

LOCAL SPORTS

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Staff report

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deemed the ice too thin for a tournament to be held this weekend. Last year's event drew 50 teams and 350 players and more than 200 games were played in three days. The tournament, a four-on-four format with no goalies, seeks to expand ice skating opportunities throughout the city while working closely with Concord Parks and Recreation, General Services and other entities to independently fund capital improvements to the city's facilities. More than \$20,000

was raised since the inaugural Black Ice Hockey Championship last year.

About 70 teams are expected for the 2012 tourney, including the defending champions from the 18-plus division, Jack Edwards Teeth of Concord. The Seacoast NEWTS won the 18-plus women's division last year. Defending champs in the 35-plus division are the Capital City Hockey Club of Concord and the Swamp Rats of Fiskdale, Mass. The White Park Hockey Club won the 50-plus

division.

Nine teams from out of state are registered, including the Miami Whale of Florida and the South Bend (Ind.) Fire. Most teams hail from the Capital region or Greater Manchester area.

All players must wear helmets and hockey skates. Shoulder pads and protective hockey pants are not required. For more information, email info@blackicepondhockey.com.