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## Black Ice Pond Hockey Tournament draws hundreds to Concord



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CONCORD, N.H. — It's a family affair in Concord for the 9th annual Black Ice Pond Hockey Tournament.

"This is great for families. It's a great time for everyone. It's great big family.

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Ninety-five teams -- many with connections to Concord -- face off on the eight rinks at White Park. In recent years, an additional four rinks have popped up for the local youth hockey teams to show off their skills.

Warm weather and rain the canceled all the events for Thursday and Friday.

Organizers rolled with the punches, and luckily it was cold and dry Saturday.

"Winter weather in New England -- blizzards, rainstorms -- we'll get through it and play some black ice eventually," said Chris Brown of the Black Ice Pond Hockey Association.

For the hundreds of players, it was worth the wait to be part of an event that celebrates the city's strong hockey history.

"There is a historical connection to Concord and the first organized game of hockey in the United States," Brown said.

Spectators could also catch the shuttle downtown and check out the ice sculptures at the Winter Fest.

"There's people coming out of their houses and having gatherings on the corner and just enjoying this as Concord's winter carnival," Brown said.

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