

# HEO

## Novice Programming 2019-2020



# Tom Renney

- **Tom Renney discussing the transition from Full Ice to Half Ice for Novice**
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qFxET2726CY>

# ***Hockey Canada Mandate:***

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**To accept the recommendation that the Novice age group shall only use half ice for all game play effective the 2019-20 season.**

***Mandate Carried***



# TOP **5** REASONS . . . KIDS PLAY SPORT

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- 1.** *To have fun*
- 2.** *To do something they're good at*
- 3.** *To improve their skills*
- 4.** *To stay in shape*
- 5.** *To get exercise*

*Institute for the Study of Youth Sports, Michigan State University (1989)*



# *Why Novice Half Ice?*

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*The program serves as the gateway to all hockey skills!*



# *An innovative program approach . . .*

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- ❖ *FUNdamental sports skills:*

- ❖ *Age appropriate skills programming*

- ❖ *FUNdamental hockey skills:*

- ❖ *Basic overall game skills*

- ❖ *Skills in combination over time*

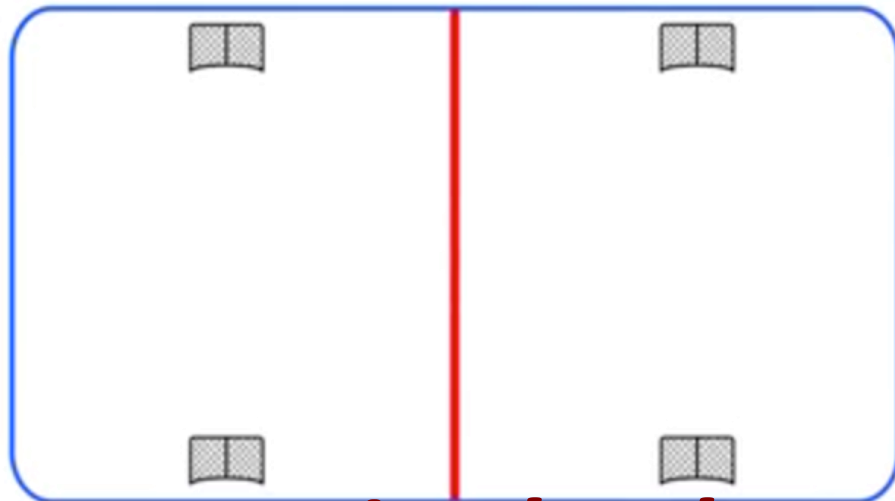
*"Learning the basic skills at a young age will set the foundation for everything a player will accomplish in the game of hockey."*

*Corey McNabb, Hockey Canada Director, Hockey Development Pro*



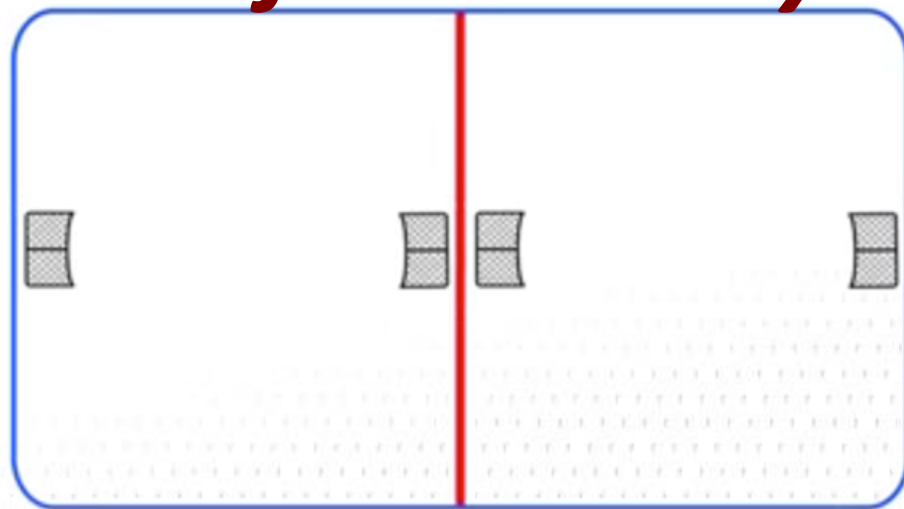
# *The difference . . .*

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*Cross-ice hockey*

## *Half-ice hockey*



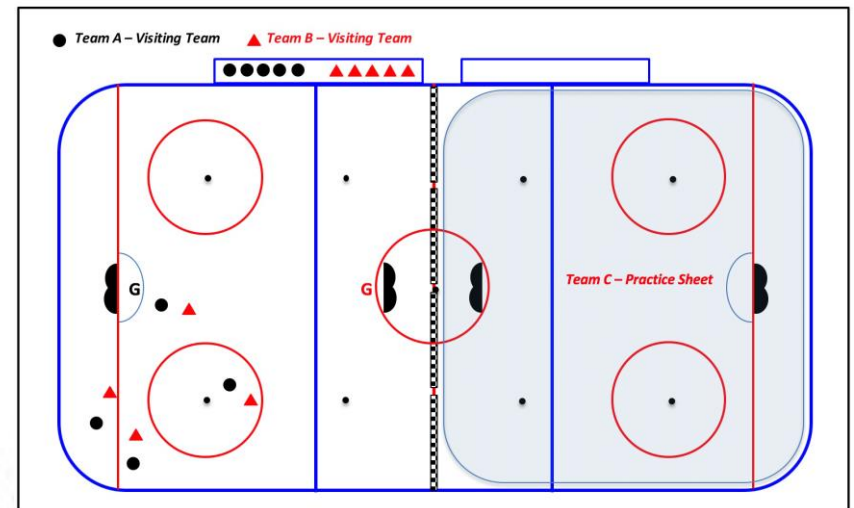
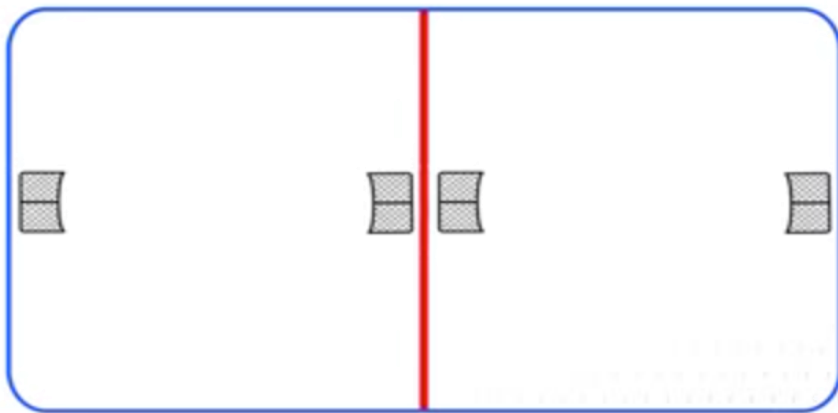
# ***No limitations on how to use ice . . .***

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## ***Half-ice hockey:***

- ❖ ***2 games***
- ❖ ***1 game and a skills area***

### ***Half-ice hockey***





# Difference from IP to Novice?

- **Difference between Cross Ice and Half Ice:**
- **Cross Ice (IP):** Played in a smaller surface
- Played with Smaller nets
- Played with Blue pucks
- **Half Ice (Novice):**
- Played on larger ice surface than IP
- Regulation sized nets
- Regulation (Black) puck

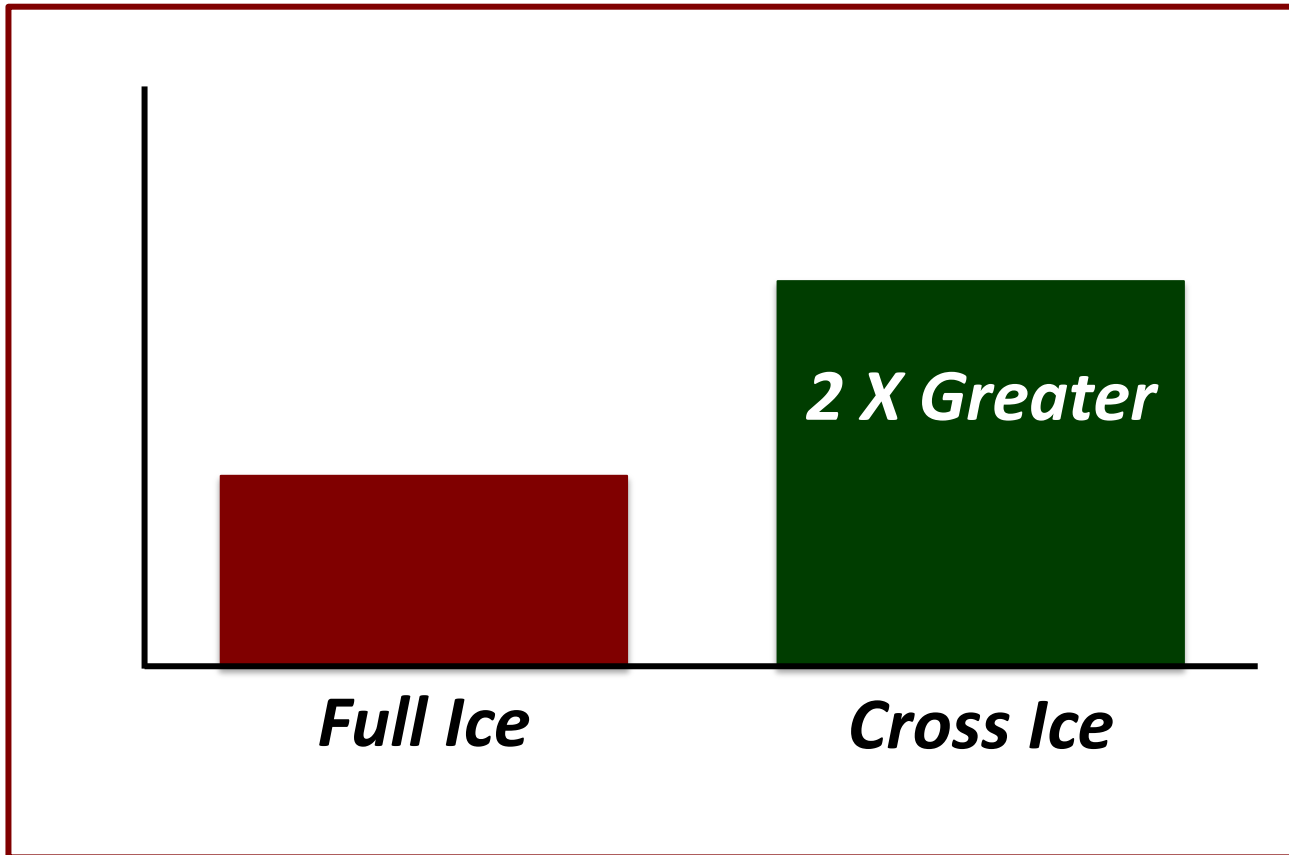


# *Why change to Half Ice?*

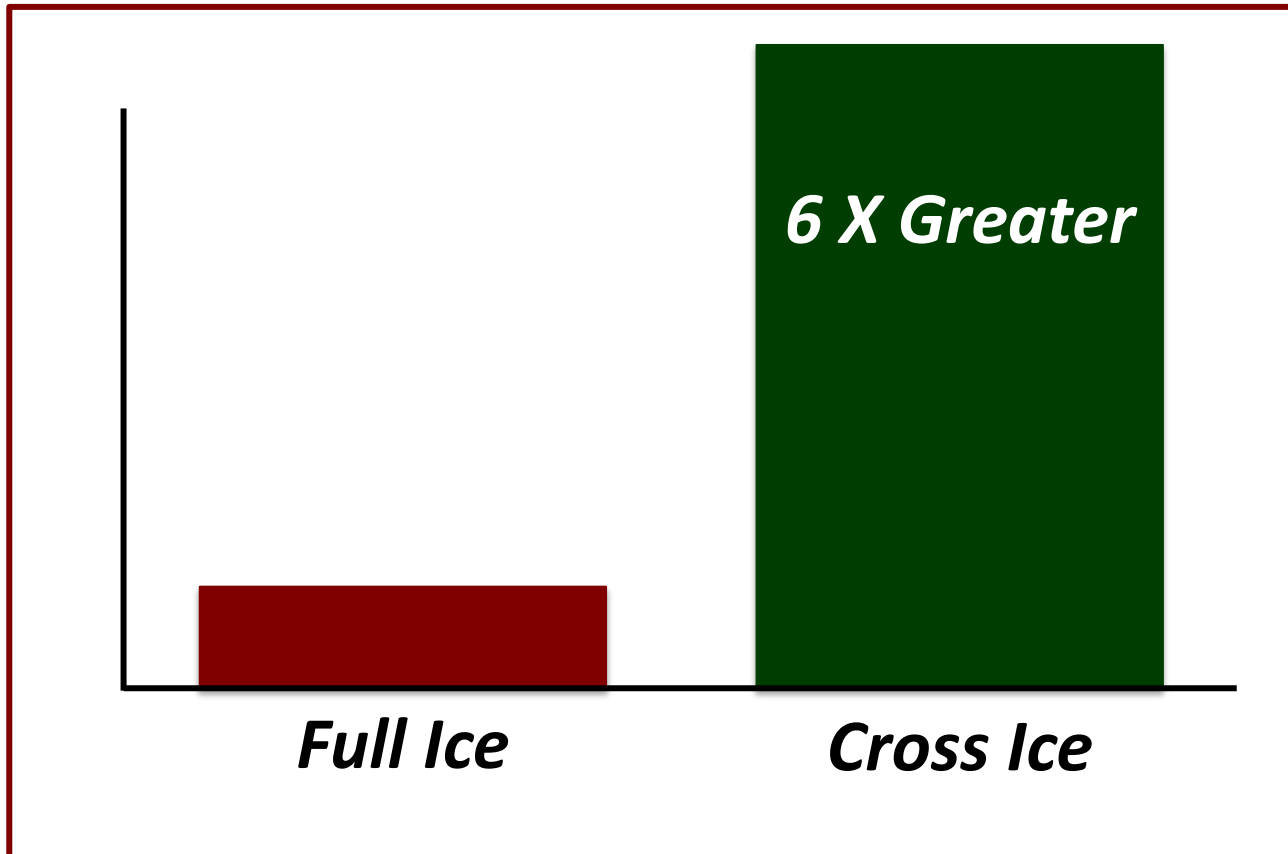
**1. “Scaling down is important and the research shows that when children are more actively engaged, they touch the puck more often, have the puck on their stick longer, and are interacting with one another to a greater extent.” *Dr. Stephen Norris, Consultant to Hockey Canada***

**“You have to be able to make plays in pretty small areas. The more you practice in small spaces the better off you are.”  
*Sidney Crosby, Canada’s National Men’s Team***

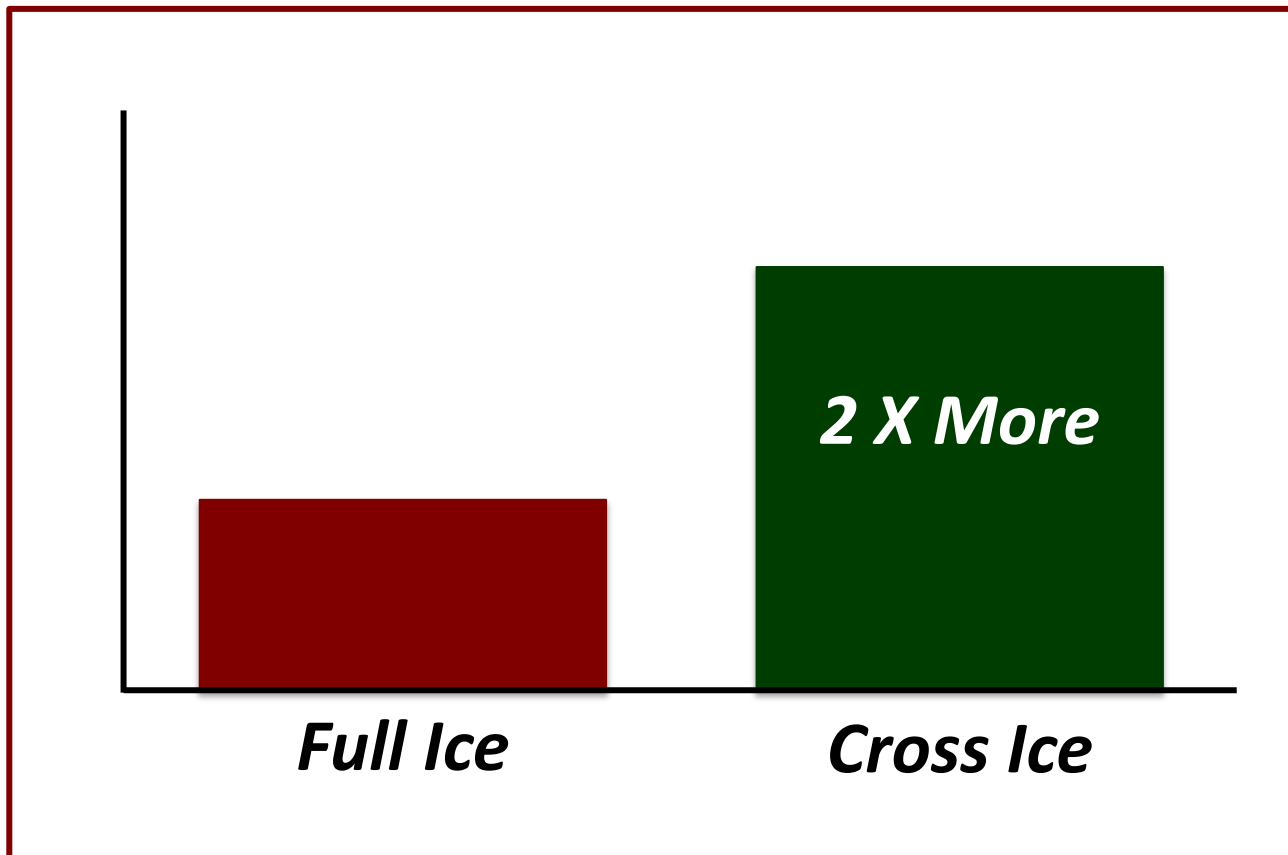
# *Body Contact and Puck Battles*



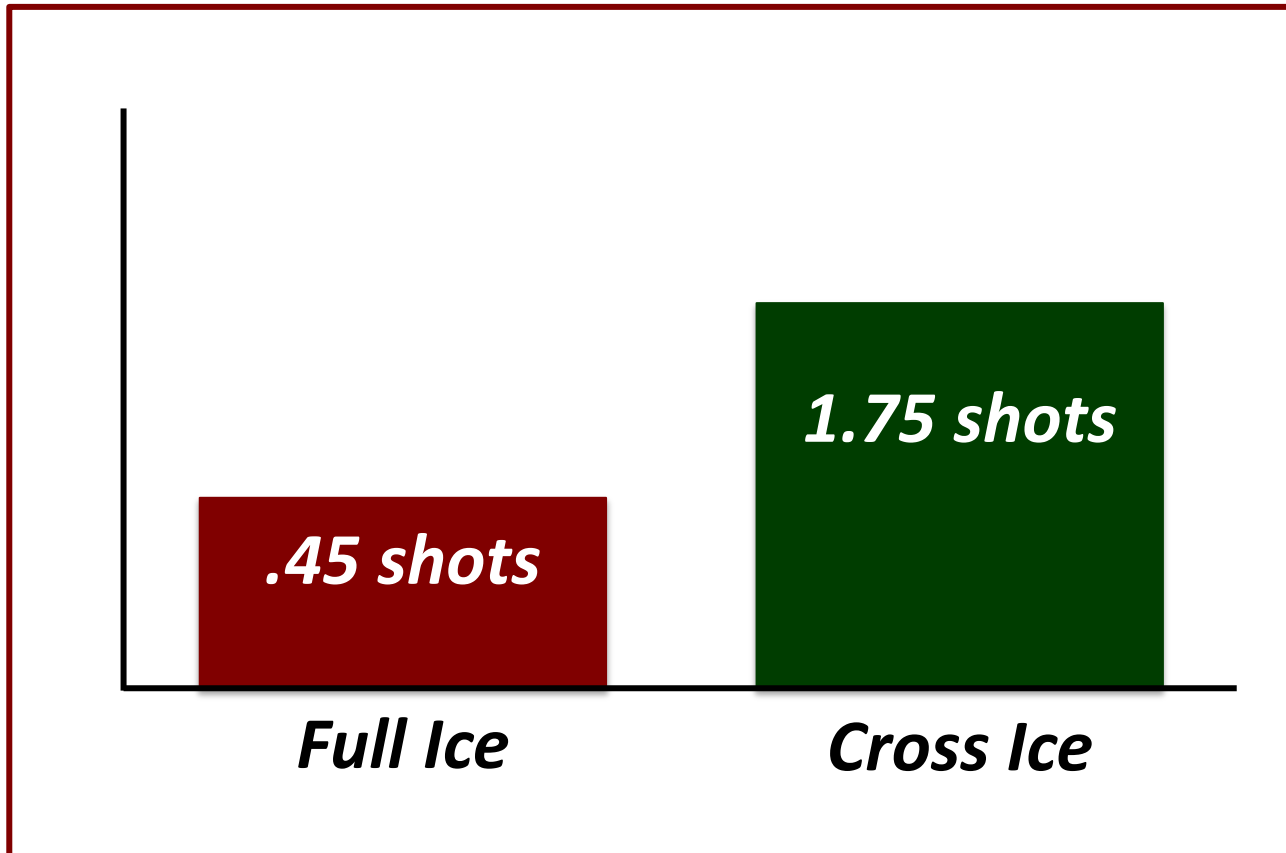
# ***Shots Per Player***



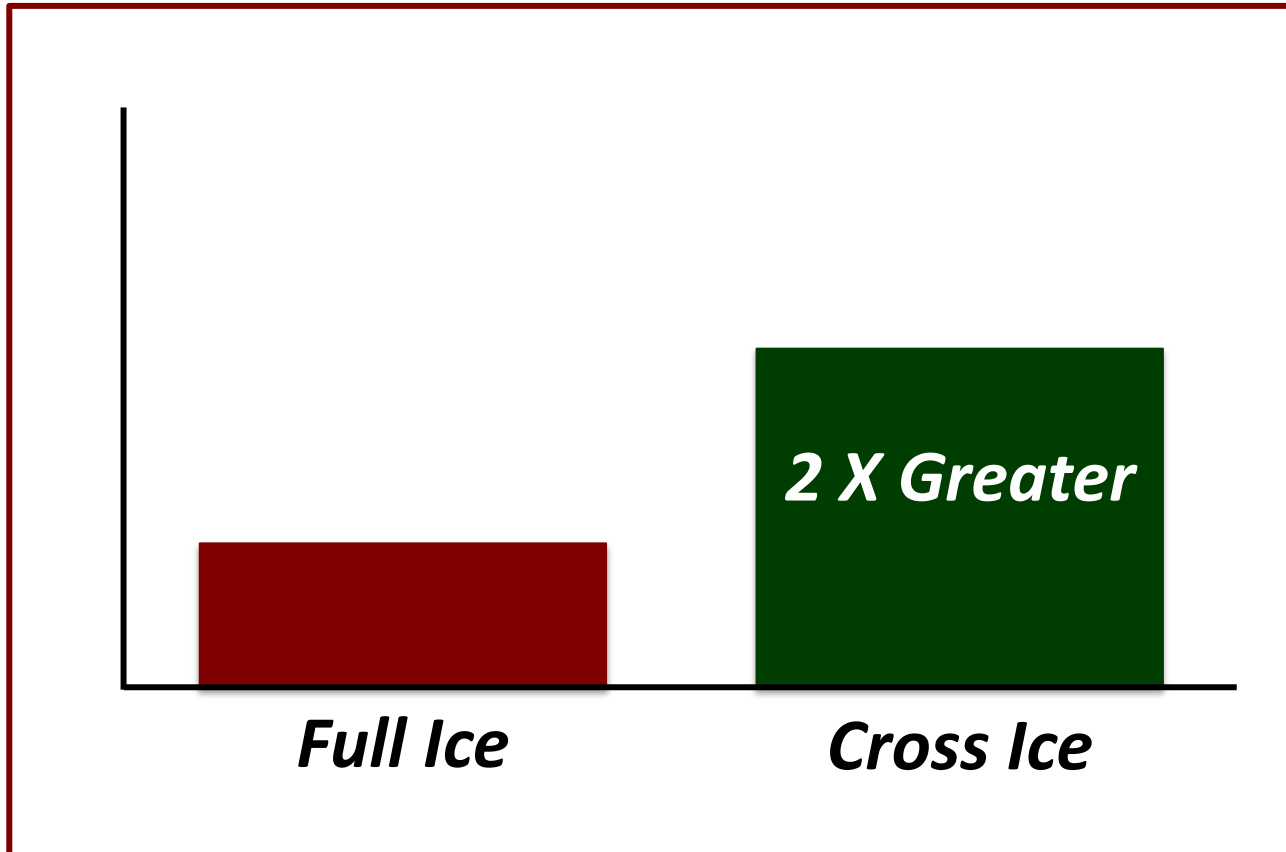
# *Individual Player Puck Touches*



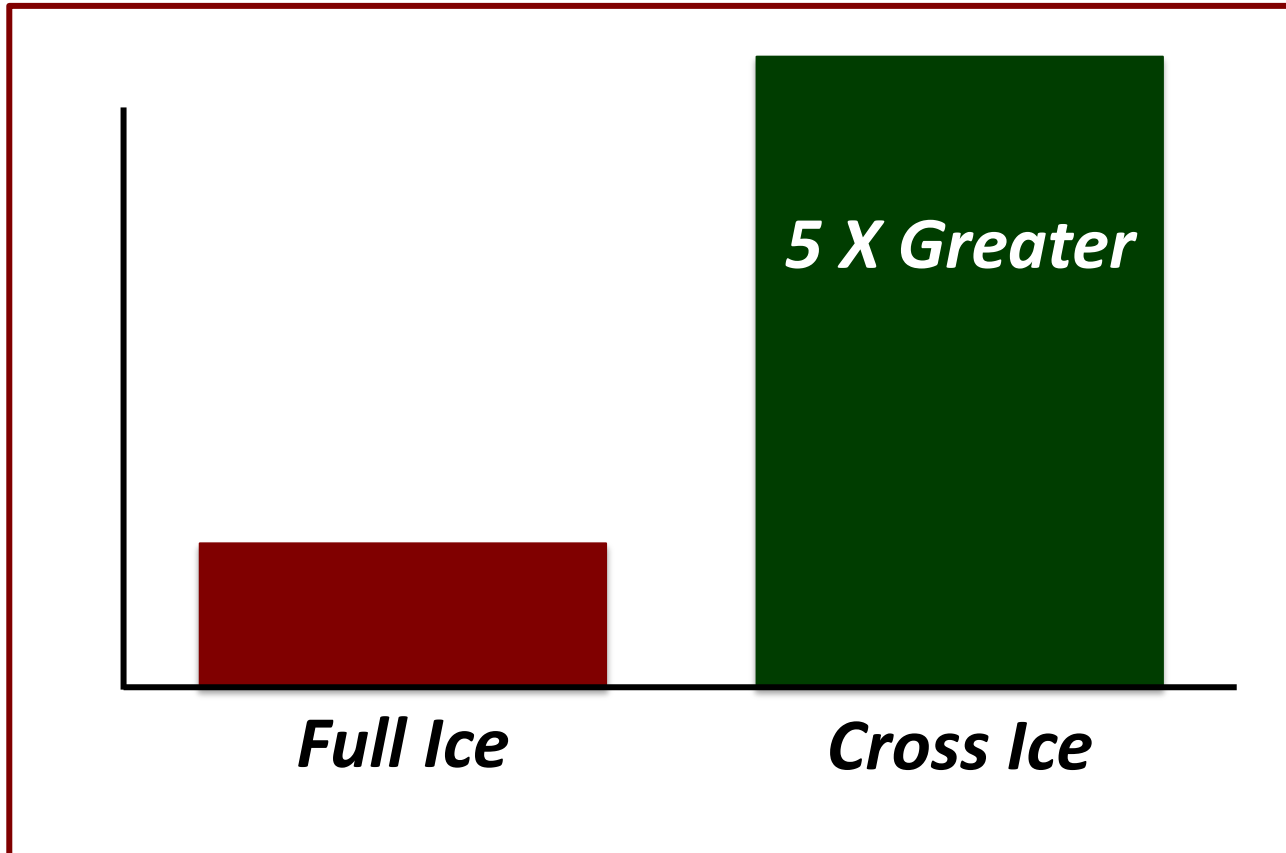
# *Shots on Goal Every Minute*



# *Pass Attempts*



# *Pass Receptions*



*All stats courtesy of USA Hockey 2014*



# ***A GRASSROOTS-UP APPROACH***

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***There is resistance to change within the hockey culture. Who needs to hear the message?***

- ❖ ***Families (Players and Parents)***
- ❖ ***Coaches***
- ❖ ***Minor Hockey Associations***
- ❖ ***Leagues***



# Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is the the key driver for the shift to the new Novice format?**
- Hockey Canada developed the program to ensure that a child's early experiences with hockey are delivered in a safe and positive experience. The program enables participants to become contributing members of a team effort, develop self-confidence and experience a sense of personal achievement. The goals of the program are:
  - To have fun while playing hockey and engaging in physical activity.
  - To learn the fundamental skills required to play the game of hockey.
  - To develop and refine basic motor patterns.
  - To be introduced to the concepts of cooperation and fair play.



# Frequently Asked Questions

- Get small kids off full size adult rinks and into an age/size appropriate game playing area
- Get kids more engaged in game play, provide more enjoyment for kids in the games and less boredom
- Increase skill development in games by decreasing space and increasing the puck touches and skill executions
- Provide a more logical progression from cross ice game play at IP



# Frequently Asked Questions

- **Who is developing the changes to the Novice program?**
- Hockey Canada has established a “Task Team” made up of representatives from all of the branches across Canada including HEO. This Task Team has been meeting for several months and is developing a set of consistent policies and standards for implementation in 2019-2020.

# Frequently Asked Questions

- **How can we be sure that the Hockey Canada policies will accurately represent issues relevant to Hockey Eastern Ontario?**
- HEO has a representative on the Hockey Canada Task Team. In addition, as part of the HEO Development Committee, a HEO/HEO Minor Novice Sub-Committee has been struck. There are representatives from Districts and Associations within the branch to reflect our local issues and concerns.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Will the half-ice program be mandatory?

- Yes.
- However, it is understood that there is a wide variety of half-ice delivery options to accommodate different local conditions so as the policies are developed, they will be designed with some degree of flexibility so those local conditions can be accommodated.

# Frequently Asked Questions

- **Will the new Novice program be open to IP players?**
- No.
- No players under 7 years of age will be permitted to play in the Novice program.

# Frequently Asked Questions

- **Will there still be “tiering”?**
- It is still anticipated that there will be tiering (where registrant levels permit) to reflect the difference in skill levels.
- It’s possible that there could be changes to the existing tiering models or the number of tiers as the teams continue their work.





# Frequently Asked Questions

- **What will happen to the Novice competitive programs?**
- Hockey Canada has not taken a position on competitive hockey only that all Novice programs must be delivered in half ice format.
- As This will be discussed as part of the HEO Development sub-committee

# Frequently Asked Questions

- **Will the number of players per team change?**
- This is one of the issues that will be reviewed by the HEO Development Sub-committee.

# Frequently Asked Questions

- **Will the new program impact program costs or result in increases/decreases in registration costs?**
- Although the specifics of the program is still in development, it is not expected that this will have a material impacts of costs either up or down.

# Questions

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