Welcome Coaches to another great hockey season! Please find below the things I'll need as ice scheduler:

Contacts

• Please ensure that I have home phone, email address, business phone and cell phone contacts for at least the head coach and manager for your team. If there is a problem I will need to get a hold of someone.

Emails/Texts

- Most correspondence will be by email unless there is a weather or similar issue. I will follow up by phone or text.
- Please acknowledge email receipt. Given the volume of emails, I don't have enough time to call everyone if they do not respond.

Home games

- All home games will be played in the Beeton arena.
- All home games have been given a regular time slot, however, during power skating games have been rescheduled during the week in order to avoid having power skating then a game a couple hours later. I realize other centers may have the same ice slots as we do, if you run into problems scheduling your games in the allotted time slots please see me during the scheduling meeting before booking a game on your practice time.
- If a home game is to be rescheduled due to the other team unable to make it I may contact you to ensure your team is available.
- If a game is to be rescheduled due to weather a phone call and an email must be sent to <u>icescheduler@beetonstingers.com</u> or call 905-729-0560. All games must be played within the regular season schedule.

Practices:

- All practices will be in the Beeton arena with the exception of our preseason ice this month, which will be either at the Tottenham or Alliston arena.
- Your team is responsible for attending the scheduled practice times, if you are unable to attend the ice time reverts back to the ice scheduler. If you want to switch practice times with another team and they're in agreement with that please let me know. It will be up to you though to communicate this to your teams. Your team may not get a practice that week if you don't inform me that you are unable to make it. If you contact me in advance for a change, I will certainly try to accommodate you.
- Missed practice times may not be replaced.
- Once the season begins each team is entitled to two ice slots per week therefore if a team schedules two home games in one week a practice is not guaranteed as ice is limited.
- Regular season practices end when the regular season ends with the exception of the Christmas holidays.

Player Absences

• As per OMHA rules Beeton and other centres are not permitted to cancel games due to illness unless there are less than six players on the ice.

Weather

- Ice schedulers from all centres are in contact with one another if there is bad weather. I will cancel games if I feel it is not safe for teams to travel. Under such circumstances, where it is a Beeton home game, please use the ice for a practice unless otherwise notified.
- If you are concerned about weather impacting your team's ability to attend an away game please contact me as soon as possible that day. I will contact the other centre to make a decision. Beeton does not force teams to travel if they feel unsafe.
- Please note that where Beeton cancels an away game, Beeton has limited control on the timing and location of make-up games. I am dependent on the open ice available at the other centre.

Tournaments

- Teams are allowed up to three tournaments in the regular season. Please ensure I know about them <u>before</u> the scheduling meeting begins. Once your schedule is complete at the scheduling meeting it becomes very difficult to change a game to accommodate a tournament.
- Regular season games must be played and cannot be missed due to tournaments.

Playoffs

- Series are scheduled on what the OMHA or Simcoe Region dictates.
- All teams are required to be available for games. Beeton as with all other centres are not permitted to avoid March break for games.
- Although every effort is made to set up a balanced schedule, I cannot dictate the ice availability at other centres.
- Please note that the OMHA does not permit requirements/issues outside of hockey playoffs to affect playoff game scheduling. I am not able to avoid scheduling playoff games to avoid school events, school team games, etc. unless the other centre is willing and has the ice. If the other centre is not willing or able to accommodate, I will be forced to schedule a game that represents a conflict with outside interests.
- Please inform your parents that practice ice can change during playoffs to accommodate other series.
- Weekly practices are not guaranteed during playoffs but every attempt will be made to provide a
 practice time.
- If your series ends early, and the ice is not required for other games, I will give the team the ice for a practice if it is available.

Yours in hockey, Tanya Muir Ice Scheduler Beeton Athletic Association <u>icescheduler@beetonstingers.com</u> 905-729-0560 or 416-809-5580