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ICE ALLOCATION POLICY
for the
DISTRICT OF SQUAMISH

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Gender Equity Policy - Related to Ice Allocation Only

ICE ALLOCATION POLICY DISTRICT OF SQUAMISH

1. INTRODUCTION

This policy is intended to provide some clarity and continuity in decision making for ice uses and users. In Squamish, as in most communities in Western Canada, ice time is a scarce resource. The demand exceeds the supply. Therefore, the District of Squamish, which is the owner and operator of the sheet of skating ice at the Brennan Park Recreation Centre, must carefully evaluate and prioritize all demands for ice to ensure the public “good” is maximized. This policy provides direction to that end. In order to accommodate as many users and user groups as possible, and maximize use of the ice, the District will schedule all available ice that can be utilized.

1.1 GRACE PERIOD

This policy will be implemented for the 2000-2001 Season, however, as this document creates new policies there will be a grace period until March 31, 2001 for all existing User Groups to conform to the “Definitions of User Groups”.

2. DEFINITION OF USER GROUPS

2.1 Sports Associations:

2.1 (a) Youth

- A non-profit organization (or affiliated with a non-profit organization) incorporated under the Societies Act of the Province of B.C. and/or the Canada Business Corporations Act, Part II and has been in existence in Squamish for not less than one(1) year and at least 75% of the active members (i.e. registered players) are residents of the Squamish area.
- Organization’s main purpose/objective is to offer and involve individuals in recreational, athletic or social activities related to ice use.
- Seventy-five(75) percent of the participants must be 18 years of age or under prior to December 31 of that year’s season and/or the age categories as outlined in existing provincial or national governing bodies. If complete teams within an organization consist of players over the age of 19 years, those teams will be considered separately as an “adult” division of the organization and prioritized as such. **Juvenile and Junior hockey teams will be considered in the “Youth” category provided they are supported by a Youth Organization.**
- Must be a documented member in good standing with an affiliated or governing regional, provincial or national body.

2.1 (b) Adult

- A non-profit organization (or affiliated with a non-profit organization) incorporated under the Societies Act of the Province of BC and/or the Canada Business Corporations Act, Part II and has been in existence in Squamish for not less than one(1) year, and at least 75% of the (active) members are residents of Squamish.
- Organization's main purpose/objective is to offer and involve individuals in recreational, athletic or social activities related to ice use.
- The age of the majority of participants is above the qualifications for youth sports associations (19 years and over).
- Must be a member in good standing with affiliated or governing regional, provincial or national body.

2.2 Independent Recreational Users

- A group or individual that is not affiliated or associated with any recognized regional, provincial or national sport governing body.
- May or may not have Society status.
- Age grouping would apply as per 2.1 (Youth) and 2.1(b) (Adult).
- Has, as its main focus, recreational, athletic or social activity for its members related to ice use.

2.3 Schools

- Public school or a "non-profit" school recognized by the Province of BC as an education institution, which lies within the boundaries of Squamish, or is located within School District 48, and has an enrollment of 75% of Squamish students.

2.4 Commercial Users

- Private sector groups or individuals whose main purpose is to make a profit.

2.5 District of Squamish

- The District through the Recreation Services Department will program public activities on ice, including public skates and special events.

2.6 Exceptions to Requirement for Seventy-five Percent Local Residents

- In an isolated circumstance, the 75% residency role may be waived by Council if it deems that there are insufficient local residents to make a worthwhile activity viable and a locally based group has had to recruit more than 25% of its participants from outside Squamish in order to make the activity viable for local participants. When space is limited or fully booked as is currently the case, this exception will not be allowed.