

AYHA COVID-19 Guidelines/Safety Procedures

Amery Youth Hockey Association is working to create a great season for all of our players and families. Safety is our top priority and we will continue to work with our USA Hockey partners and local health officials to implement policies centered around a safe and fun environment. We are utilizing resources made available through USA Hockey to encourage best practices for our association. You can visit USA Hockey to read about best practices.

2020-21 AYHA and Rink Guidelines

Below are guidelines that will be implemented for the 2020-21 hockey season. The AYHA Board of Directors will continue to evaluate the safety guidelines as the season progresses and will provide necessary updates to all of our members.

1. Masks:

Masks/Face Coverings are required for all individuals over the age of 5 (players, coaches, parents, and spectators) when inside the Amery Ice Arena. This includes entering/exiting the building, and for the entire duration of the time you are in the arena. Masks/approved splash guards will be required by players and coaches when they are on the ice as per WAHA rules.

2. Rink Entry/Exit:

Players are allowed to enter the arena 10 minutes prior to their scheduled start time, fully dressed with the exception of skates/gloves and helmets. Players will have 10 minutes after their practice/game to leave the facility. The front doors will be the main entry/exit point.

Two team parents assigned weekly will be allowed in the rink to supervise and clean locker rooms/bathrooms and door handles.

3. Parents/Guardians/ Spectators:

For practices/activities (non-games) at the Squirt/U10 level and above, parents and family members will not be allowed to enter the arena. Coaches can help assist with skates and equipment. One adult per family will be allowed to enter and stay in the arena for the duration of the ice session to help assist mini mites/mites.

For games, a maximum of 2 family members from each player's household to attend. Siblings of the player's immediate family are allowed to attend if necessary but should be limited as much as possible. Children are encouraged to sit with their family in the stands and not congregate at other places around the rink.

Any players, coaches or spectators exhibiting symptoms or signs of an illness should not be in the facility at any point.

If a player is currently in quarantine per a public health directive, they may not enter the rink until their respective quarantine period is complete. AYHA is following the recommendations of the Polk County health department guidelines.

4. Player Safety:

If your child is sick, they may not come to the rink. If your child is ill for a game or practice, contact your child's coach or manager immediately.

Either wash hands or use hand sanitizer as you enter/exit the rink. Individual water bottles with names clearly marked. No team water bottles or sharing of water bottles.

Players should keep gloves on after skates are tied, through the duration of the event. Practice social distancing while in the hockey rink. Bathrooms will be available, but we encourage everyone to limit bathroom use as much as possible.

5. Concession Area:

Concession stand will be open during games. No more than 5 customers in the concessions area.

All concession volunteers must wear proper fitting masks and gloves per concession stand policy.

High touch areas (door handles, counters, etc.) will be cleaned frequently.

6. Bathrooms:

We ask that bathrooms at the rink be used on a very limited basis. Bathrooms will be cleaned daily