



# West Shore Community Ice Arena Fenstermacher Cup 2023 Tournament Registration

Registration online at

<https://www.westshorecia.com/tournaments/>

- 3 game guarantee
- Reduced Fee for those teams returning from the year before.
- Team Trophy for 1<sup>st</sup> Place

**Tournament you are applying for:**

<u>Level</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Men's B Division	March 24 – 26, 2023	\$600.00/team \$500.00/Returning Teams
Men's 30 & Older Division	March 17 - 19, 2023	\$600.00/ team \$500.00/ Returning Teams

Please submit the following along with this completed application.

1. a copy of your roster
2. a check for the appropriate amount made out to West Shore Community College
3. a list of current team members and their home and away (if applicable) jersey numbers

Send to: West Shore Community Ice Arena, 3000 N. Stiles, Scottville, MI 49454

Or

Email to [tlandino@westshore.edu](mailto:tlandino@westshore.edu)

## What Bracket Should I Sign Up For?

We have received many questions from players and captains on to which bracket they should sign up for. Here is a general description of the player/team talent level when considering which bracket to place your team. These are just guidelines. Use your best judgment when registering your team and selecting player for your team. If you find yourself losing games by a large goal differential, then you can always drop down a division with your current roster or revamp it with comparable skilled skaters for the following year.

If you want to register your team or play in a HIGHER bracket that is your option. We also understand that with the difference in player abilities and combination of these players on a team the OVERALL strength of a team can be affected.

Keep in mind these are just a set of generic guidelines and not rules. Also understand that after each passing year the teams will naturally become better and better across the board since everyone who did not win the trophy the year before are trying to become better than the team that just won it. It is impossible to remain at the status quo in terms of the team skill level at each division. With that being said if you are winning a bracket year after year you should either move up a bracket or if a high bracket is not available adjust your team so games are competitive not a landslide. Believe it or not a team winning year after year in games that are not close drive other teams away.

### **Men's B+ Division (Advanced Intermediate - Advanced)**

Overall skill level of the players in our B+ Bracket should be a strong to average rec. league player, played in high school or a couple junior players that haven't played in a while (not a full team of them). From a team stand point we understand a team in this bracket may have a couple of players that may be able to play at an advanced level. Our B+ Bracket is quite competitive. Some may consider some teams' ringer teams, but these teams have come from other B Bracket tournaments and we have all beat up on each other. If you have played in our tournament before you would probably agree with my break down. THERE SHOULD BE ABSOLUTELY NO ONE WHO HAS PLAYED PROFESSIONALLY PARTICIPATING IN THIS DIVISION - PERIOD. We had this happen one year and if you bring someone of that caliber that will be your last year of choosing your level. I will do this for you from that point on. Skaters in this league skate multiple times a week, 2-4 times on average.

### **Men's B division**

A combination of B+ and B- players.

### **Men's B- Division (Novice - Advanced Intermediate)**

Overall skill level of the players in our B- Bracket should be from the recreational skater to high school experienced skater. This division has the most variation in team skill level make up, where you may have a guy skating with only a few years under their belt to the guy that played all the way through high school. Most likely a bit older in age (30+ and older) than our other two divisions, but that is not the rule of thumb. From a team stand point we understand a team in this bracket may have a couple of players that may be able to play at the advanced intermediate skill level. These skaters are those who skate once a week, maybe twice on average.

### **Men's 35 and older B Division**

This bracket speaks for itself concerning the ages of those participating. When it comes to skill level I would say it is very close to the B Division.