



## HOWELSEN COMMUNITY ICE RINKS FAQs

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**Q: Will the ice rinks be open all day?**

**A:** No. There will be designated hours for use at this facility. Hours will be posted on the website and on signage located at the ice rinks. Morning and evening sessions will be available daily, except on Monday's when the rinks will be closed for maintenance. Please note that hours of operation are subject to change, and the rinks may be closed at any time due to weather or maintenance requirements.

**Q: Will there be a capacity limit for the ice rinks?**

**A:** Yes. Due to state and local health guidelines, the current capacity is 10 skaters per rink (a total of 20 people inside the gated area).

**Q: Do users need to wear a mask outside while skating on the rinks?**

**A:** Yes. Due to current state and local health guidelines, all users are required to wear a mask or face covering while utilizing this facility.

**Q: Do you need a reservation to skate on the outdoor ice rinks?**

**A:** No. These are community ice rinks open to anyone who wants to skate. We ask that you are courteous to other skaters and share the ice.

**Q: Will skates be available for rent?**

**A:** No. Skates will not be available for rent this season. All users must supply their own skates. Helmets and other protective gear are also strongly encouraged.

**Q: What is Pond Hockey?**

**A:** Pond Hockey is a form of ice hockey similar in its object and appearance to traditional ice hockey but simplified and designed to be played on part of a natural frozen body of water. The top of the goal is lower, in fact only slightly taller than the width of the puck, and the game does not have a formal goalie. Because of these differences, pond hockey places more emphasis on skating and puck handling ability and less on shooting and checking.

**Q: Who should I contact if there is an issue with the ice surface or facility?**

**A:** Contact the Howelsen Ice Complex at 970-871-7033 with any facility concerns that you may have. Also, visit [www.steamboatsprings.net/communityice](http://www.steamboatsprings.net/communityice) for additional information and facility updates.