**Natural Ice**

**Policy:** It is the policy of Menomonie Youth Hockey Association (MYHA) to flood and maintain a natural ice rink each season as weather permits.

**Procedure:**

1. Must receive approval from Ice and Recognition Committee Chair prior to starting the natural ice rink.
2. The following steps are required to create natural ice:

a. Ground Preparation

b. Board Repair

c. Flooding

d. Snow Removal

e. Ice Maintenance

f. Tear Down

1. Volunteer hours will be approved on an hour for hour basis.
2. Ground Preparation:

a. Contact rink manager

b. Grade area for rink

c. Add gravel where needed

1. Board Preparation

a. Bring boards from storage to be set up

b. Examine boards and repair damage before set-up

c. Install player benches and penalty boxes on North side of rink after set-up

d. Install netting around West side of rink after set-up

e. Post rink rules sign on outside of rink as follows:

• Helmets required for all skaters

• No slap shots are allowed when Squirts or younger are on the ice

• Code of Conduct applies – No swearing or disrespectful comments, etc.

• Respect others

• Violations will result in a minimum of one week without outside ice privileges

1. Ice Maintenance

a. Soak ground after set up is complete

b. Start flooding after first frost with moderate coats

c. Begin shaving ice and putting hot water down with Zamboni after two to three inches have been established

d. Remove snow from rink after every snow fall

This policy is issued by the Ice and Recognition Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.