

2025 Adult Pond Hockey

ENTRY FEE, REGISTRATION & INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES:

- Registration will be on a first come, first serve basis.
- Please follow the link to register & check standings:
<https://www.teamsideline.com/sites/minneapolisparcs/content/9187/Pond-Hockey>
- **Sponsor Checks:** Sponsor checks will be accepted at the MPRB Headquarters in place of online registration. Please note we are unable to hold a spot without payment. In order to hold a spot, teams will need to register for a league using a credit card. A sponsor check will be accepted at MPRB Headquarters and a refund will be applied.
- **2025 League Fees:** \$290.00: 5 weeks of play w/ MPRB certified official.
- **Schedules:** All schedules and receipts will be emailed to managers and will be available on the MPRB Pond Hockey website. Schedules will be completed and available once leagues have filled. We aim to finalize schedules at least one week before the first game.

DIVISIONS:

Women's Leagues				
	Day	Dates	Teams	Locations
Women's Recreational	Monday	Jan. 6 through Feb. 10	8 Teams	Kenny Park 1328 W 58 th St

Open Leagues				
	Day	Dates	Teams	Locations
Open Over 40	Tuesday	Jan. 7 through Feb. 11	8 teams	Kenny Park 1328 W 58 th St
Open Recreational	Wednesday	Jan. 8 through Feb. 12	8 teams	Kenny Park 1328 W 58 th St
Open Recreational	Thursday	Jan. 9 through Feb. 13	8 teams	Kenny Park 1328 W 58 th St & Armatage Recreation Center 2500 W 57 St
Open Competitive	Thursday	Jan 9 through Feb 13	8 teams	Kenny Park 1328 W 58 th St & Armatage Recreation Center 2500 W 57 St

1. PLAYER REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL TEAMS (Rosters)

Rosters will be filled out online. Final rosters are due by the first game. A team may register a maximum of twenty players.

LEAGUE PLAY -

5 Game season- Pond Hockey leagues will be composed of six or 8 team leagues playing a single round when possible. All games will be played 4 x 4 with no goalies. **The rink will be 150 x 75 feet with wooden boards 18" high.** If a league does not have at least 4 teams at the time of scheduling, leagues may be adjusted. Season will begin week of January 6th, 2025. Optional Tournament Saturday Feb 15th. Teams must register cost is \$25 per team.

DIVISIONS

It is recommended that teams registering for a **competitive** division have a majority of players that have played at the high school level or higher.

It is recommended that teams registering for the **recreational** league have a majority of players that are newer to hockey or have not played at a competitive level. Players with more experience are focused on casual social play.

There are no gender requirements for open leagues.

LEAGUES

Games played during the week will be scheduled for 6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm or 9:00pm. Teams will sign up to play one night per week.

ROLE OF MANAGERS

Team managers in all Minneapolis Park and Recreation Athletic programs serve as liaison between their respective teams and this office. Following are the duties of the manager with respect to this year's Pond Hockey program.

1. Make sure you have a full team and at least one reserve for every game.
2. Do not let your players face suspension by allowing them to argue a call.
3. You are responsible for taking charge of your team's and your spectator's conduct. Abusive language, improper drinking, litter, and other irresponsible acts will not be tolerated.
4. Any schedule information, changes, make-ups, or other league information will be sent to you. Make sure we have your current email address and contact phone number. It is your responsibility to pass this information on to your players.
5. Know the rules. Tell your players the rules. This will help the game run smoothly and help your team concentrate on playing.

It is the responsibility of each team manager to read and understand these policies and to see that his/her team abides by them. If there are any questions, please contact Tatiana Rachlin at trachlin@minneapolisparcs.org .

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

In determining position in the league standings, a win will count two points, a tie one point, and a loss zero points.

Postponements

All games will be played as scheduled. Postponements will be considered because of excessive snowfall, extremely poor ice. Postponed games may be made up on weekends if necessary. If in doubt log on to the Game/Program Status Page after 4 p.m. on the day of game.

<https://www.teamsideline.com/sites/minneapolisparcs/content/34455/Game-Program-Status-Weather>

Uniforms

Teams must have some form of distinguishing marking such as jerseys, jackets, scrimmage jerseys, etc.

LEAGUE RULES

1. The winner of a captain's coin toss will determine which goal to defend. Teams will switch goals after first half.
2. All players must wear helmets and hockey skates. Protective equipment is optional but highly recommended.
3. No goalie equipment or goalie sticks allowed.
4. All teams must have matching light and dark color jerseys.
5. There will be one on ice pond official to monitor the play (scoring, time, puck reset, and arbiter of infractions).
6. Penalties will be called for rule infractions. Penalties called by the referees are final. A minor penalty will result in a goal awarded to the opposing team as well as possession of puck. Referees will notify teams when a goal is awarded due to a minor penalty.
7. Any major penalty, which includes any action that could possibly injure another player, will result in that player being ejected from the game. The team that receives the ejection will play the remainder of the game (3-4). League director will determine if a suspension is required.
8. Abuse of officials will be considered a major penalty. This includes yelling, swearing, or arguing about calls.
9. No checking. Checking may result in a major penalty.
10. No slap-shots. Slap-shots will be a minor penalty.
11. Players cannot fall or lay on the ice in an effort to protect the goal area. Such action will result in a minor penalty.
12. Goaltending is not allowed. A player may not patrol, "camp out" or remain stationary in the crease area and act as a goaltender. A defender may deflect the puck in the crease area, but the defender must do so while continuing to move through the crease area. The crease area is defined as an imaginary box extending out four feet from the outside corners of the goal.
13. Contacting the puck with the stick above the waist will result in a loss of possession.
14. Raising the puck with a stick above the waist will result in a loss of possession.
15. If a puck goes out of bounds, the last team to touch it loses possession. During restart, the defender must give his opponent 2-stick lengths of space.
16. There is no offsides or icing.
18. Goals must be scored from the attacking side of center ice.
18. Referees will call out the score after each goal.
19. Teams must give their opponents $\frac{1}{2}$ ice after a goal is scored or an infraction takes place.
20. Games will be composed of two 25-minute halves with a 5-minute halftime.
21. All games are running-time and substitutions can be made during play ("on-the fly") or while a puck is being retrieved. There is no stoppage of play after a goal is scored, or after a penalty is awarded. It is up to each team to ensure that there are only four players on the ice.

******Assaults and indignities to players or officials will result in automatic suspension from participating in Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board athletic leagues. All game ejections will result in a one game suspension, which can carry over from regular season to playoffs and from playoffs to next season. The league director retains the right to make suspensions longer or remove players from the league at any time. The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board reserves the right to modify any rule during the season at the sole discretion of the league director.**

A NON-REGISTERED OR INELIGIBLE PLAYER PARTICIPATING IN A GAME IS AN AUTOMATIC FORFEITURE PROVIDED PROTEST IS FILED WITH PARK AND RECREATION BOARD OFFICE AND PROOF GIVEN WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS. PROTESTS MUST BE FILED BY NOON OF FOLLOWING DAY DURING METRO TOURNAMENT.

Challenging Eligibility of Players

In case of doubt as to the using of ineligible players, managers may at any time during the game request that a player of the opposing team sign their name and other information requested for comparison with roster on file in the Park and Recreation Office. Make the above request in the presence of the umpire and witnessed by umpire' signature. Should a player refuse to cooperate by signing their name, it will be assumed that the player in question is ineligible and the game will be forfeited. Players are asked to have driver's license and/or other I.D. card for verification when protest is requested. Our files are also open for inspection.

PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF ELIGIBILITY RULES

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If anyone believes he or she has been subjected to discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age or handicap. He or she may file a complaint alleging discrimination with either the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, or the Office of Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington D.C. 20240.

PARKING:

- All Minneapolis Park and Recreation or City of Minneapolis pay lots, meters and/or any other parking fees are the sole responsibility of the user. Being a participant in an MPRB athletic league does not guarantee free parking. The MPRB athletic department is providing the service of athletic league play only.

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Volunteer at one of our recreation centers as a youth sports coach.

www.minneapolisparcs.org search "volunteer coach"

All managers must read the bulletin carefully before registering. **All registrations are final, no refunds unless due to medical/illness or program cancellation.** All players on the roster must be at least 18 years of age and adhere to the sport rules and rules listed in the MPRB sport bulletin. Participants waive, release, & discharge any & all claims for damages for personal injury, death, or property damage which may have, or which may hereafter accrue to players, as a result of participation from this activity. Teams must remain in good standing with the MPRB athletic program.

If anyone believes he or she has been subjected to discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, affectional preference, disability, marital status, or status with regard to public assistance he or she may file a complaint alleging to discrimination with the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board 612-230-6400, or 2118 West River Rd. Minneapolis, MN 55411.