



Hagerstown Youth Hockey Association

Game Day Protocols

(Last Update: 01.11.2021)

Players and Rostered Staff:

- Participants/Staff/All Others should refrain from congregating at the front entrance of the rink.
- Masks should be worn in the immediate vicinity of the rink.
- Players and team staff (max 3 coaches and a team manager) will be allowed to enter the rink once the previous ice slot participants have vacated **and have been instructed to enter by the Hagerstown Ice & Sports Complex staff (HISC)**. Please proceed directly to the area designated by the HISC staff. **(Updated 1.11.2021)**.
 - Designated areas:
 - Lobby (main lobby)
 - Back Lobby (back by office/rental skate area)
 - Balcony (raised Lobby, ice viewing area)
 - Bleachers (First row of Bleachers) – please use the locker room hallway to get there.
- Players and coaches must wear a face covering at all times within the facility to include the bench area. **ONLY** while on the bench, the player's face coverings may be a helmet with a bubble/cage.
- Only rostered players, coaches and team manager participating in that day's game may enter the facility and be counted as part of the team personnel. Any non-dressed, injured, or reserve player or additional coaches should follow the guidelines listed below under "Spectators."
- Prior to entry, HISC staff will check in each team, unless you provide a pre-printed roster, parents/coaches must sign in on the HISC form **(updated 1.11.2021)**.
- Players should enter fully dressed and ready to play. **No bags are allowed in the facility**. Bags should be kept outside of the facility locked in vehicles (HYHA/Hagerstown Ice and Sports Complex does not accept any responsibility for any missing items).
- Players, if possible, should enter with skates already on and covered by walkable skate guards. These skate guards may be left in the designated dressing area for the duration of the game. This is not mandatory, but is preferred. No rubberized mats are available outside at this time.
 - If a parent/guardian is needed to assist in tying skates, they should enter after all team personnel and stay with their player only. Once they have finished assisting, they should proceed immediately to the bleacher area for game viewing. (See "Spectators" for further details about game viewing.)

- Goalies will be allowed access to a locker room **no more than 15 min prior** to game time if capacity has not been reached. This will be determined by rink staff upon entry and may not be guaranteed. One locker room will be provided for each team and only goalies and a locker room monitor (per SafeSport guidelines) will be allowed in the designated locker room. It is requested that these locker room monitors be rostered as team personnel if at all possible (coaches/team manager). SafeSport-certified parents or other volunteers can be used if necessary.
- Once all team members are ready to take the ice, they may proceed to the closest entry door and enter the rink. All team personnel should remain as distanced as possible throughout this process.
- Once the game has concluded, teams will have 5 minutes to leave the building to maintain capacity guidelines and to prevent crossover of user groups. Once off the ice, the helmet is removed and the mask/face covering is put back in place before removing skates if needed. Skates can be removed (if needed), but no other undressing should occur in the facility (exception for goalies who have utilized a dressing room). Once skates have been removed players should vacate the building immediately, utilizing only the doors marked EXIT.

Spectators:

- Masks must be worn at all times within the facility.
- One spectator per player (who resides in the same household) will be allowed to enter the building at the game's start time. They must be counted by rink staff upon entry. They will proceed immediately to the bleacher area and remain distanced throughout game play.
 - Rostered staff **do not count** as their player's spectator. Any player with a parent serving as a coach/manager is permitted 1 additional spectator from the same household.
 - Siblings are not permitted to enter.
- Spectators will abide by all facility signage regarding entry to the bleacher area, exit from the bleacher area, and bathroom capacity.
- The Home team will provide a timekeeper and scorekeeper.
- The non-coach rostered staff should fill the position of timekeeper and scorekeeper. If unavailable or other help is needed, additional volunteers may be used.
- Once the game has concluded, all spectators will leave the facility immediately. Note: This may occur before the players have left the ice. Game slots are 90 minutes including a 10-minute cut. At 80 minutes, spectators must leave the facility.

Game Play:

- Benches have been extended so that players can remain distanced.
- Coaches and all game management personnel must wear masks for the duration of the game.
- No penalty box in use. The home penalty box must be used to create additional distance between the scorekeeper and timekeeper if necessary.

- Penalties – Players will need to vacate the ice for the duration of their penalty. The penalty box will be at the end of the extended bench, away from other players.
- Games are assumed to be non-checking. Checking is permitted with the agreement of both head coaches as well as officials.
- At the conclusion of the game, players will line up on their blue line and tap sticks in lieu of the traditional handshake. They will then immediately leave the ice surface. Any post-game signatures or discussions between officials, coaches, and game management personnel will take place off the ice to ensure that ice schedules can be kept.
- Game time will be kept exact. A running clock may be utilized to ensure that games are kept on schedule.
- Please remember to check your bench for water bottles, etc.; there is no lost and found available.

Additional Notes:

- The rink staff is aware of PVAHA guidelines, as well as all Federal/State/Local rules relating to facility capacity, use, management, etc. Any instructions given by the rink staff should be followed without question.
- If at any time the facility reaches capacity, spectators may be asked to leave and are expected to do so.
- This policy is subject to change and will be updated as needed.
- Any questions regarding this policy should be sent to riskmanagement@hagerstownhockey.com or president@hagerstownhockey.com.