

VFIHA Annual General Meeting Director's Report
Tuesday, June 17th, 7.00pm
Room 203, Killarney Community Centre

Position	Ice Allocation
Incumbent	Vivian Au
Key Activities and Achievements	
<p>This season saw the growth in Angels enrollment that required the addition of 4 teams (a total of 25) from the previous season. This year there were about 1,500 events scheduled (games, practices, floor time etc). We were able to fit in some Come Try Hockey events, referee clinics, alumni game and scholarship game. The Angels were able to accommodate growth this year as it was fortunate to land two additional regular ice times on Sunday mornings at Canlan ScotiaBarn. As well, several of the U11 teams were keen to do early morning (6AM) weekend practices. Additionally, a few teams experimented with some extra practice times at 6AM on weekdays.</p> <p>From a game scheduling perspective, there were a considerably larger number of game conflicts this past season from previous years. PCAHA indicated that there were some significant issues with Spordle programming and also new PCAHA staff, which made things more challenging. The Angels appreciate the huge effort from Team managers to help resolve those conflicts quickly.</p> <p>In December, the PNE Agrodome was unavailable due to a special Winter season event, and the Angels had to adapt to losing those ice times. We appreciate the understanding and flexibility of all the Angels teams during this time.</p> <p>The Angels also rents a local school gym for floor time. There was not a large uptake by teams for practice or fitness events, and we will need to see how to encourage teams to make use of the opportunity.</p> <p>We note that there were several incidents at the West End rink, conflicts with other user groups and 1 safety concern, that the Angels took immediate action to remedy the situations in collaboration with Vancouver Parks.</p>	
Future Plans	
<p>Next season, the Angels expect continued growth in enrollment numbers while available ice times remains scarce in the Lower Mainland. Teams can expect that more of their practices will be shared ice times, and some practice times could be early morning (6:00 AM or 6:30 AM) - with a focus on these occurring on weekends rather than weekdays if it can be avoided.</p> <p>With the announcement of the PWHL franchise in Vancouver, the PNE Agrodome is undergoing a major facility upgrade. The Angels have been assured that its Agrodome ice times should be largely unaffected. We have also reached out to PNE to see if the Pacific</p>	

Coliseum could be made available for games and practices.

Should the Agrodome not be available this December due to its special Winter events, Vancouver Parks has indicated that it will re-allocate ice times from all user groups to help offset the lost times.

The role of Ice Allocation is very busy and data intense. If there are any members who would like to get involved, please contact the Ice Allocator for potential volunteering opportunities.