

Youth, Teen and College Players

When roller-blades replaced roller skates, when snow-boarding challenged skiing for preeminence, and skateboarding phenomenally appeared, the younger generation pioneered these activities. ICE SOCCER is now the new sport on the block.

Start this Sport in Your Local Community/School – Get Credit for Doing So

You can introduce it to your friends in Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, YMCA, YWCA, Big Brothers and Sisters, 4-H, PAL, fraternities/sororities, intramural sports, club sports, etc., and help start it up in local play - get credit (merit badge or a resume addition such as “I organized and started a relatively unknown sport”) for accomplishing something. Besides, you will get in shape, will have fun playing and hanging out with your friends and will find out that doing the “impossible” (running fast on ice) is in fact a doable feat.

You Have To Ask for ICE SOCCER

Many organization administrators will say it’s up to you, the students (or your parents), to ask to play ICE SOCCER. Remember: People who have never heard about ICE SOCCER cannot offer it; and people who never heard about it cannot ask for it. Tell your friends about it and have them ask for it, too. The more who ask, the better the chances it will be offered. Even better, bring two teams that want to play to the attention of the rink owners/managers and recreation planners. You can play on a full ice sheet (9-10 players per side at full strength) or on half-ice (4-5 players per side).

And You May Have to Ask Again and Again

You have to ask the right people. If the rink is a private rink, the rink manager may not have an incentive or authority to approve a new sport – find and approach the rink owner(s). If the rink is owned by the city, you may have to ask the recreation planner or, if told “no,” appeal to a councilman/woman. If owned by a school or college, the intramural or club sports director may be the person or perhaps a student advisory committee might be the appropriate group to first approach - with appeal to a higher administration level. If turned down once, go back with more people or signatures.

And if you are told that “there’s no ice time available,” just ask for one set hour a week to begin with and trial ICE SOCCER (or you might negotiate for half-ice). This can even be during hockey season ... for the time when the home hockey team has an away game. And certainly one or two hours a week during the non-hockey season shouldn’t be a big scheduling problem. Home-schooled students (and stay-at-home-Mom’s) have a bigger selection of available hours ... during the daytime.

Remember: People who have never heard about ICE SOCCER cannot ask for it. Rink and recreation professionals who don’t know about it or don’t understand it can’t or won’t offer it. If you want to play competitively, tell your friends about it, and all of you have to ask for it.

LEARN MORE by clicking on each of the following links:

- **learn** “Basic Rules” => <http://icesoccer.com/pdf/basic-rules.pdf>
- **read** “What Players Think about ICE SOCCER”
=> <http://icesoccer.com/pdf/players-thoughts.pdf>

- **understand** “Who is in the Win-Win Scenario for ICE SOCCER”
=> <http://icesoccer.com/pdf/win-win.pdf>
- **read** “ ICE SOCCER Falls and Risk” => <http://icesoccer.com/pdf/falls.pdf>
- **hear** unrehearsed and unedited comments on video clip from two TV *Survivors* contestants, Lisa Keiffer (Vanuatu) and Billy Garcia (Cook Island)
=> <http://icesoccer.com/in-play-videos.html?video=2>
- **watch** video clips of ICE SOCCER in play (by city)
=> http://icesoccer.com/ice_soccer_in_play.html

ACTION you can take:

- **Tell** your friends about ICE SOCCER – use Twitter and Facebook contacts
- **Expect** naysayers who haven’t taken time to understand the sport **and be mindful** of establishment inertia – convince them they should and can offer it
- **Write** an article for your school newspaper telling about ICE SOCCER – students can’t ask for something they don’t know about (and administrators won’t offer it if you don’t ask for it)
- **Find** out who is interested in playing it **and organize** teams
- **Circulate** the “Interest Sign-up Form” **and return** completed ones to your local rink owner/manager, recreation planner, or intramural/club sports representative, as appropriate
=> <http://icesoccer.com/pdf/interest-form.pdf>
- **Get** local businesses to sponsor a team
- **Contact** local rink owners/management and/or recreational planners **and ask** them to offer it
- **Buy** (or urge the local rink to buy) a Boot’r so you can play
=> <http://icesoccer.com/bootr.html>