

# Outdoor Rink Classifications and Standards of Practice

## Classification

We have (3) classifications of outdoor ice surfaces.

### A. Daily serviced sites.

- A daily serviced site means that **THERE IS LIKELY A SHELTER** on site, a boarded hockey rink with lights and nets, and a snowbank rink for skating with no sticks or pucks. Because we have access to water from the shelters, we are able to flood from the site on a daily basis (Monday-Friday).

### B. Weekly serviced sites.

- A weekly serviced site means that there is **NOT TYPICALLY A SHELTER ON SITE**, and **may have a boarded hockey rink with nets, may have lights**, and **may have a snowbank rink** with no sticks or pucks. Because we have **no water access on site**, these have to be serviced by water trucks and our target is to provide service a minimum of once per week, though we often achieve 3.5 times per week when conditions are optimum.

### C. Natural water bodies.

- Bower Ponds has a shelter on site, has lights, and is maintained daily (7 days a week). We can flood from the shelter access and by water truck for the furthest skating areas.

## Priority

Our priority levels are as follows for preparing ice surfaces at the start of the season, and for maintaining ice conditions after weather events.

- A. Our first priority is to accomplish **safe ice conditions** at our daily serviced sites; this means that we will achieve a uniform ice thickness that will support the leisure activities suited for the area before opening the site to the public. (Opening a site includes turning on lights and/or providing nets etc.)
- B. Our second priority is to accomplish this same standard for our weekly serviced sites. As weather events and conditions allow, we may have to switch our focus back to the daily priorities before we achieve our targets for the weekly sites.

A weather event can be anything from a heavy snowfall, rain, unusual high or low temperatures. We have (19) sheltered daily sites, (21) weekly sites.