



Kemptville District Minor Hockey Association

Ice Policy

Consistent, effective communication between team officials and the ice convenor are to be maintained to manage costs and ice needs.

Understanding Ice:

KDMHA has been granted an average of 85-hour standard weekly ice allocation from the Municipality of North Grenville for the 2026-27 season - this is a decrease from previous year due to NGMC negotiating with another non-resident user for additional ice.

- ~40 hours are Monday through Friday (approximately)
- ~45 hours are Saturday and Sunday (approximately)
- Also purchased is 24.5 hours weekly at the Spencerville Rink
- The hours change weekly based on other user groups
- KDMHA has the option, when available, to purchase ice from other user groups as they are surrendered

In North Grenville, ice cost for the 2026-27 at the youth rate for prime time ice is \$162.72 (Includes HST) per hour. Spencerville ice cost for the 2026-2027 at the Minor Hockey Rate is \$194.91 (Includes HST) per hour.

For the 2026-27 season, KDMHA has declared 51 teams to league play, 28 Royals, 23 Storm and 10 teams based in our U7 program.

Ice Allocation:

Game Schedules

Royals Teams

- U9 - 11 regular season home game = 50 minutes
- U11 - 12 regular season home games = 50 minutes
- U13 - 12 regular season home games = 80 minutes
- U15 House - 12 regular season home games = 80 minutes
- U15 Rep - 14 regular season home games = 80 minutes
- U16 Rep - 14 regular season games = 80 minutes
- U18 - 14 regular season home games = 80 minutes
- U21 - 12 regular season home games = 50 minutes
- Estimated for a minimum of 3 home play-off games

UCMHL/District 1 Rules and Regulations:

- Weeknight game start: 6:00pm



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- Weekend game start: 9:00am

Storm Teams

- U9 - 10 regular season home games = 50minutes
- U11 - 10 regular season home games = 50 minutes
- U13 - 11 regular season home game = 50 minutes
- U15 - 11 regular season home games = 50minutes
- U15 Comp A - 11 regular season home games = 80 minutes
- U18 - 11 regular season home games = 50 minutes
- U18 Comp A/BB - 11 regular season home games = 80 minutes
- Senior Storm - 10 regular season home games = 80 minutes
- Estimated for a minimum of 2 home Playoff games and 2 home Playdown games

OWHA Rules and Regulations:

- Monday -Friday game start: must be such that starting travel time from the visiting centre is no earlier than 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday to Thursday game start: must be such that allowing for a reasonable postgame change period, the visiting team arrives home no later than:
 - U9 – 9:00 p.m
 - U11/U13/U15 – 10:30 p.m
 - U18/U22 – 11:30 p.m

Game Rescheduling

Royals Teams

- Every attempt should be made to select tournaments which minimize interference with league scheduled games
- Tournament requests must be submitted on or before October 31st of the calendar year
- Teams have until November 15th of the calendar year to reschedule any game conflicts - home and away
- KDMHA Ice Convenor will provide two optional dates as close to the original game as possible
- Game reschedules should only be due to tournament conflicts/team functions or weather, any other reason may need to be approved by the UCMHL division convenor



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Storm Teams

- All tournaments are to be chosen and dates provided to the KDMHA Ice Convenor on or before OWHHA season game scheduling meeting
- Any game change request is to follow OWHHA rules

Practice Schedules

NOTE: Royals and Storm teams are not permitted to practice on a shared half ice or shared splits.

Practice ice is attempted to be allocated calculated as follows:

- Full ice = 1.0 hour
- Half ice = 0.5 hour
- Shared split ice = 0.25 hour shared, 0.5 hour full (total 0.75 hour)

Royals/Storm - House teams

U9/U11 House/Comp C	1 full ice practice in a 4-week cycle
U13 to U18 House/Comp C	1 full ice practice in a 3-week cycle

Royals/Storm - Rep/Comp team

U9/U11 Rep/Comp A/BB/B	1 full ice practice in a 3-week cycle
U13 to U18 Rep/Comp A/BB/B	1 full ice practice in a 2-week cycle

Practice schedules are released upon the release of both the UCMHL and OWHHA game schedules (also LCMHL/OBMHL in years when applicable)

- Practices October to December are released after the game schedules (late October)
- Practices January are released mid-late December, 2 weeks in advance (to accommodate any weather game rescheduling required)
- Practices February are released mid-late January, 1 week in advance (to accommodate playoff scheduling and any weather game rescheduling required)
- A practice ice tally is maintained throughout the season and made available at the AGM
- U7 practice schedules will be released for the whole season mid-late October

Consistency of practice schedules are contingent upon:

- Your teams league and tournament schedule



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- League game scheduling regulations
- Coaching/volunteer staff availability
- Availability of ice allocated to KDMHA

Where possible teams will be assigned one Friday at 4:00pm practice throughout the regular season. These are full ice practices and are non-negotiable. This will count as the full ice practice in your rotation. Teams who choose not to use their 4:00pm Friday allotment, may not get another full ice to replace the dropped ice and the hour will count as part of their ice count.

Where possible all teams will be assigned practice ice in Spencerville. 1-hour time slots may be half ice, whereas some 1.5-hour time slots may be used as shared splits.

Teams are required to notify the Ice Convenor of any practices or games times they will not need as soon as possible.

Rescheduling or changing any practices or games **must** be done through the Ice Convenor. Teams who want to swap a practice should co-ordinate with the other team and notify the Ice Convenor for updates to schedule.

Extra Practice Ice

Occasionally, when available, extra hours of ice become available throughout the weeks - these slots will be offered out through mass email to all coaches/managers. This is on a first-come/first-serve basis while keeping in mind ice touch totals and if it is a shared ice opportunity it has to be two Royals or two Storm teams. This extra ice is not for trading current scheduled practice ice, it is in addition to your current schedule.

Exhibition Games

Should your team wish to host an exhibition game, you may select your full ice practice for these games. Please ensure that you notify the ref scheduler directly to ensure cost of refs are provided and the Ice Convenor to ensure the game gets entered into the master schedule (also will notify rink staff for additional changerooms).

Note: Exhibition Games in Spencerville will incur additional travel costs for officials and is the responsibility of the team to pay.



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Note: Royals Teams must also submit Exhibition games onto the HEO permit to KDMHA Executive for approval and must not exceed the set number set by HEO.

Ice Contact

At the beginning of each season, once the team is formed, each team will be responsible for submitting two contact names. This will be Head Coach and Manager only. Any individual contacting the Ice Convenor will be referenced back to the Head Coach/Manager.