

Bloomington Ice Garden COVID-19 Safety & Preparedness Operations Plan For Hockey Games, Scrimmages and Tournaments July 17, 2020, amended January 8, 2021

The Bloomington Ice Garden COVID-19 Safety & Preparedness Plan (“Plan”) is to be used in conjunction with the City of Bloomington’s COVID-19 Safety & Preparedness Plan, dated May 22, 2020. Specific policies related to the operations of the Bloomington Ice Garden are included herein and have been developed in conjunction with the City of Bloomington’s COVID-19 Response Team. The goal of this Plan is to continue to provide responsive and high-quality services in a collaborative way while mitigating the potential for transmission of COVID-19. The City has used its best efforts to include best practices and procedures for recreational facilities as set forth by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Contents of this Plan and continued operations of the Bloomington Ice Garden are subject to change at the sole discretion of the City of Bloomington.

Competitive youth and adult hockey games, scrimmages and tournaments will be allowed to take place at the Bloomington Ice Garden, pursuant to the following:

General Operations:

- Unless otherwise exempted or not recommended by local, state or federal guidance, all persons, including Players, Coaches, Officials and Spectators, entering the Bloomington Ice Garden will be required to wear a face mask for the entire time they are present in the building, including all times that Players, Coaches and Officials are on the ice. Children participating in hockey games, scrimmages and tournaments between the ages of 2 to 5 are encouraged to wear a face mask, but are not required to wear a mask.
- All persons entering the building are expected to maintain appropriate social/physical distance from others while in the building.
- Concessions stands will not be open for service, until further notice. Vending machines outside of each rink will be open for use.
- There will be 30 minutes scheduled between games to allow Bloomington Ice Garden staff to clean and disinfect high touch surfaces in the rink and adjacent waiting areas before the next game is set to begin.

- Pre- and Post-game huddles or gatherings will not be allowed in the building or in any areas adjacent to the Bloomington Ice Garden, including the parking lot.
- All ice rentals must have a signed contract on file with the City.
- By reading and signing in the Plan Acknowledgement, attached as the last page of this Plan, the person responsible for renting the facilities for hockey games, scrimmages and tournaments (Renter) assumes the responsibility for communicating and enforcing compliance with the City of Bloomington's COVID Safety and Preparedness Plan and the Bloomington Ice Garden's COVID-19 Operation Plan (Plan) as set forth herein. This includes all groups participating in games, scrimmages and tournaments. Renter must sign and return a copy of the Plan Acknowledgement form to Bloomington Ice Garden staff **PRIOR** to holding any games, scrimmages or tournaments. Failure to do so may cause the revocation of permission for the Renter, and participating groups, to use the Bloomington Ice Garden and all of its facilities until a signed acknowledgement is received.
- It is the responsibility of the Renters and Tournament Directors to supervise all Players, Coaches, Officials and Spectators to assure that the policy and procedures set forth in this Plan are being followed. Failure of the participating groups to abide by the policies and procedures set forth in this Plan may result in the revocation of the groups' permission to use the Bloomington Ice Garden and all of its facilities until further notice.
- Renter will be required to provide a roster of all Players participating in the games, scrimmages or tournaments that may be provided to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) in the event an infection of any Player, Coach, Official or Spectator is reported.
- Renters will maintain a listing of all participants registered for a specific activity and will provide the listing to the Bloomington Ice Garden, or the City of Bloomington, for contact purposes in the case of a reported infection.

Players, Coaches and Officials

- A maximum of 20 participants per team (Players), or 40 Players in total, will be allowed on a single ice sheet at any time. Coaches and Officials are to be counted in the total number of participants allowed on the ice. While in the building, including while on the ice, all participants are expected to practice social/physical distancing between themselves and other Players, Coaches, and Officials when possible. Coaches and Officials while on the bench are required to wear face masks at all times while in the building, including during games, scrimmages and tournaments. Any Officials participating on the ice during the game, scrimmage or tournament, may remove their face mask when required as part of their officiating duties.
- Use of the locker rooms will NOT be allowed.

- Players must come fully dressed, except for helmets, skates and gloves. Goalies must come half-dressed for their scheduled activity and are allowed to bring in a bag that holds the remaining equipment needed to play. No one will be allowed to change clothes anywhere in the building, including the restrooms. Violation of this provision may result in the Player and the entire team being asked to leave the facility immediately and loss of ice time. Each rink will have a dedicated waiting area adjacent to the rink where the Players can put on their skates. Players are expected to sit only in approved spaces on chairs or benches, marked with tape, to put on their skates, or to wait for their session to start in order to maintain a minimum of 6 feet of social distance between themselves and other Participants.
- Per the Executive Order 20-103, all Players, Coaches and Spectators will be required to wear cloth face mask upon entering the building and must continue to wear the mask at all times they are in the building, including on-ice practice and game play. Per Minnesota Hockey (MN Hockey) and the Hockey Equipment Certification Council (HECC), and accepted by the City of Bloomington, the Bauer Concept 3 Splash Guard and the CCM Game on Mask may be used by Participants in place of a cloth face mask as required by Executive Order 20-103.
- Players, Coaches and Officials may not participate in any on-ice activities at the Bloomington Ice Garden if they are ill or have any reason to think they have been exposed to COVID-19. Any participant who is sick or has been exposed to COVID-19 must stay home until the criteria from the Minnesota Department of Health have been met. If a participant becomes ill while participating in any game, scrimmage or tournament, they must be instructed to leave the facility immediately.
- Players, Coaches and Officials must enter the Bloomington Ice Garden through the Main Doors and must follow the one-way traffic pattern in and out of building in order to maintain proper social distancing.
- All Players, Coaches and Officials must wear a face-mask covering when entering and leaving the ice, as well as all times while in the building and not on the ice.
- Players, Coaches and Officials will not be allowed in building more than 15 minutes prior to the start of their reserved ice time or game start time. All Players, Coaches, and Officials must be out of building within 15 minutes of the end of their reserved ice time or conclusion of their game.
- There should be no pre- or post-game handshakes. Teams should honor each other after the game with a stick salute.
- Because locker rooms are not available for use, Players and Officials should come dressed with as much equipment and clothing on as possible with the exception of skates and helmets. Any articles left in the waiting area after the game, scrimmage or tournament has ended will be considered contaminated and will be disposed of by

Bloomington Ice Garden staff. There will be NO lost and found area maintained by Bloomington Ice Garden staff.

- Spitting is NOT ALLOWED on the ice, in the Player's box, or anywhere in the Bloomington Ice Garden facilities.
- Only one assigned adult should be responsible for the clock and scoreboard. No one else should be allowed in the scorer's/announcer's box. If more than one adult is assigned to this area, masks must be worn if 6 feet of social distance cannot be maintained.
- Drinking fountains are closed. Players, Coaches and Officials should bring their own water bottles.
- Where possible, interior doors will be propped open to enhance airflow.

Spectators

- Each Player is allowed a maximum of two (2) Spectators to accompany them into the building to watch the game, scrimmage or tournament. Unless otherwise exempted or not recommended by local, state or federal guidance, each Spectator will be required to wear a face mask at all times while in the building. Children between the ages of 2 to 5 are encouraged to wear a face mask, but are not required to wear a mask. All Spectators must follow the one-way traffic flow when entering and exiting the building. Once a Spectator leaves the building, for any reason, they will not be allowed to return to the building, and their Player will need to meet them outside the building.
- Spectators must maintain proper social/physical distancing while in the building, and must stay in the designated area for each rink, if they choose to remain and observe the game, scrimmage or tournament. Spectators are **not** allowed to move between different rinks, they must stay in the rink where the skater is skating. Spectators are not allowed to observe games from the lobby area.
- At the end of each game all Spectators must vacate the arena within 10 minutes of the conclusion of the game. Spectators must wait for their Player outside of the building. This allows for sanitizing of the designated area before next group arrives.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

My signature certifies that I have read this entire document, understand it completely, and agree to follow the procedures as set forth above while renting the Bloomington Ice Garden.

I also understand that my failure, or the failure of any parties as identified through the Plan, to operate in accordance with the procedures as set forth in this Plan will result in the revocation of the Participants, Coaches or spectators ability to use the Bloomington Ice Garden and all of its facilities until further notice.

Signature

Printed Name

Date

Please sign and fax back to 952-844-0806, or scan and email to:
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