Spring 2016 Intramural Ice Hockey Notes

All participants are responsible for reading the Intramural Ice Hockey rules that are posted on the Recreation Services website: www.recservices.iastate.edu. Read the rules and this document carefully prior to your first game. There will not be a captain’s meeting so it is your responsibility to read these items and be informed on the Intramural Sports rules and policies.

This is Intramural Hockey….it is a finesse game with minimal contact. There is no checking and slap shots are only allowed in the Class A division…. Remember that most players are not wearing all of the protective gear like shin guards, protective pads and gloves. We provide goalies with protective equipment, but many of them have never played the position before. We follow high school rules with our own adaptations – read the rules summary on the web page.

1. Schedules – Prelim schedules will be posted on the Intramural Sports/Ice Hockey section of the Recreation Services website on Saturday, January 16 by 1pm. Games begin on Wed., January 20. Results will be updated every day on the web page. Please check the schedule to insure the results are posted correctly. Understanding the schedule - your team is only concerned with the box that is directly under the 3 or 4 teams in your league. The prelim schedules are read across – Date (Jan. 22) – Opponents (1 vs. 2) – and Time (10:45)…..all games are at night.

2. Eligibility (Who Can Play): Current ISU students who have paid their Activity Fees. Individuals who have purchased a Spring 2016 Recreation Pass are also eligible to participate in the Intramural Program. If you have a question about eligibility contact the sport director.

3. Games are played at the Ames-ISU Ice Arena. It is located just south of the Towers residence halls on Gateway Hills Park Drive. Plenty of free parking.

All teams are scheduled for two preliminary games and then everyone advances to a single elimination tournament. This allows all teams to be scheduled for a minimum of 3 games. The tournament will have A, B, C, and D divisions. Your team will be placed in a division according to our supervisor’s ratings, and win-loss record. You may request a division prior to the start of the tournament – but we will place teams in the skill level that we think is appropriate. As indicated on the bottom of your schedule: tournament schedules will be posted on the website on Thursday, February 25 at 2:00 PM. The tournament starts on Sunday, February 28. So it is imperative that you check on Thursday…even if you have never played on a Sunday before…you might play on Sun., Feb 28.

4. Report to the officials upon arrival at your game. Sign in your teammates that are there on the scorecard. PLEASE PRINT. What if you get to the ice rink and your team is not listed on the scorecard --- it is possible that the Rec Services Office just made a mistake and wrote down the wrong team name – the officials should have a master schedule on their clipboard – so don’t leave until you check the schedule with them.

5. You may NOT add new players after the preliminary games. You add new players by simply putting their name on the scorecard for the game that they play in. There is no limit on the number of players you have on your team….however,…. an individual may PLAY ONLY ON ONE TEAM!!! If a player is caught playing for two teams, both teams may be dropped and the player is suspended. There is no such thing as playing for one team and subbing for another team….you can only play on one team. If someone plays under someone else’s name, both teams may be dropped and the individual and possibly the captain will be suspended for 10 school weeks. Players on your roster are not official until they play in a game and their name is on the scorecard. It is okay if their name appears on another team’s roster, as long as they never play for that team. A team may have a limit of 12 players at their game.

6. Eligibility Protest: The protest must be done prior to the next game. Try to get the IM officials and supervisor involved for identification purposes. (ie. you think that a player has played for two teams.)
7. Ice hockey teams are not divided according to residence divisions: (ie. Residence Halls, Fraternity, and Independent). Teams are grouped according to skill levels.

8. The time on your schedule is starting time, so try and get to the games 10-15 minutes before game time. Please don't walk in at game time...the clock will start whether you are ready or not. Remember that it takes the goalie some time to get all of their gear on. Each player must present a current ISU ID card at each game. Players who need to rent skates should bring TWO picture I.D.'s. If you don't have two, I would suggest checking in with the officials and showing your I.D. and then going to check out your skates, because they will keep your I.D. until the skates are returned. Skate rental at the rink: $3.00

9. You must have a minimum of 4 players to start and finish a game.

10. Rescheduling: we can't reschedule games, because we have used all of the ice time that is available to us. It costs $160/hour, so please try to play all of your games. Call the office if you are unable to play a game. If we could we would avoid playing on ISU BB game nights.....but as it is IM Broomball runs through the end of the semester, so we can't avoid all of those nights.

11. All times are at night. IF YOUR SCHEDULE IS 12:00 MIDNIGHT OR LATER, IT IS LISTED AS THAT NIGHT, NOT THE DATE OF THE NEXT MORNING. (ie. Tues. Jan. 26 at 1:00....is the evening of Tuesday, January 26 LATE......it would technically be early morning of Wednesday, January 27 ). We made an effort to avoid the conflicts/requests that teams made for the preliminary games. It will be impossible to honor everyone's requests for the tournament games.

12. Hockey Club: ISU Varsity Hockey Club Men and Women are NOT eligible to play IM ice hockey. Players are considered ISU Varsity if they were on the 2015-2016 team. Open “A” teams have a limit of 6 -- current D3 ISU club or former varsity & D3 club/intercollegiate players. Open “B” teams have a limit of 3 -- current D3 ISU club or former varsity & D3 club/intercollegiate players. Women's teams may have 1 former collegiate/club players. Open “C-Gold” teams have a limit of 1 former collegiate/current and former ISU D3 club player. Open C-Cardinal and D teams may not have ISU D3 club players/former club or collegiate players. (Exceptions: must be cleared through the sport director).

13. A PLAYER MAY PLAY ON ONE TEAM. Each year a team is eliminated because it is discovered that an individual is playing on two teams...many times the captain and team members are unaware that this is happening. Make it clear to your teammates that you don't want your team disqualified because an individual wants to play for more than one team.

14. The IM Program will provide the helmets, sticks, jerseys, pucks and goalie equipment. There are not enough different sizes of helmets to fit everyone perfectly.....it is a good idea to bring a stocking cap if you have one, to help your helmet fit better. PLEASE DO NOT TAKE OFF THE CHIN STRAPS OR PULL THE PADDING OUT OF THE HELMETS....these are $100 helmets! Your helmet must have a chin strap and be fastened to play. We highly recommend shin pads/knee pads/dental guards and winter gloves if you don't have hockey gloves.

15. Forfeits: There is a $20.00 forfeit fine if your team misses a game. If you know in advance that your team will not be playing a game, call the IM Coordinator’s Office (294-3234) to avoid the fine and be considerate to your opponents...it also gives us time to call another team to replace you....$160 an hour is a lot of money to waste if we don't have a game.

16. If you enjoy playing ICE HOCKEY, --- please do not complain to or abuse our officials in any way. They are students, just like yourselves. They are not professional referees, and are working for $9.25 a game so that we can offer the program. It is the CAPTAIN'S RESPONSIBILITY to control their players and fans at all times. PLAYERS SHOULD PLAY – OFFICIALS WILL OFFICIATE

17. Like most all sports, jewelry is not allowed.
18. Rules Protest: Must be decided at the game. If you think the official is misinterpreting a rule, you should have the official call the supervisor over immediately. JUDGEMENT IS NOT PROTESTABLE.

19. Sportsmanship - Teams will be rated on their sportsmanship for each game. The officials will award an A, B or C. A = Good, B = Okay, C = Poor. If a team receives 2 "C" ratings, they eliminate themselves from competition. There are no automatic "C" ratings for behavior—it could be the entire team that is a problem or one individual. The captain/team leaders should make sure their teammates and fans are showing good sportsmanship so their team is not penalized.

20. EJECTION: If a player is ejected from a game, they are automatically suspended from all intramural activities and must see the sport director to be reinstated. There will always be a minimum of an additional game suspension if a player is ejected. Fighting will not be tolerated...any player who swings at another player, throws a punch or is the obvious aggressor will be suspended for the remainder of the hockey season.

21. T-shirts will be awarded to players on championship teams that have participated in at least 2 games.

22. Free Agents: Individuals who are looking for a team have their names, phone numbers and email addresses posted online. If you could use another player or two, PLEASE contact these individuals to see if they have found a team...make sure that they know they can only play for one team.

23. There are 123 teams signed up to play, so games are somewhat spread out. Make sure you note when your next game is...check it and double check it. Try to have several players play in your prelim games...when it comes down to the tournament and players have conflicts...you want to make sure you have enough players to compete. Tell all of your teammates when your games are so they have it on their calendars.

24. If you want to use your own helmet it must be HECC certified with full face protection. Helmets with half-shields will not be allowed. Helmets must also have chin straps that fasten.

25. Teams should not enter the bench area until the previous game's players have cleared out...when your game is over...collect your gear as quickly as possible and clear out...so everyone has the maximum amount of time to prepare and play. You cannot be on the ice without a helmet. You also cannot be on the ice until the Zamboni is off and the gate behind it is locked.

26. Tobacco and alcohol products are not allowed in the ice arena. The student supervisors and officials have the authority to NOT allow a player(s) to participate. We have instructed the student supervisors/officials to contact the Ames Police if anyone is a problem or appears to be a danger to himself/herself or others. Persons who come to the rink intoxicated will run the risk of being arrested.

- QUESTIONS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS...Contact the Sport Director: Linda Marticke (Mar-tick)
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GOOD LUCK AND WE HOPE YOU ENJOY THIS EXCITING SPORT!