



Whatcom County Amateur Hockey Association COVID-19 Facility Safety Plan

In conjunction with the USA Hockey risk mitigation guidelines and the Governor's current youth sports guidelines, 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 3 Operations

- Members will use the Teamsnap Health Screening feature to record their health check prior to practice or games or other WCAHA activities.
- Masks, covering both mouth and nose at all times, by everyone in the rink, including skaters and coaches. This is a zero tolerance policy.
- Teams may incorporate full ice practices, play in scrimmages & games and participate in tournaments.
- Spectators will be allowed at all WCAHA events, including practices and games.
- Spectators will be admitted as players step on the ice and must leave as players leave the ice.
- Families are asked to make good judgement in bringing spectators outside of immediate family so that we do not exceed our designated capacity.
- Parents are asked to keep younger siblings with them during practices and games and not allow them to wander the building.
- Spectators are asked to stay together in their family unit and maintain a distance of 6', whenever possible, from people outside of their family bubble.
- Everyone entering the building must be recorded on a sign-in sheet at the entrance.

- Spectators are encouraged to hand sanitize on their way in and out of the rink.
- WCAHA continues to ask all members to stay home if they have COVID-19 symptoms or have been exposed to anyone with a positive COVID-19 test or COVID symptoms.
- Coaches shall clearly communicate the following guidelines with parents and players:
 - 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 mostly dressed and ready to play.
 - Players should leave the rink mostly geared.
 - 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 and are also required on the ice by skaters and coaches. Masks will cover nose and mouth.
 - No spitting, hugging, or bare skin contact permitted. Gloves on at all times.
- Coaches and assistants / practice assistants shall wear masks that cover mouth and nose 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.
- 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.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/COVID19%20Sporting%20Activities%20Guidance.pdf>

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

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