



# MINUTES

## New Jersey Youth Hockey League

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*Date | time* 4/4/2016 7:40 PM | *Meeting called to order by* **Frank McGady**

*Motion was made to adjourn by* **Bayonne Rangers** *and seconded by* **Montclair Blues**

*It was passed unanimously at* **9:00 pm**

*Respectfully Submitted by* Maureen Thompson-Siegel, NJYHL Secretary

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### In Attendance

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Officers Present: Al Di Mauro, Bill Fox, Ryan Gibbons, Frank McGady, Charlie McLaughlin, Maureen Thompson-Siegel, Lori Tomasello

Administrative Appointees Present: Tony D'Anna, Kim Litwack, Don Nichols (Sandy Drake absent)

Delegates Absent: Jersey City Capitals

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### Approval of Minutes

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- Minutes of **March 1, 2016** Delegate's meeting put to the floor for adoption by the NJYHL Secretary.
    - Motion to adopt the minutes was made by the **Jersey Shore Wildcats**.
    - Motion seconded to adopt the minutes by **Ramapo Saints**.
    - All in favor and motion to adopt **carried**.
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### NJYHL OFFICER REPORTS

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#### President Report

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- Frank McGady thanked all organizations for their hard work and support during the year. It was a year without any major issues.
  - The AAHA District meeting is tentatively scheduled for the last Saturday of June
  - NJYHL expects that tryouts for the 2017-2018 season will start on April 17<sup>th</sup> as USA Hockey Nationals are April 6-10, 2017. This date will be ratified at the AAHA annual meeting at the end of June.
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#### Commissioner Report

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- Bill Fox also thanked all the members for their cooperation throughout the season. At this time all outstanding issues for the current season have been addressed.

- Please remember that any game misconduct penalties assessed but not served before the end of this season must carry forward into next season. It is incumbent on each organization and coach to ascertain that their players observe the rules and serve any outstanding suspensions or they can be subject to additional suspensions for playing an ineligible player.

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#### Executive Vice President Report

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- Rule change requests were distributed (attached). The outcome on the voting of these rules are also listed on the attached document. Please refer to that document for the details. There were 31 member organizations (out of 33) eligible to vote.

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#### Administrative Vice President Report

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- Lori Tomasello thanked all organizations participating in playoffs for their cooperation.
- New master schedulers should send their contact information to Lori as soon as possible.
- Team declarations are due in May and are considered final at the next Delegates meeting, scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup>. More information will be forwarded after tryouts.
- Lori anticipates having all divisions (Midget, Bantam and Pee Wee) finalized approximately June June 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>
- The Midget season will start 8/19 and end 10/30
- Venues for all playoffs will be posted by end of June as they must be presented at the AAHA annual meeting.
- At playoffs, each player participating receives a token gift (i.e. hat). These items are presented to a responsible adult. The NJYHL is not responsible for these gifts being lost by the player. Replacements are not available.

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#### Treasurer Report

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- The Treasurer's Report for the period **March 2, 2016 – April 4, 2016** was put to the floor for adoption by the NJYHL Treasurer.
  - Motion to adopt the Treasurer's report was made by the **Jersey Shore Wildcats**.
  - Motion seconded to adopt the Treasurer's Report by **Freeze**.
  - All in favor and motion to adopt **carried**.

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#### Registrar Report

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- No report

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#### NJYHL ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTEE REPORTS

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#### Coach in Chief Report

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- CEP Level 1-4 on May 21, 22 at the Renaissance Hotel in Allentown, PA. Only Level 4 clinic expected to offered in the Atlantic.

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## Master Scheduler/Webmaster Report

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- No report.

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## Referee in Chief Report

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- Don Nichols appealed to the organizations to attempt to spread out when midget games are scheduled to better place officials. There is an analysis attached of when games are scheduled (time of day, day of week, etc.). Please review the attached and please do what you can to spread out the games scheduled next season.

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## Professional Hockey Liaison Report

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- Any organization that would like to replace their jersey or would like to have their jersey added to the wall at the Prudential Center should get the new one to Kim Litwack. She will get it to the NJ Devils.

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## Statistician Report

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- No report.

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## OLD BUSINESS

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- Team Comcast has formally changed their name to Virtua (Hockey Club). As was agreed at the last Delegate's meeting, the NJYHL Executive board unanimously approved the change on behalf of the membership. The team colors are blue, gold and white. It was put to the floor again at this meeting and also received unanimous approval.

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## NEW BUSINESS

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- Maureen Thompson-Siegel circulated the current list of organization contacts (President, Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Hockey Director, Master Scheduler and Safe Sport Coordinator) for review and update. This list will be circulated again at the June meeting and all updates will be shared with the relevant members of the NJYHL board. If any changes are necessary prior to the June meeting, please contact Maureen.
- The Amerihealth Pavilion in Newark is now known as the Barnabas Health Hockey House. Name change took effect in mid-March.
- Ryan Gibbons will be circulating a new NJYHL Organizational Questionnaire after tryouts. This information is required so that the NJYHL is aware of any ownership/leadership changes at the member organizations. More information to follow via email.
- The AAHA will be hosting a Youth Hockey summit on Monday evening, May 9<sup>th</sup>. It is open to organization Presidents and others in leadership roles to learn more information about the District. Jim Smith, USA Hockey President, will be in attendance. More information on this event will be sent out soon.
- Elections
  - The NJYHL Delegates voted on and unanimously elected the following persons to represent the NJYHL at the Atlantic District Annual Meeting. The representatives

this year are Lori Tomasello (chair), Al DiMauro, Charlie McLaughlin and Ryan Gibbons. The two alternates are Gene Ross and Greg James.

- NJYHL elections to the Executive Board were also held. The positions up for election are Administrative Vice President (Lori Tomasello), Executive Vice President (Ryan Gibbons), Commissioner (Bill Fox) and Treasurer (Charlie McLaughlin). There were no other nominees running against the incumbents. The membership voted and unanimously approved all existing personnel for new terms in their respective positions.
- Next year's meeting schedule will move the annual meeting back to a Tuesday night. The schedule will be posted on the NJYHL website over the summer.

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#### NEXT DELEGATES MEETING

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**6/14/2016 at 7:30 pm at the Crowne Plaza in Jamesburg, NJ – Team declarations due to Administrative VP electronically in May – they are considered final at the 6/14/16 meeting.**

**NJYHL**  
A New Jersey Non Profit Corporation  
**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
March 2, 2016-April 4,2016

Checks should be mailed to me at the address below or brought to the meeting.  
Charles McLaughlin, 129 Grannis Ave., Morris Plains NJ 07950  
Any question please e-mail me at cmclaughlin@hapoalimusa.com.

<b>Beginning Escrow Account</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>33,000.00</b>
<b>Beginning Operating Account</b>		<b>\$208,355.04</b>
<b>Deposits</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>15,890.00</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		<b>\$68,069.79</b>
<b>Final Escrow Account</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>33,000.00</b>
<b>Final Operating Account</b>		<b>\$156,185.25</b>

CLUB	Amount Due	Detail		
Atlantic City Sharks	\$ -			
Bridgewater Bears	inactive			
Bayonne Rangers	\$ 50.00	Fine parent ejection	\$	50.00
Brick Hockey	\$ -			
Cranford Hockey	\$ -	carryover	\$	150.00
		check	\$	150.00
Flyers Youth Voorhees	\$ -			
Freeze (NJ)	\$ -			
Holydell Hurricanes	\$ -			
Ice House Avalanche	\$ -			
Ice Vault Bandits	\$ -			
Jaguars	\$ -			
Jersey City Capitals	\$ -			
Jersey Penguins	\$ -			
Jersey Shore Wildcats	\$ -			
Junior Knights (Old Bridge)	\$ -			
Junior Titans (NJ)	\$ 400.00	Fine late scoresheet 9-19 PW AA	\$	100.00
		Fine late scoresheet 9-20 Ban A	\$	100.00

		Fine late scoresheet 10-11 PW A White	\$	100.00
		Fine late scoresheet 10-10 16 AA	\$	100.00
Kinnelon Colts	\$	-		
Lawrence Flames	\$	-		
Mercer Chiefs	\$	-		
Montclair Blues	\$	-		
NJ Colonials	\$	-		
NJ Devils Youth	\$	-		
NJ Ironmen	\$	200.00	Fine late scoresheet 10-11 16AA	\$ 100.00
			Fine late scoresheet 10-11 18A	\$ 100.00
NJ Rockets	\$	300.00	Fine late scoresheet 9-11 18AA White	\$ 100.00
			Fine late scoresheet 9-13 18 AA White	\$ 100.00
			Fine late scoresheet 10-10 PW B	\$ 100.00
Princeton Tigers	\$	-	fine	\$ 50.00
			ck	\$ 50.00
Pro Tech Ponds	\$	-		
Ramapo Saints	\$	-		
Red Bank Generals	\$	-		
Skylands Kings	\$	-		
Stars (NJ)	\$	-		
Team Comcast	\$	-		
Toms River Blackhawks	\$	(750.00)	Credit Squirt & PW team fees	\$ (750.00)
Woodbridge WolfPack	\$	-		

## REVENUE

2-Mar	cash sales deposited Hollydell	\$	6,920.00	
	checks sales Hollydell	\$	600.00	
	cash sales Hollydell	\$	260.00	
	Carmo Photo commission	\$	400.00	
7-Mar	cash sales nt deposited	\$	250.00	snack bar Hollydell
7-Mar	cash sales Aspen	\$	2,710.00	
7-Mar	cash sales Aspen	\$	4,600.00	
16-Mar	Ref check credit	\$	100.00	Louis Rucci
24-Mar	Princeton fine	\$	50.00	
		\$	15,890.00	

## EXPENSE

2-Mar	Bridge Awards	\$	7,050.00	Trophies & Cups
2-Mar	Crowne Plaza	\$	1,479.33	Delegates meeting 3-1
2-Mar	snack bar Hollydell	\$	260.00	
2-Mar	Donnie Nickels	\$	159.85	hotel playoffs
2-Mar	Frank McGady	\$	159.85	hotel playoffs
7-Mar	Frank McGady	\$	146.75	hotel playoffs
7-Mar	snank bar + grat.	\$	250.00	Aspen playoffs
7-Mar	Aspen Ice -ice bill	\$	17,885.00	\$365 an hour
7-Mar	Larry Thomas-retail	\$	7,995.00	246 hoodies
7-Mar	Larry Thomas-retail	\$	2,157.42	120 T shirts
7-Mar	Larry Thomas-retail	\$	2,940.30	90 T,66 hoodies
7-Mar	Larry Thomas	\$	1,360.00	Bauer jackets
7-Mar	Larry Thomas-player awards	\$	2,703.00	340 beanies
7-Mar	Larry Thomas-player awards	\$	7,950.00	1000 beanies
7-Mar	Larry Thomas-plaques & metals	\$	6,595.00	
11-Mar	Lori Tomasello	\$	363.29	plaoff expenses
7-Mar	Assignors playoffs	\$	365.00	
7-Mar	referees playoffs	\$	8,250.00	
		\$	68,069.79	

# **NJYHL Proposed Rule Changes 2016-17 With Amendments and Vote Information**

**(31 eligible voting organizations out of 33 members)  
Jersey City Capitals absent and NJ Rockets ineligible**



**RULE CHANGE PASSED**  
**VOTE: 30 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain**

**Existing Rule and Proposed Rule Change:**

**89.** Each team participating in the League Playoffs will play ~~two games under the following~~ **under a format set up by the administrative vice-president.**

~~A. Any change/adjustment in format will be left up to the Executive Committee and will be announced at the beginning of the league season.~~

~~B. The team having the higher standing will be designated as the home team~~

~~G.~~ All games **will be** played to a winner. If the game is tied following regulation play, the tied teams shall receive a one-minute rest period. ~~The teams do not change ends.~~ **Teams will change ends at the end of regulation time and after each overtime period.** There will be a first goal wins overtime under the following format:

**1. The teams will play a five (5) minute period at 3-on-3. If at the end of the overtime period a tie still exists, the two teams will continue playing five (5) minute 3-on-3 overtime periods until there is a winner.**

~~2. Any skater on the team may be used. Changing on the fly is permitted. Goaltenders do not change ends. There will be a one-minute break at the end of every third overtime period.~~

**3. Any unexpired penalty incurred in the third period will carry over into the overtime period as a 4-on-3 (5-on-3 if there are more than one penalties carrying over).**

**4. If a penalty is assessed in the overtime periods the non-offending team will add a player (4- on-3). If a second penalty is assessed before the first has expired than the non-offending team will add a fifth player (5-on-3).**

**5. If the non-offending team does not score during the powerplay – then the on-ice strength will continue at 4-on-4 (5-on-5 if two penalties had been assessed) until a stoppage of play when the teams will resume play at 3-on-3.**

**6. If coincidental penalties are called – the teams will continue to skate at 3-on-3.**

~~Note: This does not apply where coincidental penalties are assessed. If a penalty is called as a result of a penalty in overtime the penalty shot must be taken by a player on the ice at the time of the infraction.~~

**PURPOSE:** To make NJYHL overtime procedure closer to the NHL overtime procedures. Also to eliminate a penalty shot for penalties in overtime

Proposed by Frank McGady

**RULE CHANGE PASSED**  
**VOTE: 31 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain**

**Existing Rule:**

14. A player cannot compete in the league if he is also rostered on a Tier I team.

**Proposed Rule Change:**

14. A player cannot compete in the league if he is also rostered on a Tier I Youth team.

PURPOSE: To allow female players on Tier I Girl teams to also play in NJYHL.

Proposed by Frank McGady

**RULE CHANGE PASSED**  
**VOTE: 31 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain**

**Existing Rule:**

Method of Determining a Winner

83. The following method is used for determining the winner of a League Division Championship:

- A. The team in each division accruing the greatest number of points will be declared the champions. Points are awarded as follows:
- Win 2 points
  - Tie 1 point
  - Loss 0 points
- B. If two or more teams are tied in total points, the standings will be determined using the following criteria:
- i. Team having the most wins in all league games.
  - ii. Team having accrued the most points among the tied teams (head to head).
  - iii. Team having the fewest goals against in all league games.
  - iv. Team having the most wins among the tied teams.
  - v. Team with the fewest goals against among the tied teams.
- C. If the foregoing still results in a tie, a single elimination playoff game shall be played to determine the winner. The home team shall be determined by the toss of a coin.

**Proposed Rule Change:**

We would propose to reorder the criteria laid out above in 83.B. as follows:

- i. Team having the most wins in all league games.
- ii. Team having accrued the most points among the tied teams (head to head).
- iii. Team having the most wins among the tied teams.
- iv. Team with the fewest goals against among the tied teams.
- v. Team having the fewest goals against in all league games.

**PURPOSE:** In determining the winner of a League Division, we believe that (other than having the most wins in all league games) the tie breakers should focus on the criteria from the games between the tied teams. Focusing on the games between the tied teams will provide the most comparable metrics for deciding ties and remove the incentive for teams to keep in starting goalies/players through the end of the game when competing against a team not in playoff contention. Also, once a game is in hand against a non-playoff contending team, this approach would allow coaches to play kids that may not see as much ice time or give kids an opportunity to try a new position.

Proposed by Tony D'Anna

**RULE CHANGE PASSED**  
**VOTE: 31 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain**

**Existing Rule:**

82. If a coach fails to meet the Coaching Education Program requirements for the current season by December 31<sup>st</sup>, the coach will be suspended for a minimum of 45 days and a maximum of one year, starting at the beginning of the following season. That coach will not be permitted to return until all CEP Requirements are met, with final approval from League Commissioner and Coach-in-Chief.

**Proposed Rule Change:**

82. If a coach fails to meet the Coaching Education Program requirements for the current season by December 31<sup>st</sup> the coach will be **ineligible to coach in NJYHL** for a minimum of 45 days and a maximum of one year, starting at the beginning of the following season. That coach will not be permitted to return until all CEP Requirements are met, with final approval from League Commissioner and Coach-in- Chief.

**PURPOSE:** We needed to change the language of our current rule to align it with our original intent.

Proposed by Tony D'Anna

## **RULE CHANGE WITHDRAWN**

### **Existing Rule:**

Rule 89 C

3. Regular penalties shall be assessed during the overtime period except under the following conditions: If in the FIRST overtime (4 on 4 situation), a penalty is assessed that would exceed the time remaining in the FIRST overtime period -- the penalty will carry into the SECOND overtime period (3 on 3 situation). However, the teams will continue to play at 4 on 4 until the penalty expires. At the next stoppage of play after the penalty has expired in the SECOND overtime, the teams will then play the 3 on 3 format for the remainder of the SECOND overtime period.

If a penalty occurs during 3 v 3 play, a penalty shot will be awarded to the non-offending team.

Note: This does not apply where coincidental penalties are assessed. If a penalty is called as a result of a penalty in overtime the penalty shot must be taken by a player on the ice at the time of the infraction.

### **Proposed Rule Change:**

Amend to follow NHL rules:

Manpower during overtime will be adjusted to reflect the situation in the game, but at no time will a team have fewer than three (3) skaters on the ice during the overtime period. For example, if a team enters the overtime period on a power play, manpower would be adjusted from 5 on 4 at the end of regulation to 4 on 3 at the start of overtime. If a minor penalty is assessed during overtime, the teams will play 4 on 3. If a second minor penalty is assessed to the same team during overtime, the teams will play 5 on 3.

[Proposed by Joe Brooks, Ramapo Saints](#)

**RULE CHANGE NOT PASSED**  
**VOTE: 3 For, 28 Against, 0 Abstain**

**Proposed New Rule:**

League Playoffs should be played on regulation sized ice rinks. Playoff games should only be played on Olympic sized rinks if no other bids have been received to host the playoffs.

Submitted by Joe Brooks, Ramapo Saints

## **RULE CHANGE NOT VOTED ON**

NJYHL executive board stated this is not a playing rule but a business process and therefore not appropriate to be voted on by the membership

### **Proposed New Rule:**

All bids for playoffs, once received by the NJYHL by the appropriate deadline, should be compiled into a report that includes location and ice cost and made available to the organization Presidents. Based on the submitted bids, consideration should be made on a venue that is considered a central location to the League.

Submitted by Joe Brooks, Ramapo Saints

**RULE CHANGE PASSED**  
**VOTE: 30 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain**

**Existing Rule:**

14. B Any Peewee, Bantam, or Midget player that has played in 5 or more Tier 1 league games will be ineligible to be rostered on an NJYHL team in the same season.

**Proposed Rule (with friendly amendments):**

An organization may move one player per age level who is rostered on a Tier I youth team prior to October 16<sup>th</sup> (Squirt, Pee Wee, Bantam) or September 16<sup>th</sup> (Midget) to a Tier II youth team. If an organization wishes to move more than one player per level or a player at any level after the above dates requires approval of the Commissioner of the NJYHL before the player can be moved. ~~Any player who is rostered on a Tier 1 roster prior to October 16 of the current playing season cannot be moved to a NJYHL roster for that season. After October 15 and before December 31 if a club determines that a player should be moved to an NJYHL roster they must submit to the Commissioner in writing the reason for the move and receive the Commissioner's approval before the player can be moved.~~ At no point can a player be rostered on a Tier 1 roster and an NJYHL roster at the same time.

**PURPOSE:** With the addition of Tier I independent clubs in the AAHA it is necessary to adjust our rules for handling Tier I players moving down to Tier II in the NJYHL.

Submitted by Ryan Gibbons



**RULE CHANGE PASSED**  
**VOTE: 30 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain**

**Proposed New Rule:**

Any player who is rostered on a Junior team in the current season cannot be moved to an NJYHL roster without written permission from the Commissioner. The club must submit in writing to the Commissioner explaining the reason for the move prior to permission being granted. At no point can a player be on a Junior roster and an NJYHL roster at the same time.

Submitted by [Ryan Gibbons](#)

**RULE CHANGE PASSED**  
**VOTE: 30 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain**

**Proposed New Rule:**

All NJYHL Referee Assignors are required to use the league designated online scheduling tool to schedule league games. Failure to do so may result in the assignor being replaced by the NJYHL Referee in Chief.

Submitted by [Donnie Nichols](#)

### **Housekeeping to clarify policy:**

53. When a player, coach or other team official receives a game misconduct, or match penalty in a NJYHL game, that suspension must be served in the immediate subsequent League game(s). This is independent of any USA Hockey suspension incurred, although they may be served concurrently.

Note: If the next scheduled game is non-league, the USA Hockey penalty must be served in that game with the League suspension being served in the next League game.

Note: If the penalty is assessed at the end of the season, the suspension shall follow the player, coach or other team official in the event he / she joins another NJYHL organization the following season.

2015 Midget Game Slot Breakdown

Rink	Region	Total Games	Time Slots		Days			
			7am-3pm	3pm-12am	Mon-Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
ASPEN ICE - FLEMINGTON	Central	18		18		5	13	
ASPEN ICE - RANDOLPH	North	69	15	54	4	4	36	25
BAKER ARENA	Central	19	6	13			12	7
BRIDGEWATER SPORTS ARENA	Central	44	2	42		14	9	21
CLARY ANDERSON ARENA	North	8	5	3		2	5	1
CODEY ARENA @ SOUTH MOUNTAIN	North	33	7	26		4	11	18
FLOYD HALL ARENA	North	51	3	48	5	9	18	19
FLYERS SKATE ZONE ATLANTIC CITY	South	10	8	2		2	7	1
FLYERS SKATE ZONE VOORHEES	South	48	13	35		13	17	18
HOLLYDELL ICE ARENA	South	42	19	23	1	7	18	16
HOWELL ICE WORLD	Shore	27	12	15	2	4	9	12
ICE HOUSE	North	52	12	40	2	10	21	19
ICE LAND	Central	14	4	10		4	4	6
ICE VAULT ARENA	North	52	8	44		17	20	15
IGLOO AT MT LAUREL	South	61	23	38	11	9	19	22
JERSEY SHORE ARENA	Shore	62	5	57	2	8	26	26
LISA MCGRAW RINK - PDS	Central	6	4	2			3	3
LOUCKS ICE CENTER	Central	59	21	38	2	17	21	19
MENNEN ARENA	North	53	6	47		13	17	23
MIDDLETOWN ICE WORLD	Shore	8		8	3		1	4
OCEAN ICE PALACE	Shore	39	4	35		6	21	12
OLD BRIDGE ARENA	Shore	23	6	17	4		9	10
PERSHING FIELD	North	2	1	1		1		1
PRO SKATE	Central	31	10	21	1	12	8	10
PROTEC PONDS	Central	1		1			1	
PRUDENTIAL CENTER	North	19	1	18		6	4	9
RED BANK ARMORY	Shore	47	20	27	1		19	27
ROCK ICE PAVILION	Central	44	4	40	4	17	11	12
SKYLANDS ICE WORLD	North	48	9	39	1	16	15	16
SPORT-O-RAMA	North	41	11	30		7	17	17
TWIN OAKS	North	32	1	31		4	12	16
UNION SPORTS ARENA	North	24	6	18		4	9	11
WINDING RIVER SKATING CENTER	Shore	39	10	29	1		21	17
WOODBIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER	Central	21	5	16		3	9	9
<b>Totals</b>		<b>1,147</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>886</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>442</b>

Region	Total Games	7am-3pm	3pm-12am	Weekday	Sat-Sun
Central	257	22%	78%	31%	69%
North	484	18%	82%	23%	77%
Shore	245	23%	77%	13%	87%
South	161	39%	61%	27%	73%
<b>State</b>	<b>1,147</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>77%</b>