the introductory year of this policy (October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018) the annual rental requirements will be reduced from 120 or more hours to 90 or more hours of ice time in order to achieve Preferred Block Ice Renter status. This temporary reduction will automatically expire on October 1, 2018.

Huntsville Skating School and Training Academy is a facility owned and operated program. This organization will be treated as a PBIR for the purpose of scheduling priority.

Repetitive Block Ice Renters (RBIRs) are those users that rent ice time regularly and have used between 48 and 120 hours of ice time in the previous 12 month period October 1 – September 30. This group includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- UAH Chargers
- The Skating Club of Huntsville
- Any other organization, group or individual that meets the RBIR requirements above

The SFM will schedule block ice semi-annually according to the Block Ice Rental Schedule (Policy 1.1.7). Repetitive and Preferred Block Ice renters must submit requests by the appropriate deadline. Submitted requests must include as a minimum:

- Specific daily ice time requested and corresponding program schedule, including time slots
- Any exceptions to the normal weekly schedule (as for holidays or away games, etc)
- Any tournaments, competitions, shows or other events to be held during the upcoming season that require special facility usage

If no request is received from a PBIR it will be assumed that the organization has no need for block ice during the next season.

The SFM will consider all PBIR requests received by the deadline together. Once the needs of the PBIRs are met, the SFM will consider all RBIR requests received by the deadline together. The schedules will be created based on the following guidelines:

- Provide the specific ice requested where possible
- Be sensitive to the special needs of youth skaters as the first priority

- Rotate **non-prime time usage** as possible, so that no single PBIR or RBIR is continually scheduled into non-prime time usage.

Once the schedule is finalized, any schedule modifications must be approved by the SFM and will not be modified unless all of the affected Recurring Rental Groups agree to the proposed modification. The using organizations are encouraged to work with each other in resolving any conflicts that arise.

COMMENTS

Adding temporary reduction in Preferred Rental Group qualification requirements in order to allow groups to transition smoothly into the terms of the new policy.