

Carstairs Minor Hockey Association

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Happy New Year – Season Resumes Thursday!

On behalf of the CMHA Board of Directors, I hope you have a relaxing holiday season and enjoyed some time away from the rink. As we head towards the New Year, I wanted to provide you a quick update to transition our minds back onto the 2024/25 hockey season.

Thursday January 2nd 2025

Just as a reminder, practices resume on Thursday, January 2nd 2025 for all teams with the revised Thursday Ice Times detailed further in this memo.

Although our U9 teams are still waiting for their league schedule to be uploaded to the CAHL website, which we are as well, please note that U9 league games do resume this weekend as well, so please be prepared to play.

Didsbury Minor Hockey / Renegades Minor Hockey

As I communicated prior to the Christmas Break, we have made arrangements with the above Associations to assist them with their operations that have been impacted due to the Didsbury Arena closure. Here is what it means for you.

U7 Teams

Didsbury Minor Hockey U7 players will be joining our U7 practice times, likely for the duration of the year. I expect that this will be a shared ice situation where Didsbury uses a portion of the ice not required by our teams, but there may be some opportunities for joint practices or scrimmages as our coaches deem appropriate. What it really means is a little more cramped dressing room space. We have asked the Town to ensure that three rooms are allocated for changing, but please try and assist us by limiting the number of parents and siblings in the rooms where possible.

Didsbury U7 and U9 teams will also be using the other ½ of game ice where it is not already needed by CMHA games, although this isn't an impact on our teams, other than sharing rooms where necessary.

U9 Teams

Didsbury Minor Hockey will be using the other ½ of our game ice where we don't have two U9 games scheduled at the same time. This means that many of our U9 games will be restricted to ½ ice instead of the usual 2/3 of ice that we have been lucky to have for some of our games. It also means sharing dressing rooms in some instances, although we will do our best to use the additional 5th dressing room where possible.

U11 Teams

The Renegades Minor Hockey Association will be using 30 minutes of CMHA practice time on Thursdays to squeeze in an extra practice session for their teams. That means the practice schedule for Thursdays will be as follows:

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4:15 pm – 5:05 pm: U7 Teams
5:05pm – 6:00 pm: U9 Teams
6:15 pm – 7:15 pm: U9/U11 Teams
7:30 pm – 8:30 pm: U11 Half Ice
8:30 pm – 10:00 pm: RMHA Ice Times

Please note that the Tuesday schedule is not impacted. Team Snap will be updated as soon as possible to reflect the changes.

Further, there have been three CMHA game times for U11 teams that are impacted in February where some ice was required to be provided to the RMHA to facilitate their games. This results in these ice times not having a full two hour block and therefore likely not being able to provide a flood. We will communicate these times to managers when we have the details finalized.

Again, I understand that these changes will have impacts on our Association and appreciate that some might not agree with them. However, as partners in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Association I believe they are necessary to assist our friends (and eventual teammates) in both of these Associations and ask that for your understanding and commitment to welcoming them to our facilities. Although I hope that we never have to ask for reciprocal assistance due to a similar situation, I do believe it is in our best interest to keep these relationships as strong as possible in the event that we do.

U9A Tournament Signup

Our U9A Tournament is coming up quickly and there are still some sign up spots available. If you haven't already looked, here is the link:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/1224472960102/false#/invitation>

U9 B/C Tournament Signup – February 14th to 16th 2025

The last expected opportunity to get your volunteer hours fulfilled is the U9 B/C Tournament. Here is the link for that one!

<https://signup.com/go/EbDXGJe>

That's it for now! Happy New Year to all of you. May 2025 bring you all health and happiness and lots of Bruins Goals, Medals and Championships!

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