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Organization: _____

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Northtown Center at Amherst COVID-19 Procedures

*****As of February 1, 2021*****

• General Information

- Skaters, coaches and spectators agree to stay home if they are ill, symptomatic, or believe they have been in contact with anyone who may have COVID-19 or symptoms of COVID-19
 - Each team is responsible for screening all athletes, coaches and spectators for COVID-19 symptoms for every team event, including practices, scrimmages, games and tournaments.
- Sports programs that operate as an organization in New York State are required to follow NY forward guidelines and the Erie County Department of Health Guidance
- All athletes, coaches and spectators are also required to follow the New York State Travel Advisory
- Everyone using the facility must maintain the proper social distancing of the recommended 6 feet
- All coaches and spectators must wear a mask while in the facility at all times
 - Ice sports participants, except for coaches, may remove their mask while on the ice
- Coaches are responsible for notifying visiting teams of the COVID-19 procedures
- **All organizations, teams (including visiting teams) and private rentals are required to return the signed policy to a Guest Services Representative upon first use of the facility**

• Spectators

- There is one (1) spectator allowed per on-ice participant
- Spectators are required to accompany the participant into the facility for admittance
 - Spectators arriving by themselves will not be allowed inside of the facility
- **There is no readmittance of spectators once they leave the facility**
- Spectators must maintain social distancing and should not be gather in groups

- **Arrival to the Northtown Center**

- Patrons must use a parking space when dropping off and picking up participants instead of a vehicle standing in the front or back of the building
 - Vehicles in No Standing and No Parking zones will impact the flow of traffic and cause unsafe conditions for those crossing the roadway
- **Coaches must arrive 35 minutes prior to the scheduled ice time**
- Athletes, coaches and spectators will not be allowed into the facility until thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled ice time
- Coaches must provide a team roster to the designated Guest Services representative for verification of official team coaches and managers
- **Athletes should arrive either fully dressed or partially dressed to limit the amount of time spent in a locker room**
- **Dressing and/or undressing in any area except for a locker room will result in suspension of facility use**
- For participants on the Feature and Olympic Rinks
 - Enter the east entrance (flagpole side) of the facility
- For participants on Rink #1 and Rink #2
 - Enter the west entrance (hotel side) of the facility
- Athletes, coaches and spectators should use hand sanitizer immediately upon entering the building
- All patrons are required to use the temperature check stations at the designated entrance
- The temperature stations are for monitoring purposes and there are no recorded images
 - If someone has an abnormal temperature reading they will be allowed to re-test
 - If they have a 2nd abnormal reading they must leave the facility immediately
 - Masks should be worn when testing
 - If someone has eye glasses they should be removed before testing
- Athletes, coaches and spectators should proceed to the designated waiting area
 - Designated Waiting Areas
 - Rink #1 & Rink #2 - In front of the concession area
 - Feature & Olympic Rinks – To the right of the stairway when you enter
- Athletes, coaches and spectators must follow the signage to properly enter the facility
- The accessible entrance will be for those who have a physical disability only
- Any person not following the Northtown Center COVID-19 procedures will be reported to the designated coach. The designated coach will be responsible for ensuring that all guidelines are followed at all times

- **Inside the Northtown Center**

- Bathrooms will be open for patrons
- One (1) locker room will be provided for each team and the coach will be responsible for monitoring social distancing, mask wearing and locker room capacity
 - Properly social distanced space (6 feet) will be available for the skaters to get dressed
 - Showers will not be available to ensure prompt exit time
- Water fountains will be closed off and skaters must bring their own water bottle
- Hand sanitizer will be fully stocked and readily available
- A designated employee will continuously monitor and clean the high-traffic areas

- **Training**

- Athletes must conduct all warmup activities prior to arrival at the facility
- No off ice or dry land training is allowed inside of the facility
- Coaches are required to supervise the athletes at all times while inside the facility including the time prior to and immediately following the activity
- All athletes must use their own personal equipment, essential items only, and must remove these items when leaving the facility
- Coaches are further responsible for monitoring the spectators that are accompanying the athletes

- **Departure of the Northtown Center**

- Locker room showers are not available for use
- Skaters and coaches must exit the facility no later than 15 minutes after the session ends

Read and affirm the Interim Guidance for Sports and Recreation during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/SportsAndRecreationMasterGuidance.pdf>

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Sign: _____

Resources:

NY Forward Sports & Recreation Summary Guidance

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/SportsAndRecreationSummaryGuidance.pdf>

COVID-19 Travel Advisory

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>

Erie County Department of Health High Risk Sports Guidance

<https://www2.erie.gov/health/index.php?q=press/following-review-ny-forward-sports-and-recreation-guidance-erie-county-department-health-annou>