

Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission
ICE ARENA TASK FORCE

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

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TASK FORCE MEETING SUMMARY

The Minnesota "Mighty Ducks" Ice Arena Task Force was established by the 1994 Minnesota Legislature and the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission (MASC) to study the ice arena shortage and to make recommendations to the 1995 Legislature.

The Ice Arena Task Force met as a committee seven times between September 1994 and March 1995 to discuss the statewide survey results, and to formulate recommendations and criteria. The Ice Arena Task Force also administered five citizen feedback meetings throughout the state. Those meetings included:

Duluth

Wednesday, January 11, 1995
Portman Community Center

St. Cloud

Thursday, January 12, 1995
Halenbeck Hall, St. Cloud State University

New Ulm

Wednesday, January 18, 1995
New Ulm Ice Arena

Blaine

Thursday, January 19, 1995
National Sports Center

Thief River Falls

Wednesday, March 1, 1995
(and simulcast live via interactive television to Fergus Falls Community College)

More than 450 citizens attended these meetings.

MN ICE ARENA "MIGHTY DUCKS" TASK FORCE UPDATE

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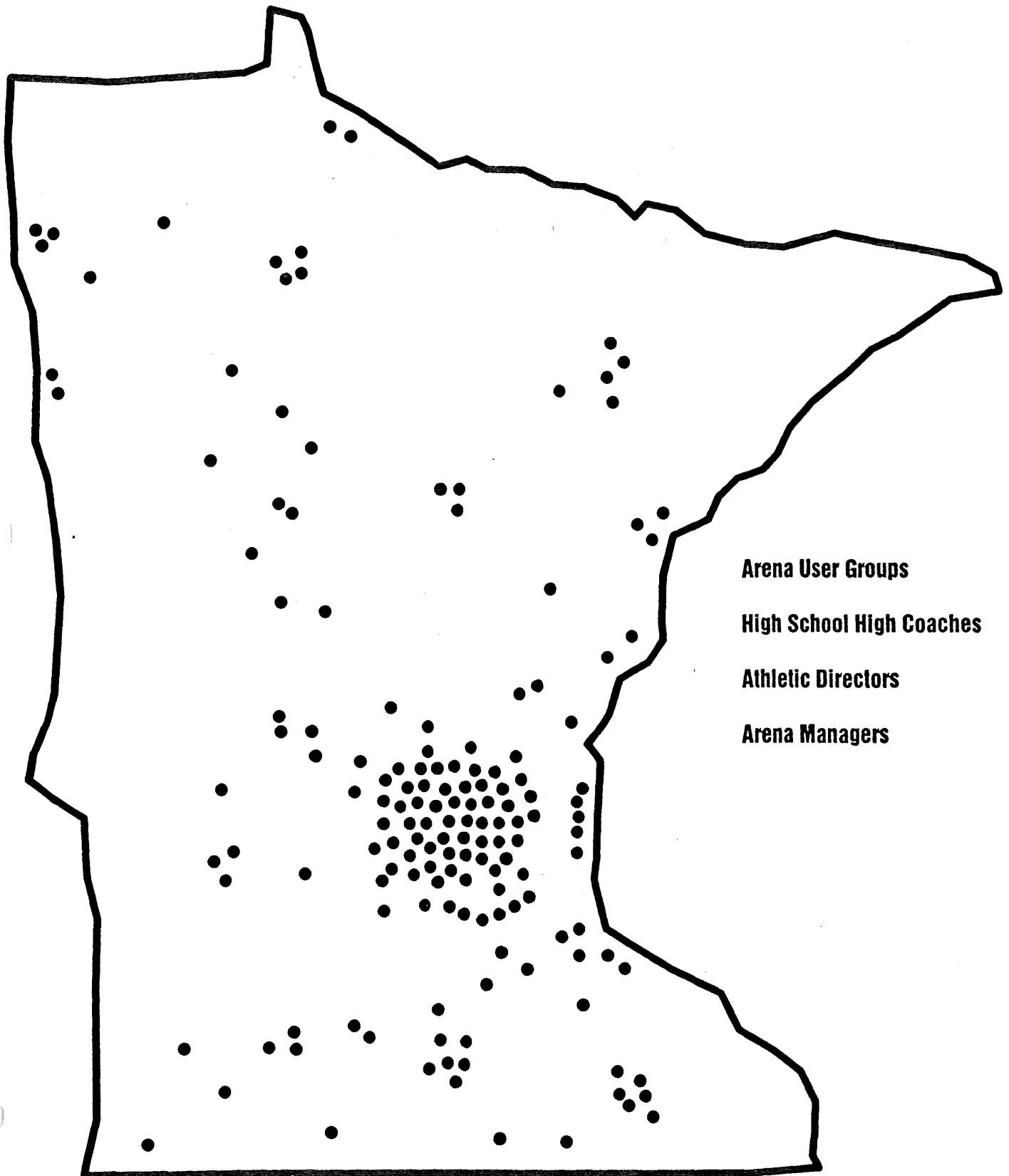
COMMUNITIES WHO HAVE ESTABLISHED A PLAN TO DEVELOP A NEW SHEET OF INDOOR ICE

1. Gilbert
2. Brooklyn Park
3. Edina
4. Maple Grove
5. Wayzata
6. Little Falls
7. Hutchinson
8. Marshall
9. Rochester
10. Red Wing
11. Sleepy Eye
12. Monticello
13. Cambridg/Isanti
14. Sartell
15. Cold Spring
16. Princeton
17. St. John's University
18. St. Cloud
19. Duluth
20. Cloquet
21. Moose Lake
22. Spring Lake Park
23. White Bear Lake
24. Roseville
25. Blaine
26. Inver Grove Heights
27. South St. Paul
28. Apple Valley
29. North St. Paul
30. Maplewood
31. Oakdale/Tartan
32. Mahtomedi
33. St. Paul
34. Edison/Minneapolis
35. Orono
36. Thief River Falls
37. New Hope
38. Chaska
39. Minnetonka
40. Plymouth
41. Grand Rapids
42. Moorhead
43. Willmar
44. New Ulm
45. Worthington
46. Elk River
47. Grand Marais
48. Bagley
49. Nashwauk
50. Coon Rapids
51. Annandale/Maple Lake
52. Le Sueur
53. Northfield
54. Sauk Centre
55. Kasson
56. Bethel
57. St. Michael
58. Shoreview/Mdsvw
59. Stillwater
60. Chisago
61. Forest Lake
62. Fairbault
63. Hastings
64. Brooklyn Center
65. Brainerd
66. La Crescent
67. New Prague
68. Red Lake Falls
69. Bemidji
70. East Grand Forks
71. Kennedy
72. Virginia

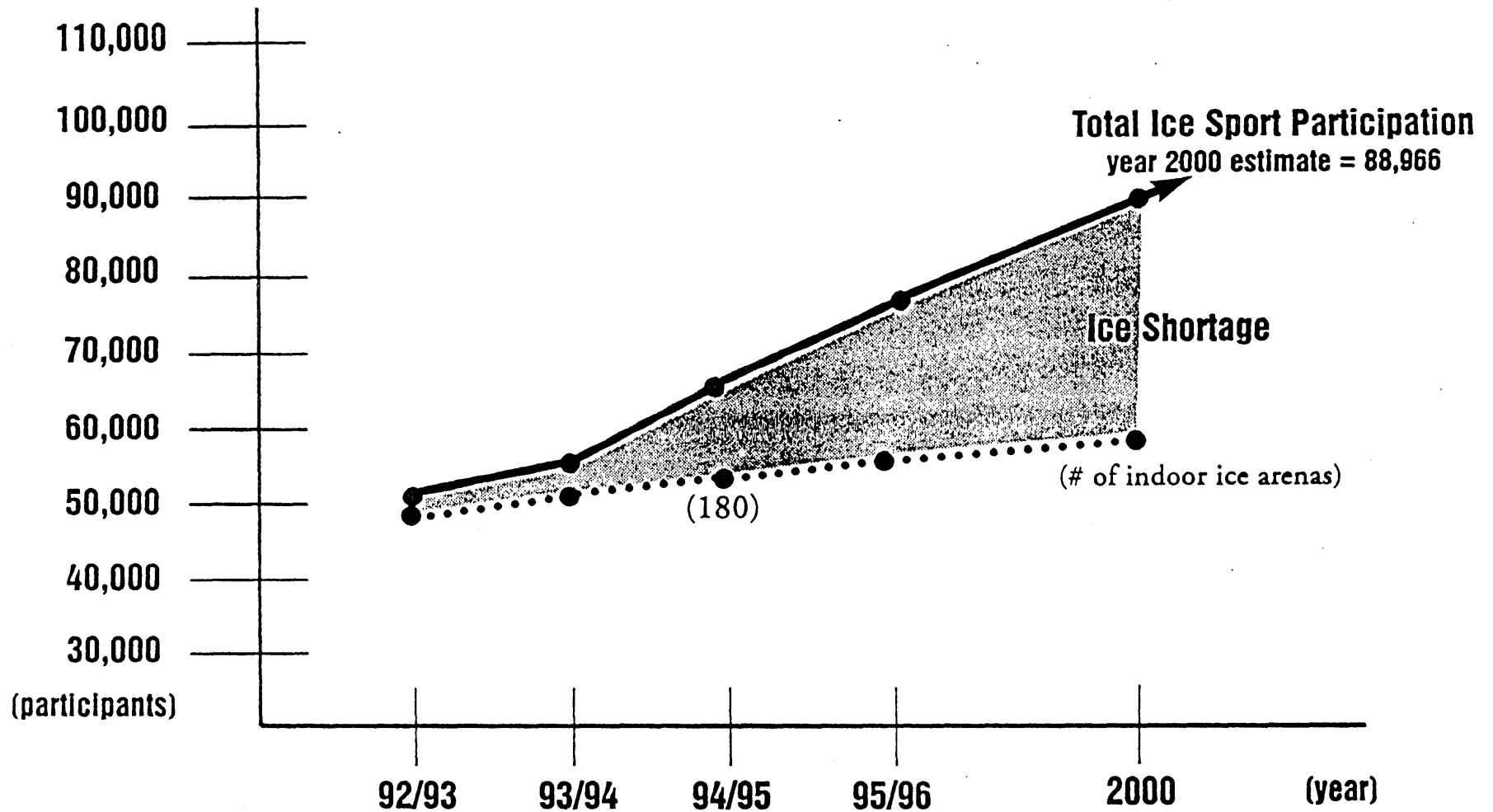
- 73. Becker/Big Lake
- 75. Owatonna
- 77. Mendota/Eagan
- 79. Chisholm
- 81. Burnsville
- 83. Luverne
- 85. Hallock
- 87. Mankato

- 74. St. Thomas Academy
- 76. Champlin
- 78. Hopkins
- 80. Fosston
- 82. Park Rapids
- 84. Crookston
- 86. Circle Pines
- 88. Baudette

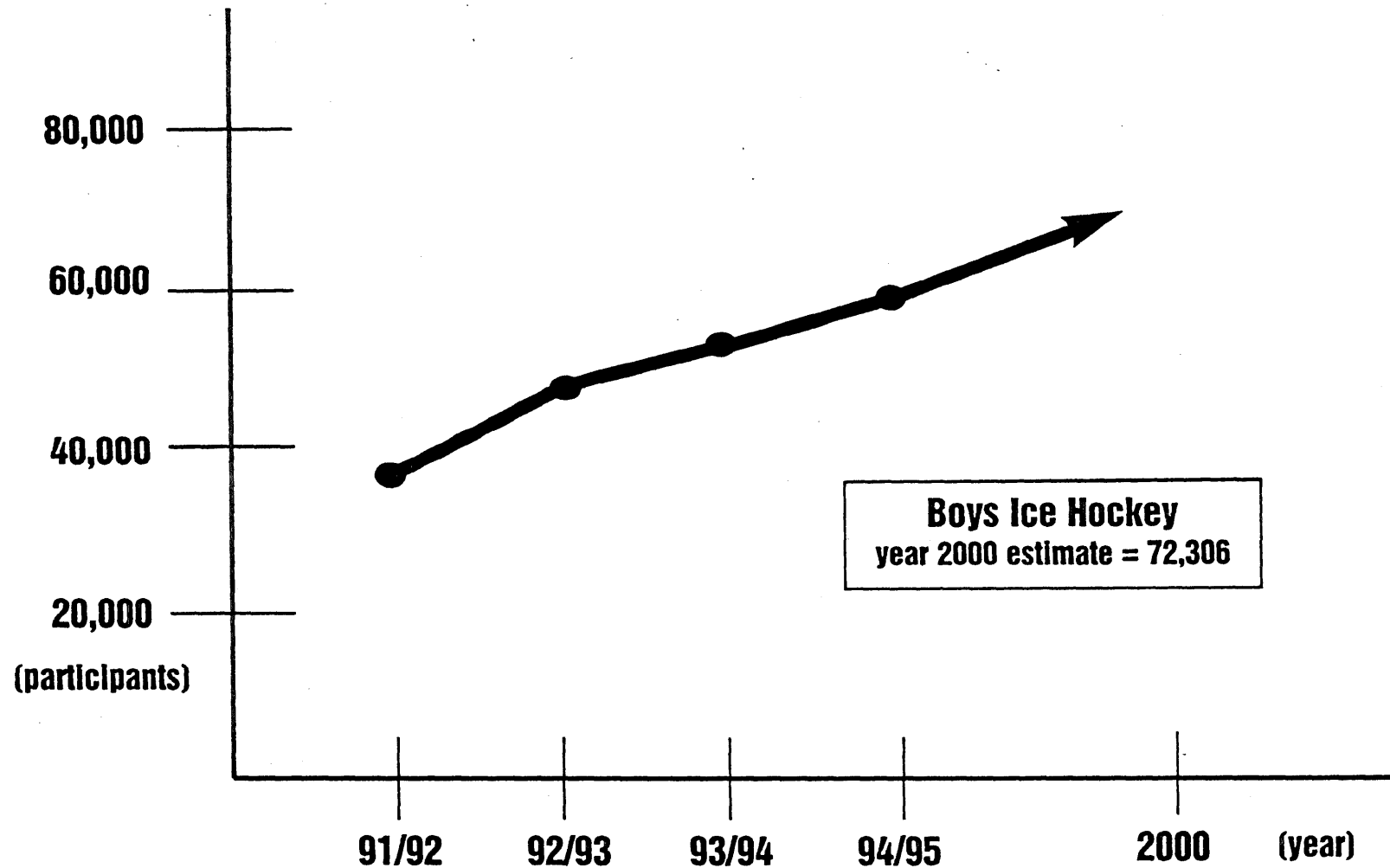
Yes... Respondents Who Need Indoor Ice Facilities



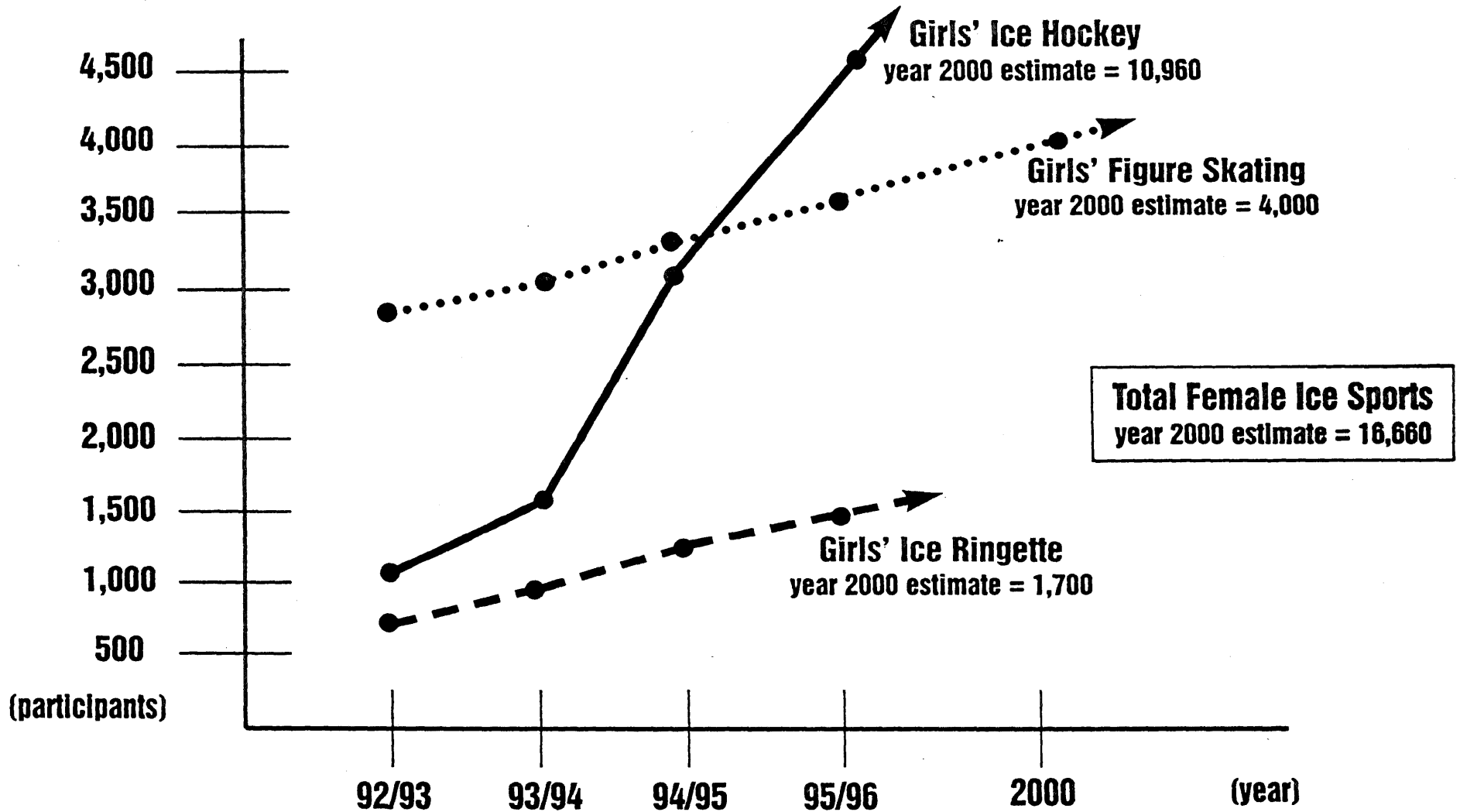
MINNESOTA ICE SPORT GROWTH VS. ICE ARENA AVAILABILITY



BOYS ICE HOCKEY PARTICIPANTS IN MINN. - GROWTH TREND



GROWTH TRENDS FOR FEMALE ICE SPORTS IN MINNESOTA



MINNESOTA "MIGHTY DUCKS" ICE ARENA TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION TO THE 1995 MINNESOTA LEGISLATURE

D R A F T - March 10, 1995

The Minnesota Ice Arena Task Force, representing all regions of the State of Minnesota, is pleased to make the following recommendations to the 1995 Minnesota Legislature. These recommendations are made in accordance with, Laws of Minnesota 1994, Chapter 648, Article 2, Section 1.

The Minnesota Ice Arena Task Force has conducted a series of meetings and research on the need for arena ice time in Minnesota.

In general the research suggests that the growing boys' and girls' programs require up to an additional 50 sheets of indoor ice to meet the demand in 1995 to 1998.

Consequently, the Minnesota Ice Arena Task Force offers the following recommendations for the purpose of the development of up to 10 new arenas per year for a period of two years.

1. STATE GRANT PROGRAM - The State of Minnesota should offer at least 10 grants per year of up to \$ 250,000 per new sheet of ice for two years. The cost of the program would be \$ 2,500,000 FY 1996 and \$ 2,500,000 FY 1997.

2. STATE RENOVATION GRANT PROGRAM - The State of Minnesota should provide numerous grants in varying amounts to existing arenas for two years at a cost of \$ 400,000 FY 1996 and \$ 400,000 FY 1997.

3. STATE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE - The State of Minnesota should provide technical assistance via the staff of the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission in the following areas. The Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission would request the assistance and cooperation of the Minnesota Ice Arena Managers Association.

Planning -

Assist communities in establishing an arena organizing committee.

Assessment of community ice needs, including the planning of schedules to meet Federal Title IX and state gender equity compliance laws.

Assist in developing a community education program.

Assist in developing brochures and public service messages.

Financing, Design and Construction-

Provide information on preferred funding arrangements and formulas.

Provide technical information on design issues.

Provide technical assistance on construction issues.

Operation -

Provide a clearinghouse for available ice time. ie 1-800-ICE-TIME

Assist arenas in developing programs which utilize non-prime or low season ice.

Assist arenas in marketing service to the Minnesota public.

Be a clearinghouse for efficient operating models.

Cost of this program for a .6 staff person and related expenses is \$ 20,000 FY 1996 and \$ 22,000 FY 1997.

4. STATUTORY CHANGES - The State of Minnesota should change the laws and rules relating to cities, counties and school district's abilities to pass local referendums. Specific financing laws could be changed to encourage counties, cities and school districts to partnership with local organizations to expand options for financing new recreational facilities.

Total Legislature Request: FY 1996 \$ 2.920 million, FY 1997 \$ 2.922 million.

Recommended Criteria to Award Ice Development Grants

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Recommendations for Grant Criteria

1. Performance Based Grant Awards
 - A. Funds Committed
 - B. Plans Completed
 - C. Agreements Completed
 - D. Land Secured
 - E. Timetable
2. Partnerships - Public & Private
 - A. Multiple Cities
 - B. Counties
 - C. School Districts
 - D. Private Groups
3. Demonstrated Need/Commitment
 - A. Participant Base
 - B. Plan for Female Participation
 - C. Population Base
4. Regional Equity
 - A. At least 50% from Greater Minnesota
 - B. An inner city component
5. Plan to serve community youth needs
6. Demonstrated financial need/Financial Viability
7. Minimum Design Standards
 - A. Architectural Plans
8. Economic Efficiency - Construction/Operation
 - A. Points for cost effectiveness in construction
 - B. Points for cost effectiveness in operating plan
 - C. Points for two sheet plus/arenas - Metro Only
9. Multi-use Plan
 - A. Serving total community needs