

## **TOWN OF NEWMARKET**

### **UPDATED PROTOCOLS – PROVINCIAL RED ZONE LEVEL**

#### **Presence of a Rink/Site Manager**

As part of our operational plan, we have asked that each club have a site/rink manager to organize efforts of their membership with items such as attendance and pre-screening, mask wearing, maintaining social distancing and facilitating participants who will use consecutive hours (see next note on this). Please ensure you have this person on site for each hour of use.

#### **Important Reminders**

- Please remind participants including coaches to put their mask on as soon as possible, once off the ice.
  - There have been instances where players and coaches step off the ice and engage in discussion before they put on their masks.
  - It is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** that coaches wear their masks throughout their time in the arena including their time on ice.
  - Everyone entering the facility is encouraged to have their own hand sanitizer and apply it generously before touching your mask when you go to take it off (if you are a player and taking it off to go onto the ice surface) or put it on.
- Please remind participants to exit quickly after their times, do not change out of equipment any more than necessary. This ensures staff can disinfect the chairs without delaying the next group.
  - Having your Site Manager sweep through the chairs would greatly assist with this.

The same protocols will be in place as when we most recently operated the indoor pads, most notably:

- Conduct a health screening on the day of activity for everyone entering the facility as well as attendance tracking
- The maximum number of occupants on the ice is 13:
- A maximum of 10 athletes &
- A maximum combination of 3 coaches or trainers
- In order to limit unnecessary gathering and to maintain physical distancing, we ask that:
- Guardians remaining within the arena are limited to the U11 age groups only.
- For Trainers of groups older than U11, that prefer not to skate, they may remain in the facility and off ice, by the player bench
- When a coach or trainer is a parent of a skater, this does not permit another family member to utilize the off-ice guardian space.
- Siblings are **NOT** to be brought into the arena.
- Ice may be used for training purposes only. Coaches should prepare practices to minimize close contact
- Games of any type, including scrimmages cannot take place.
- Entry to Pfaff and Scotia pads will still be on the West Side of the Magna Centre. With the exit for Scotia remaining on the West, and Pfaff to the south, as it was during the last operation.

#### **Patrons Utilizing Rinks In Consecutive Hours**

- Our facilities team has reported that some users are not informing staff of their intention to stay for consecutive hours and when they do, they are not remaining in their chair as the first group leaves and the next group enters. This can cause confusion as to when disinfection can take place and which chairs need to be cleaned.

- As a reminder, we ask that coaches/convenors/site Managers alert the Facilities team and/or the Recreation and Culture staff person at the start of the first hour.
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- As an update, each pad will now have designated chairs for these “hold-over” participants, so please direct any consecutive hour participants (including referees, time keepers etc.) to the designated chairs. We are still working with the facilities team to confirm exact location, so please work with the staff at each site to utilize these chairs.