

## ABC's Of Outdoor Rink Maintenance

**A**lcohol is forbidden at all ice rinks

**B**enches should be provided for resting, otherwise skaters will group together on the ice

**C**racks, frost boils, chopped up surface must be repaired immediately

**D**ocument all inspections, repairs and maintenance

**E**ven surface preparation in the fall makes for a better skating surface in the winter

**F**lood the rink as often as needed when weather permits applying light sprays of water

**G**arbage containers should be provided or else the ice rink will become the container

**H**ockey should not be allowed during public or open skating

**I**ce shavings may contain bodily fluids; dispose of accordingly

**J**ustify your rules to the public in terms of safety and legislation

**K**now what the different colours of natural ice mean (blue, white, grey)

**L**ights must be in working condition and should point towards the ice surface

**M**aintain adequate water supply and equipment at all rinks

**N**o food or drink on the ice

**O**nly maintained ice is safe ice

**P**arking should be provided for users

**Q**uick response to any reports of unsafe conditions can prevent injury

**R**ules should be posted on signs, websites and in newspapers

**S**ignage should advise when the ice is OPEN and when the ice is CLOSED

**T**rucks are not the preferred method of clearing snow

**U**sers of the rink should be encouraged to report problems with the ice

**V**olunteers are crucial for any outdoor ice rink program

**W**earing of helmets by all skaters is recommended

**X**plain your policies, procedures and incident reporting protocol to volunteers

**Y**ou should train your volunteers as if they were your own employees

**Z**amboni or any ice resurfacer should be transported on a flat bed to an outdoor rink