EFCL MEMBERSHIP POLICY AND THE USE OF COMMUNITY LEAGUE OPERATED OUTDOOR SKATING RINKS

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Dear Leagues,

The return of winter weather has brought a flurry of questions to our office about how community league membership applies to outdoor community league operated skating rinks throughout the city.

In short, anyone with a 2013-2014 membership with any community league in the city of Edmonton, has access and skating privileges at EVERY community league operated rink in the city, in accordance with that rinks capacity and programming. For example, leagues can set exclusive family skate and shinny times.

To make this identification easy for those maintaining community league run outdoor rinks, blue skate tags were offered with every 2013-14 membership. If a participant doesn't want to purchase a community league membership, leagues can set a reasonable individual admission or season rate.

Of note, this membership perk does not apply, when it comes to private rentals or separate programs offered by community leagues. For example, learn to skate programs that require payment and registration. Just like programming offered in community league halls, these arrangements are private and separate and made at the league's discretion.

The free use of league run outdoor rinks is offered as part of all EFCL memberships in the spirit of inclusion and creating community. This is documented under the EFCL code of ethics, and published in the 2009 community resource guide that was created by and then distributed to all leagues.

Operating and providing outdoor rinks is very expensive and time-consuming. Hats-off to all leagues who are offering this to your community and as a benefit to every community league member in our city.

Most Sincerely,

Allan Bolstad