

## CHAPTER 240A

### AMATEUR SPORTS COMMISSION

240A.08 Appropriation.  
240A.09 Plan development; criteria.

240A.10 Agreements.

#### 240A.08 APPROPRIATION.

\$750,000 is appropriated annually from the general fund to the Minnesota amateur sports commission for the purpose of entering into long-term leases, use, or other agreements with the metropolitan sports facilities commission for the conduct of amateur sports activities at the basketball and hockey arena, consistent with the purposes set forth in this chapter, including (1) stimulating and promoting amateur sports, (2) promoting physical fitness by promoting participation in sports, (3) promoting the development of recreational amateur sport opportunities and activities, and (4) promoting local, regional, national, and international amateur sport competitions and events. The metropolitan sports facilities commission may allocate 50 dates a year for the conduct of amateur sports activities at the basketball and hockey arena by the amateur sports commission. At least 12 of the dates must be on a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. If any amateur sports activities conducted by the amateur sports commission at the basketball and hockey arena are restricted to participants of one gender, an equal number of activities on comparable days of the week must be conducted for participants of the other gender, but not necessarily in the same year. The legislature reserves the right to repeal or amend this appropriation, and does not intend this appropriation to create public debt.

The books, records, documents, accounting procedures, and practices of the metropolitan sports facilities commission, the Minneapolis community development agency, and any corporation with which the Minnesota amateur sports commission may contract for use of the basketball and hockey arena are available for review by the Minnesota amateur sports commission, the legislative auditor, and the chairs of the state government finance divisions of the senate and the house of representatives, subject to chapter 13 and section 473.598, subdivision 4.

*History: 1995 c 254 art 1 s 75*

#### 240A.09 PLAN DEVELOPMENT; CRITERIA.

The Minnesota amateur sports commission shall develop a plan to promote the development of proposals for new statewide public ice facilities including proposals for ice centers and matching grants based on the criteria in this section.

(a) For ice center proposals, the commission will give priority to proposals that come from more than one local government unit and that, in the metropolitan area as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2, involve construction of at least two ice sheets in a single facility.

(b) The commission shall administer a site selection process for the ice centers. The commission shall invite proposals from cities or counties or consortia of cities. A proposal for an ice center must include matching contributions including in-kind contributions of land, access roadways and access roadway improvements, and necessary utility services, landscaping, and parking.

(c) Proposals for ice centers and matching grants must provide for meeting the demand for ice time for female groups by offering up to 50 percent of prime ice time, as needed, to female groups. For purposes of this section, prime ice time means the hours of 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday to Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

(d) The location for all proposed facilities must be in areas of maximum demonstrated interest and must maximize accessibility to an arterial highway.

(e) To the extent possible, all proposed facilities must be dispersed equitably, must be located to maximize potential for full utilization and profitable operation, and must accommodate noncompetitive family and community skating for all ages.

(f) The commission may also use the funds to upgrade current facilities, purchase girls' ice time, or conduct amateur women's hockey and other ice sport tournaments.

(g) To the extent possible, 50 percent of all grants must be awarded to communities in greater Minnesota.

(h) To the extent possible, technical assistance shall be provided to Minnesota communities by the commission on ice arena planning, design, and operation, including the marketing of ice time.

(i) The commission may use funds for rehabilitation and renovation grants. Priority must be given to grant applications for indoor air quality improvements, including zero emission ice resurfacing equipment.

(j) At least ten percent of the grant funds must be used for ice centers designed for sports other than hockey.

**History:** 1995 c 254 art 1 s 76

#### **240A.10 AGREEMENTS.**

**Subdivision 1. Ice arena facilities.** The Minnesota amateur sports commission may enter into agreements with local units of government and provide financial assistance in the form of grants for the construction of ice arena facilities that in the determination of the commission, conform to its criteria.

**Subd. 2. Equipment; revolving fund.** The commission may enter into cooperative purchasing agreements under section 471.59 with local governments to purchase ice arena equipment and services through state contracts. The cooperative ice arena equipment purchasing revolving fund is a separate account in the state treasury. The commission may charge a fee to cover the commission's administrative expenses to government units that have joint or cooperative purchasing agreements with the state under section 471.59. The fees collected must be deposited in the revolving fund established by this subdivision. Money in the fund is appropriated to the commission to administer the programs and services covered by this subdivision.

**History:** 1995 c 254 art 1 s 77