

WORKING WITH THE BOARDS

Assembly

The boards are assembled from the bleachers side of the rink to the lobby side.

-) Position the cart so the Zamboni can make 3 passes around the perimeter of the rink without hitting anything.
-) Get ready by unloading the top level of the cart
-) As the Zamboni progresses, put in place the wings and joining section on either side of the rink. "A" sections go on the bleacher side. "B" sections go on the lobby side. Put the tensioner in place on each side.
-) The Zamboni should now be making passes down the midline of the rink. Hopefully it is going toward the bleachers so that additional sections can be added without waiting for the ice to be finished.
-) As the Zamboni progresses, add straight sections. The first straight section is the door section. The next is the short sections. Note that there are numbers on each end of each section. Match the numbers.
-) Make sure each section is straight and in the middle of the red line as you progress.
-) When the last section is put in place, apply tension to the lobby side—enough to hold the wings in place, but not so much that there is buckling of the straight sections.
-) Now tension the bleacher side.
-) Add water at the base of the boards on each side.

Breakdown

The boards are broken down from the lobby side of the rink to the bleachers side.

-) Make sure the door is closed and locked.
-) Release the tensioner on the lobby side and separate the wings from the straight sections.
-) Now working from the lobby side, start loading the straight sections. Red top goes to the closed side of the cart.
-) When separating sections, DO NOT JUST PULL ON A SECTION. That can cause a separation down the line and a bunch of boards will fall with the possibility of injury to a helper or serious damage to the boards. When separating sections, lift up on the end of the section and then make sure you hold back on the remaining sections so they do not separate elsewhere.
-) Once all of the long straight sections have been loaded, put the lower side of the cart in place followed by the two straight crosspieces.
-) Now load the curved sections, making sure you alternate them so that the ends which press against the permanent boards are not all facing the same way.
-) Next load the two joining pieces with the wider ends facing each other.
-) Finally, load the short straight section.

-) Put the upper side of the cart in place.
-) Hang the tensioners on the cart.
-) Move the cart with the straight wheels in front and the castering wheels in back.
-) If you are breaking down the boards for Clinic, the cart may remain on the ice. In addition, you may position the wings and the joining pieces against the boards so you do not have to put them on the cart.