# **CENTRE ICE** ••••• S P O R T S P L E X •••••

At our Nottawasaga Centre Ice Sportsplex we look forward to providing a safe and healthy environment. We will take reasonable precautions and observe best practices to minimize risks and to protect against the hazards presented by COVID-19. The safety and well-being of our team and athletes is our priority and as such we will be enacting the following Guidelines.

## **NOTTAWASAGA TOURNAMENT & GAME GUIDELINES**

We are grateful for everyone's continued understanding and patience. For everyone's safety and well-being we have established precautionary measures consistent with public health guidelines and industry best practices. Guidelines may be updated as required to revise practices as needed. We ask for your cooperation in adhering to our new operating Guidelines.

#### **BEST PRACTICES**

Practicing physical distancing (staying 2 metres / 6 feet away from others), proper hand hygiene, keeping surfaces and objects clean and preventing contact with others are all critically important measures. Other information on how you can protect yourself is available on <u>ontario.ca/coronavirus</u>.

#### **VACCINATION POLICY**

Starting September 22, 2021, the Government of Ontario is introducing an enhanced COVID-19 vaccine certificate system where visitors will be required to show proof of vaccination with accompanying government-issued photo identification for the establishment to visually verify prior to accessing non-essential indoor settings that are considered high-risk. This includes the facilities at the Centre Ice Sportsplex. Please visit the Government of Ontario website for full details <u>here</u>.

**From September 22-October 21, 2021** to enter high-risk establishments proof of immunization is required in the form of: 1) Your COVID-19 vaccine receipts (paper copy or PDF copy on a mobile device) and 2) Government issued photo ID.

**From October 22, 2021 onwards,** Ontario COVID-19 vaccination certificates are required. The Ontario Government will provide you with a unique QR Code or you can present a printed or digital copy of the certificate, to learn more about the certificate click <u>here</u>.

How Does this Impact Your Ice Rental? According to the provincial guidelines, this temporary mandate applies to all Arena facilities in Ontario.

#### Starting September 22, 2021:

- OMHA or official team roster listing all players and team coaches must be submitted seven (7) days in advance of tournament, game or exhibition game.
- All participants 19 years of age and older in adult hockey groups must be fully vaccinated and show proof of full vaccination + 14 days from the date of last vaccination as well as government issued photo ID with name and birth date before entering the building. If they cannot provide proper documentation they will not be permitted inside.

- All spectators over the age of 12 must be fully vaccinated and show proof of full vaccination + 14 days from the date of last vaccination as well as proof of identity with name and birth date before entering the building. If they cannot provide proper documentation they will not be permitted inside.
- The following identification documents are valid: government issued identification card including health card.
- Exemptions only apply for the following:
  - Participants under 18 years of age who are entering the facility solely for the purpose of actively participating in an organized sport (i.e. training, practices, games and competitions). They do not have to show proof of vaccination.
  - Proof of vaccination is not required for workers or volunteers including coaches.
  - Medical exemptions: Guests with a medical exemption are required to present identification and a written document written by physician stating the individual is exempt for a medical reason to the business.
- All other public health measures (ie. masking and physical distancing) continue to apply.
- You will still be required to answer the COVID-19 Screening Questionnaire at each visit.

# **BEFORE YOU ARRIVE**

If you have symptoms please stay home, self-isolate and call Telehealth or a healthcare provider. This includes:

- Cough or croup (barking cough)
- o Decrease / loss of smell or taste
- Fever and/or chills
- o Shortness of breath
- Muscle aches / joint pain
- o Fatigue / tiredness
- Use proper hand washing techniques and avoid touching your face. Extra hand washing is a good idea for everyone and when that's not possible, a hand sanitizer with minimum alcohol content of 60% should be used frequently.
- We encourage you to be proactive and responsible for bringing your own hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes, personal protective equipment (PPE) if desired and water for personal use.

## **UPON ARRIVAL**

Physical distancing (staying 2 metres / 6 feet away from others) and proper hygiene and must be observed by all people entering the building.

- Players and coaches should arrive no sooner than 20 minutes before your reserved ice time and proceed to their assigned change room. Players and coaches must wear masks in the changerounds at all times and socially distance unless otherwise restricted by the Ontario Provincial Government and/or Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit. Dressing rooms shall be vacated no later than fifteen (15) minutes after completion of ice rental.
- One (1) parent, guardian or spectator permitted per player in effect due to capacity limitations and be seated in designated seating area only. Entry permitted just prior to game time and must not enter the dressing room.
- The main entry doors are the only access into the arena. COVID-19 screening, contact tracing and proof of vaccination are required before entry. Each person entering the arena is to sign in at the Registration Desk in the Main Lobby.
- Spectators, players and coaches are not to congregate in the lobby before, during or after games.
  Departure from the arena will be from the appropriately marked exit doors on Pad 1 & Pad 2. Do not

exit through the main entrance. Spectators are required to exit the arena immediately following the game.

- Please follow and respect all signage, policies and guidance of our staff. Any player, coach or spectator by-passing the main entry and providing unauthorized entry into the arena through the exit doors will immediately be asked to leave the arena. Should this occur during game play, game will be suspended until all unauthorized spectators depart the arena.
- Staff cannot handle or provide assistance with any equipment or materials
- Traffic flow with floor markings, physical distancing (staying 2 metres away from others) and barriers may be utilized where required.
- Frequency of cleaning and disinfection has been elevated on common/high-touch surfaces.
- Hand sanitizer will be available for use upon entry/exit.
- Bathroom facilities will be available in the Main Lobby and your assigned dressing room only.
- Change rooms will be open with a limit of (11) people per change room. Extra chairs may be provided strictly for use outside of the change room should additional seating be required.
- Showers will be closed for tournaments
- All ice rental groups are limited to the maximum number of participants in effect from time to time at the sole discretion of the Nottawasaga Inn Resort unless otherwise restricted by the Ontario Provincial Government and/or Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit.
- (1) Spectator for each child aged 18 and under will be permitted in the building. Spectators must wear masks at all times while in the building. Re-entry will be subject to COVID-19 screening, contact tracing and proof of vaccination.
- Masks must be worn by players/coaches before and after their skate. Coaching staff on the bench must wear masks.
- No food and beverage permitted in the building, only exception is a water bottle.
- NO alcoholic beverages permitted, or loss of ice time may result.

#### ON THE ICE

Please follow and respect all Guidelines, signage and guidance of our staff. Anyone not adhering to the policies will forfeit skating privileges and be asked to leave.

- Non-contact scrimmage and drills are permitted.
- Players benches and penalty boxes will be open.
- Refrain from any contact with others during your ice time including shaking hands, high fives, fist bumps, hugs etc. No sharing of equipment.
- Coaches must have own coach whiteboards or paper. No writing on arena boards permitted.
- No spitting anywhere, on or off the ice surface.

#### AFTER SKATING

- Discard ALL trash and PPE at conclusion in the trash receptacle. We ask that skaters ensure that all personal belongings are removed at the end of their skate session.
- Change rooms must be vacated (15) minutes following your rental. Spectators please exit the Arena immediately, do not congregate in the Lobby and depart parking lot as promptly as possible following completion of your rental.

\*For anyone who thinks they may have been exposed to or are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, please start by visiting the Ministry of Health's website and taking a self-assessment: <u>https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment</u>. For additional information, refer to the Public Health Agency of Canada's website on COVID-19: <u>https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/being-prepared.html?topic=tilelink</u>