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ICE RINK SAFETY

Recognizing the Board's responsibility relating to ice rink safety, this policy is intended to govern our ice rink activities with our students in facilities which are located on the grounds of our schools (SEE APPENDIX A). Furthermore, the regulations are intended to govern the use of those facilities during the hours which our students are at school and including extracurricular activities.

OBJECTIVES

- To promote a safe and pleasant atmosphere for ice-rink activities.
- To define rules and regulations for the students utilizing the facilities.
- To describe the conditions under which schools may offer the facilities.

DEFINITIONS

- **Users** - Students registered at the school where the ice rink is located. This may also refer to students who are visiting from other schools competing with said students.
- **Activities** - Generally, hockey and skating are the recognized activities. However, such games as ringette, broomball, and even curling, qualify as other kinds of activities which may take place on the outdoor rinks in our school territory.
- **Hockey** -This activity is school-sponsored, under the supervision of the Physical Education specialists, other teachers or supervisors.
- **Skating** -This activity is school-sponsored, under the supervision of the Physical Education specialist, other teachers or supervisors.
- **Skaters** -Students who participate in one of the above activities.
- **Changing Areas** - Rooms inside the school which are used for changing.
- **Skill Levels** - Groups of users: beginners, intermediate and advanced (rather than age groups).

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

1. Ice rink activity is to be encouraged in developing recreational and athletic skills and attitudes as well as promoting physical activity.
2. The decision to operate or not to operate a school ice rink is left to each school.
3. The operation of the school rink takes place only during those times which are organized and supervised by the staff of the school. This would include during school hours and during school-sponsored extracurricular time.
4. Individual schools may supplement the rules which follow in order to reflect local realities.
5. School ice rinks are for the exclusive use of the students attending the school. (SEE APPENDIX B).
6. The school will draw up a weekly schedule giving times for specific activities and indicating the skill levels to which the activities apply.
7. Copies of the rules and regulations must be sent to the users' parents.
8. Copies of the rules and regulations must be posted near the ice rink and in the changing areas.
9. Activities on the ice rink and in the changing areas must be adequately supervised.
10. Walkways and stairs leading to and from the changing areas must be covered with rubber, boards or matting.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Authorization to use the ice rink is given only by the principal or his/her delegate.
2. Participants must conform to the mandatory list of equipment published by the Amateur Athletic Association for the sport in question. The principal will be responsible to obtain and provide such equipment lists.
3. When the mandatory list of equipment referred to above requires the wearing of a helmet, such equipment will be compulsory without exception. For all other ice rink activities, the wearing of a helmet will be required unless written authorization to the contrary is given to the school principal by the parent or legal guardian.
4. Utilization of the ice rink outside school hours is not permitted (SEE APPENDIX B).
5. No more than one kind of activity will take place on the ice rink at the same time.
6. Non-participants, except for those maintaining it, should not be on the ice rink.



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While activities on ice taking place remote from the school premises are not the subject of this policy, the rules for such individual events are governed by:

- A. the regulations of the municipality or other governing body responsible for the rink or arena in question;
- B. the specific regulations agreed upon by the principal, staff and parents on an event-by-event basis.
- C. the stipulations of clause 2.3 preceding relative to the equipment which is mandatory for hockey players.



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Municipalities or other organizations wishing to enter into formal or informal agreements with the school or School Board must accept responsibility for the supervision of their activities and for the application of the specific requirements of this policy. (Ref. Policy FK).

Those gaining unauthorized access to the school rinks do so at their own risk.