



Whatcom County Amateur Hockey Association COVID-19 Facility Safety Plan

In conjunction with the USA Hockey risk mitigation guidelines and the Governor's current fitness and Training requirements released in proclamation 20-25, the WCAHA Board of Directors has assembled the following directives for on ice activities at the Bellingham Sportsplex.

WCAHA related activities at the Bellingham Sportsplex shall adhere to all rules and regulations mandated by the Sportsplex staff, and shall meet or exceed those activity practices noted below, with the more restrictive guideline governing.

Phase 2 Operations

- Temperature checks shall be taken for every person entering the facility to participate in WCAHA related functions. Any person with a temperature of > 100 degrees F will be asked to leave the facility immediately and refrain from returning to the facility for 72 hours.
- No games or scrimmages shall be played in this phase.
- Social distancing will be practiced on the ice with minimal lines during drills and 6' spacing between players and coaches being enforced at all times.
- Groups of 5 players and one coach should be anticipated when training drills are created/adopted. Currently we do not anticipate a pod type environment.
- Maximum of 25 players on the ice at one time (300 square feet per person).
- Coaches shall clearly communicate the following guidelines with parents:
 - No sharing of water bottles. Tape on boards to delineate each person's water bottle location. One bottle per zone. All players must come to practice with a full water bottle. Assume water fountains and bathroom facilities are closed.
 - Players to show up to the arena dressed and ready to play, except for skates, which may be put on at the arena. If parental or coach assistance is required to tie skates, this should be coordinated in advance.
 - No parents will be permitted to spectate practice during this phase. No exceptions, save those signed up to volunteer with rink related activities. See Team Manager for available activities.

- Any child, parent, or family member that shows symptoms of COVID-19 shall not participate in any activities and must leave the facility immediately. The Association will notify persons who may have come in contact with identified person(s) with such symptoms promptly.
- All non-players shall wear masks within the facility at all times. This includes skate tightening and assisting in dressing immediately outside of facility.
- Masks shall be worn by all when entering or exiting the facility, but are not required when on the ice.
- No spitting, hugging, or bare skin contact permitted. Gloves on at all times.
- Coaches and assistants / practice assistants shall wear masks at all times.
- Coaching staff is encouraged to utilize electronic whistles.
- All participants / parents shall sign a waiver of acknowledgment of risk.
- Teams must enter no more than 10 minutes before practice and must be out of the facility within 10 minutes of the end of practice, or as directed by facility staff.
- No full size hockey bags shall be brought into the facility. Bring only what is needed to finish dressing and carry water bottles.
- No contact on ice during this phase.
- Recognize and respect the facility entry and exit policies.
- Respect the facility at all times.
- WCAHA Board reserves the right to enforce discipline for any member, or family member refusing to adhere to the modified guidelines.

Resources

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/youth-sports.html>

https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/COVID19Phase2FitnessGuidelines.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

https://cdn1.sportngin.com/attachments/document/5e7c-2230755/MitigatingRisk.8.17.20.pdf#_ga=2.202931029.573444215.1597672836-567950419.1549408422

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