

City of Plymouth

Recreation Department



Ice Arena Resurface Safety Policy

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Definitions of a “Resurface” for the Ice Arena.

- The time designated between the end of one time session and the beginning of another time session to shave and flood the ice to preserve quality and safety for the users.
- A resurface has ended and a new time session has begun when the Zamboni gates are closed by the Building Staff.

Required resurface times.

The Building Staff is required to conduct a resurface between each user session unless the following were to occur:

- 1) Resurface is waived by the user following a Mite or younger age group ice rental.
- 2) Resurface is waived by the user following a Learn-to-Skate session.

Resurfaces cannot be waived for consecutive resurface times.

The Building Staff reserves the right to conduct the resurface if in their opinion it is required to preserve the quality or safety of the ice.

Mechanical Issues.

The Building Staff may waive a resurface in case of mechanical failure of the Zamboni. If this were to occur, three options may take place:

- 1) The Building staff will close the ice arena and the user will receive a credit for the missed ice time.
- 2) The user has the choice to accept the ice “as is” and accept all responsibility for the use of that ice time. All appropriate fees will be charged.
- 3) The user may refuse the ice time and receive a credit for the missed ice time.

During the resurface of the ice.

- No skaters, players or participants are allowed on ice surface during a resurface until the Zamboni gates are closed.
- Only referees or adult coaches or other designated event volunteers are allowed on the Ice during a resurface with the purpose of moving goals or to correct safety issues.
- All user groups must have all pucks and training equipment off the ice with all players and participants vacating the ice at the end of their session.
- During resurfaces, players are allowed to sit on the benches. However, players are not allowed to sit on the boards or place anything above the ice surface.
- Goalies and other players are NOT allowed to stretch on the Ice during a resurface.
- No pucks or other objects are to be placed / thrown on the ice until the Zamboni Gates have been closed.

Building Staff - standard operating procedures for the Resurface Safety Policy.

- The building staff will not begin the resurface until all participants, players, team equipment and non-designated personnel are completely off the ice surface.
- If at any time a player, participant or non-designated personnel enters the ice during a resurface, the Zamboni will immediately leave the ice and will not return to complete the resurface.

Administrative action for users groups in noncompliance.

If a user group fails to follow the Resurface Safety Policy, the City Administration shall take the following action(s):

- First occurrence - E-mail and letter of warning to the Head Coach.
- Second occurrence – Team or group will be placed in locker rooms 1, 2, 3 or 4 for their next ice time.
- Third occurrence - Team or group will be placed in locker rooms 1, 2, 3, or 4 for their next ice time and will have a \$50.00 fine.
- Forth occurrence - Team or group will be placed in locker rooms 1, 2, 3, or 4 for their next ice time and will have a \$75.00 fine.
- The City may revoke Ice Arena use after all above actions have been taken.

Administrative action for City Employees in noncompliance.

If a City Employee fails to follow the Resurface Safety Policy, City Administration shall take the following actions:

- Verbal reprimand up to and including termination of employment.