

Bloomington Ice Garden COVID-19 Safety & Preparedness Plan

September 18, 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, updated November 19, 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.

ORGANIZED YOUTH SPORTS

General Operations

- Unless otherwise exempted or not recommended by local, state or federal guidance, all persons entering the Bloomington Ice Garden will be required to wear a face mask for the time that they are present in the building, including all times that Players, Coaches and Officials are on the ice. Children between the ages of 2 to 5 are encouraged to wear a face mask, but are not required to wear a mask. 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.
- All persons entering the building are expected to maintain appropriate social distance from others while in the building.
- A maximum of two (2) groups, hereinafter referred to as “Pods”, of no more than 25 Participants, or a total of 25 Participants if one (1) group is using the entire sheet of ice, will be allowed on each rink and in the adjacent waiting areas at any given time. Participants, Coaches and allowed Spectators (see below) assigned for each skating reservation must be included in the total number of Participants allowed in each Pod. While in the building, including while on the ice, all Participants are expected to observe a minimum of 6 feet of social distance between themselves and other Participants.

- Participants must come fully dressed, except for helmets, skates and gloves. Goalies must come half-dressed and are allowed to bring in an equipment bag. No one will be allowed to change clothes anywhere in the building, including the restrooms. Each rink will have a dedicated waiting area adjacent to the rink where the Participants can put on their skates. Participants 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 Participants, 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.
- Participants are to be dropped off at Main Door and must follow the one-way traffic pattern in and out of building in order to maintain social distancing. Participants will not be allowed in building more than 15 minutes prior to the start of their reserved time and must be out of building within 10 minutes of the end of their activity.
- Upon entry, Participants will go directly to the rink or assigned adjacent waiting area assigned, take the ice, and leave building when session is over. Should an individual Participant be scheduled for more than one session, they will be directed to an assigned adjacent waiting area until they are allowed on the ice. While waiting, all Participants are expected to observe and follow social distancing guidelines outlined above.
- Participants are to be picked up on north side of building in the parking lot. Participants will not be allowed to wait for pickup inside the building, even during inclement weather. Loitering is not allowed in either the building or parking lot.
- Only goalies may bring equipment bags into the building. 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. The goalie's equipment bag may be left in the assigned waiting area for the rink that is being utilized by the Participant/group. Any articles left in the waiting area after the rental time 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. There will be 30 minutes between reservations to maintain social distancing between Participants and allow Bloomington Ice Garden staff to clean the rink and adjacent waiting areas before the next Pod of Participants enters the building.
- Drinking fountains are closed. Players, Coaches and Officials should bring their own water bottles.
- Concessions stands will not be open for service, until further notice. Vending machines outside of each rink will be open for use.
- Participants must pick up after themselves. All trash must be disposed of in the appropriate trash receptacle.

- While the Pod may be composed of more than one (1) Participant per coach. Group figure skating lessons will only be allowed through the Bloomington Skate School, at this time. All Participants, Coaches and Chaperones/Parents must adhere to face mask and social distancing guidelines and maintain a distance of 6 feet from others while on the ice or waiting in the adjacent areas.
- All music played must be played through a Bluetooth speaker using a mobile device that is brought into the rink by the Participant or the Coach. Use of BIG's sound system, or CD's are not allowed.
- All Coaches Rooms, Referee Rooms, Locker Rooms, Figure Skating Club Room, Player's Boxes and meeting rooms will be locked and not available for use.
- Where possible, interior doors will be propped open to enhance airflow.
- Use of ALL additional equipment is prohibited, this would include, but is not limited to: drop down curtain, shooting board, BAHA rink boards etc. Hockey mat dividers may be used for Hockey Mites practices. Any dividers used must be cleaned, using supplies provided by the Bloomington Ice Garden, before being put away by the Coaches at the end of practice. Coaches may bring their own cones for practice, however, they must be removed from the rink and leave with coach after each session.
- NO off ice training is allowed in inside, outside, or adjacent to the building, except training provided by E-train or Bloomington Amateur Hockey Association (BAHA). This includes the use of parking lots, grassy areas, sidewalks or driveways.
- NO writing of any kind is allowed on building glass.
- Skate sharpening services will be available, and well as sale of items from the Pro Shop.
- It is the responsibility of the group or person renting the ice to supervise the Participants of the group and to assure that they are following the policy and procedures set forth in this Plan. Failure of the Participants, Coaches or Chaperones/Parents to abide by the policies and procedures set forth in this Plan will result in the revocation of the Participants, Coaches and Spectators permission to use the Bloomington Ice Garden and all of its facilities until further notice.

Spectators

- Per revised Executive Order 20-103, Participants will be allowed to have two (2) Spectators to accompany a participant inside the facility. Spectators must wear a face mask and maintain appropriate social distance from others at all times while in the building.

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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 Chaperones/Parents 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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