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Swimming Pool and Ice Arena Use

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I. **PURPOSE**

District swimming pools and the ice arena create special opportunities for district children and also for the community. School and district athletics may make use of these facilities for programming for students, both in the curricular area and for extracurricular activities. These facilities also may serve as a resource for the citizens of Minneapolis. The purpose of this policy is to establish the parameters for use and safety measures to be taken with these facilities.

II. **SWIMMING POOLS**

- A. The building, maintenance and care of district swimming pools shall conform to all requirements of law.
- B. Scheduling of the district swimming pools shall maximize use and participation to the extent possible given the uses permitted, and their priorities in scheduling.
- C. **Curricular Use.** The use of swimming pools for the purposes of meeting physical education curricular standards is permitted where pools are found. The presence of a swimming pool in a building shall not mandate the use for curricular uses. The absence of a pool in a school building shall not excuse the students enrolled in that school from meeting all required academic standards. Use of a swimming pool for physical education classes shall have the highest priority in scheduling pool use.
- D. **Therapeutic Use.** Where swimming pools exist, where a Minneapolis Public School student's Individual Education Program (IEP) requires or allows hydro-therapy, and a licensed therapist is delivering hydro-therapy to that student, use is allowed. Use of a swimming pool for therapeutic use for a Minneapolis Public School student shall have the second priority in scheduling pool use.
- E. **Athletic Use.** The use of pools to support the district extracurricular athletic swimming, diving and synchronized swimming teams for boys and girls is permitted. Use of a pool for district extracurricular athletic team practice or meets shall have the third priority in scheduling pool use.
- F. **Community Education Use.** The use of pools to deliver out of school time programming to Minneapolis enrolled students or community education activities shall have the fourth priority in scheduling pool use.
- G. **Other permitted uses.** Individuals and organizations may request use of district swimming pools through the facilities permit process. Such use shall have the fifth



or lowest priority in scheduling pool use. Such use shall be restricted to out of school time. Priority in scheduling such use shall be as follows:

1. Minneapolis Park Board Programs;
 2. Youth service organizations, such as Boys' and Girls' Clubs, YMCA, YWCA, Scouting and other such organizations located in Minneapolis.
 3. Organizations located in Minneapolis or individuals resident in Minneapolis;
 4. Youth service organizations located outside of Minneapolis;
 5. All other organizations or individuals.
- H. Appropriate licensure or accreditation shall be required of all persons offering instruction in district swimming pools.
- I. An appropriate level of supervision by properly accredited persons is required for all uses.
- J. Signage required for safety and other use rules shall be maintained at all district swimming pools.
- K. The district may require fees to be paid for uses permitted under ¶¶ I.E, II. F. and II. G. above.

III. ICE ARENA

- A. The building, maintenance and care of indoor ice arenas shall conform to all requirements of law.
- B. Uses.
1. During the interscholastic ice hockey season, as defined by the district athletics office, first priority in scheduling use of the ice arena shall be for Minneapolis Public School hockey teams hockey contests and practice. The district Athletics department shall schedule the ice arena for these purposes with the ice arena manager. Times not used by district interscholastic hockey program uses will be available for other uses and scheduled by the ice arena manager.
 2. Outside of the interscholastic ice hockey season, the manager of the ice arena shall schedule use. Priority in scheduling the ice arena shall be as follows:
 - a) Use by district schools for instructional or recreational uses;
 - b) Use by the district Community Education program;
 - c) Use by Minneapolis Park Board programs;
 - d) Use by Minneapolis based organizations or individuals;
 - e) Use by all other individuals or organizations.
 3. Limitations on use. The Superintendent may impose limitations on multiple session permit uses for the purposes of maximizing the availability of the facility for district or public purposes.
 4. An appropriate level of supervision is required for all uses.



5. Scheduled users must give a minimum of forty-eight hours (48 hours) notice of cancellation to cancel without penalty.
6. The manager of the ice arena shall publish any ice time made available through cancellations, and shall schedule cancelled ice time according to district precedence rules listed in ¶III B. 2. above.

C. The district may require fees for uses permitted by ¶ III.B.2. c-e.

IV. **RESPONSIBILITY**

- A. The Superintendent is authorized to promulgate regulations to implement this policy.
- B. The Superintendent or superintendent's designee is responsible for administering the district permit process.
- C. The Superintendent or superintendent's designee is responsible for coordinating interscholastic athletics use of these facilities, as permitted under this policy.

Legal References:

Minn. Stat. §123B.51 (Schoolhouses and sites; Uses for School and Nonschool Purposes)

Minn. Stat. §466.03, subds. 6f and 23 (Municipality Tort Liability: Exceptions)

Cross References:

MPS Policy 1600 (Community Use of School Facilities)