

Watrous Return to Hockey Plan- Oct 26, 2020

- The Watrous Return to Hockey is governed by the Government of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Hockey Association. For any questions and concerns refer to the Sports and Activities Guidelines provided by the Government of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Health Authority. These guidelines are subject to change and will be updated regularly and are available at ***Saskatchewan.ca/COVID19***.
- Cleaning and sanitizing has been enhanced in all facilities
- Tournaments are currently cancelled until SHA re-evaluates the situation in 2021.

Contact Tracing Procedures

- The facilitator (coaches or manager) of the scheduled ice time will be responsible for collecting and maintaining contact information for EACH SESSION. Records for all the participants to be retained for 30 days following the activity. This will allow for any tracing directed by Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) if the need arises. QR-Code is on the entrance participants, coaches, spectators are encouraged to use this but a back up paper copy will be needed for those who do not use this tool. Each user group will be responsible for their own records.

Player and Spectator Arrival, Departure Procedures

- All patrons must wear a mask while in the facility. Players and coaches are required to wear a mask entering and exiting the facility.
- Participants are to arrive for any ice time **no more than 15 minutes prior to their scheduled time,** and are encouraged to arrive dressed.
- Dressing rooms will be designated. Please practice physical distancing whenever possible.
- Parents/Guardians/Care-Givers are being discouraged from remaining at the Arena during practices.
- The upstairs Lobby will be closed. If a spectator must remain in the arena, they may social distance in the upper area of the stands behind the standing rail. Touching the hand rail is discouraged.
- Participants are encouraged to dress in their equipment at home, but not mandatory, to limit the time needed in the dressing rooms. Skates can be put on at the arena.
- For younger age groups, there will be **no more than 1 person** allowed in the dressing rooms to assist your child in finishing getting ready for their ice time. If possible try and have 1 parent help more than one child to more easily allow for adequate spacing. **As soon as the guardian is finished helping the player to get ready for the ice time please exit the dressing room.** Do not loiter in the hallways or rooms to allow for distancing. If your child can get ready without help then parents are discouraged from going into the dressing room.
- **Siblings are not allowed** to go into the dressing rooms to allow physical distancing.
- Players need to stay in their dressing room maintaining social distancing and wait to be escorted to the ice and not congregate by the gates.
- Spitting is not allowed in the facility as it increases the risk of transmitting the COVID-19 virus.
- Showers will not be permitted.

- The dressing room should be **entirely vacated 15 minutes after the end of the ice time.**
- Groups using dressing rooms 1 and 2 should leave using the East Exit, not through the Entrance Lobby. Groups using Rooms 3,4,5 and Senior Room should leave using the North Exit to the Parking Lot. This will minimize two way traffic in the entrance area near Room 1.
- Public Skating and Shinny will have mandatory sign up sheets for contact tracing and will be collected and retained by Arena Staff. Using the QR-Code is encouraged.

Attendance limitations

- Maximum number of participants on the ice level (including coaches, off ice officials and referees) is 30.
- Spectators (excluding parents and guardians where necessary for player support) should be kept out of participant spaces. Once the spectator enters the ice surface area (including standing in gate areas and along board) they become counted in the 30 maximum.
- Spectators for games only - Maximum number of persons in the viewing area is 150. Physical distancing of 2 meters needs to be maintained at all times. The stands and lobby will be open to allow for social distancing only during game times.
- We request minimal spectators attend events, and remind parents and caregivers that children must be with them at all times. Children are not allowed to run around.
- Spectators must maintain distancing of at least two metres from other members of the public.
- Maximum capacity is 150 people, while still maintaining 6 feet of social distancing.
- **Spectators must exit the facility 5 minutes after the game** to allow for disinfecting between each user group.

Equipment sanitation

- No sharing of equipment will be permitted. This included tape, visor cleaners, towels, water bottles or sticks....etc
- Each participant will need their own clearly labelled water bottle and each bottle will need to be spaced when set on the bench or boards to allow distancing when drinking.
- Participants are asked to bring full water bottles to their ice time. Refilling will be permitted keeping practical sanitation guidelines in place.
- No congratulatory gestures such as handshakes, or high fives are permitted.
- Dressing rooms need to be kept clean and all garbage needs to be kept at minimum and cleaned up after each use to require less time to sanitize the room for the next group.
- User groups should designate one or more people to be responsible for ensuring compliance with the following:
 - a. Dressing rooms are disinfected properly in accordance with Sask Health recommendations.
 - b. Records of all participants, coaches, team officials and spectators for EACH SESSION must be kept for 30 days and are only used for the purposes of contact tracing.
 - c. Ensure that any participants, coaches, team officials or spectators are not sick or symptomatic.

General

- a. Spectators are to minimize cheering and whistling to help control the spread of the COVID-19 virus.
- b. If any participant or spectator is ill they should leave the facility immediately and we encourage them to contact the Saskatchewan Health Authority (811) for advice and self isolate.
- c. Saskatchewan Public Health Guidelines <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus/re-open-saskatchewan-plan>
- d. The most current communication from Sask Hockey Association is at: <https://sha.sk.ca/news/return-to-hockey>
- e. Hockey Canada's Return to Hockey COVID-19 Response Plan is: <https://hockeycanada.ca/en-ca/exclusive/return-to-hockey>