

## Ice Allocation

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### PURPOSE

The City of Fort Saskatchewan is committed to balancing the ice usage of all community users to ensure fair and equitable distribution of allocated ice at the City of Fort Saskatchewan arena facilities.

### POLICY

The City of Fort Saskatchewan arena facilities are made available for the community groups and residents of Fort Saskatchewan. The City of Fort Saskatchewan has the responsibility to manage the allocation of ice, be fiscally responsible for ice operations, and ensure community users and visitors are able to participate in arena programs that reflect population, registration, and utilization and participation patterns.

### DEFINITIONS

*Ice Allocation* - The process by which ice time is assigned to community groups.

*Community Groups* - Ice user groups which include, but are not limited to Minor Hockey, Ringette, Figure Skating, Adult Hockey and Junior Hockey.

*Priority Ranking* – Indoor ice within the City of Fort Saskatchewan shall be distributed with the following priority lists as a guideline:

- Priority #1 – Special Events
- Priority #2 – Public Skating
- Priority #3 – City of Fort Saskatchewan programs
- Priority #4 – Minor Ice Users
- Priority #5 – Junior Hockey
- Priority #6 – Adult Ice Users
- Priority #7 – School Programs – non-prime time
- Priority #8 – Other

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The following serve as a framework for developing the Ice Allocation Policy:

1. Access and Equity: ensure fair and equitable access for ice allocation and the application of fees and charges.
2. Efficiency: ensure the effective and efficient use of facilities for time and space.
3. Diversity: ensure there is provision for a wide range of opportunities, such as public skating and organized ice sports.
4. Youth Sport: ensure there is a balance of time distribution between all user groups, while recognizing the importance of youth sport development.
5. Partnership: ensure there is mutual cooperation among all users, with consideration given when balancing between regular season and special event needs.
6. Financial Sustainability: ensure cost effective and fiscally responsible management of the facilities, while balancing responsible application of fee and charges.
7. Historical Precedent: ensure relevant historical practices are considered.

**AUTHORITY / RESPONSIBILITY TO IMPLEMENT**

1. The City Manager is responsible for the implementation and monitoring of this Policy.