



Updated- CMHA Safety Plan for Games

October 13, 2021

CMHA reserves the right for coaches and volunteers to remove any player from the facility that they deem to be a safety risk.

CMHA will comply with these regulations as follows:

- **Full Vaccination** – Means double vaccinated with one of the approved Covid 19 vaccines.
- **Covid Ambassador** – The home or host team will name at least one Covid Ambassador who must have a visible presence. This individual will oversee adherence to the return to play plan, facility guidelines, and ensure that COVID protocols are being followed. Failure of the Ambassador to oversee COVID protocols could result in a loss of booking privileges to the renter or organization.
- **Abuse of volunteers** – Any abuse of covid check-in volunteers will not be permitted and will result in the immediate suspension of the spectator and player from the current event and possibly from future events within the facility.

Games:

- Two Covid Ambassadors must check and see proof of full vaccination for all spectators and volunteers 12 years and older and Photo Identification for those 18 years and older.
- Only Players, Coaches, Managers, Hockey Canada Safety Person, and Officials are exempt from the requirement to show proof of full vaccination.
- Penalty box and time/score keeper volunteers will be required to show full proof of vaccination.
- Face masks must be worn by persons 5 years of age and older at all times within the facility.
- Masks may only be removed by players, coaches and Hockey Canada Safety Person when leaving the dressing room directly to the field of play (ice surface and benches).
- Support Staff must remain in the designated areas within the facility as follows:
 - Coaches and Hockey Canada Safety Person will be permitted on the benches.
 - Parents, spectators and volunteers will be permitted to sit in the designated arena seating areas. Social distancing is not required but is still recommended.
 - Penalty Box attendants, Time/Score Keepers will be permitted in the penalty box area.
 - Spectators are to remain seated except to use the washroom facilities and must always avoid congregation.



Arrival:

- Teams will be allowed to enter the arena prior to their scheduled ice time and will exit the arena once they've undressed the end of the scheduled ice time.
- Participants will arrive wearing a mask or facial covering. Masks must remain on at all times (including in dressing rooms).
- CMHA will provide a "Covid Ambassador" who will be responsible for monitoring spectators and vaccine passports.
- **Spectators will enter through the Front Main Entrance at all facilities including Memorial, Kinsmen, Western Financial Place and the Kimberley Civic Centre.** Spectators will then approach the check-in desk to provide proof of full vaccination before proceeding to the seating area.
- **Participants will use the Front Entrance at the Kinsmen Arena and Western Financial Place, the Front or rear entrance at Memorial Arena, and the Lower (Creekside) Side Entrance at the Kimberley Civic Centre.**
- Players will proceed directly to their assigned Dressing Room and avoid congregating.
- Spectators are asked to only enter the arena 5 minutes prior to the beginning of the ice time to reduce arena congestion.

Exit Ice and Building Procedure:

- At the end of the session, participants must exit the ice, single file, to their assigned dressing rooms. Participants must leave in the opposite direction that they entered the facility.
- Spectators must leave the arena within 5 minutes of their participant finishing their session to avoid congregation and keep capacity numbers down.

Entry to Ice (field of play):

- Masks may be removed and left in the dressing room immediately prior to putting on helmets and heading to the ice.
- Players should exit the dressing room single file to the ice or the appropriate bench (Home/Visitor) for access to the playing surface.



Suspected illness with any Covid related symptoms:

- All safety volunteers are encouraged to maintain social distancing. If for any reason they are required to be closer than 2 meters from a potentially ill participant, they will be required to wear a face mask, gloves and eye protection.
- Participant will be asked to go directly off the ice and up into the designated isolation area.
- Parents will be contacted and be asked to pickup and take their child directly to the hospital for professional evaluation.
- If a positive Covid case is reported, CMHA will contact Interior Health and follow their guidance.
- All decisions relating to a positive Covid case will be made by Interior Health only.

Additional Safety Rules:

- **NO SPITTING (including water from water bottles) anywhere inside of the facility including on** the ice surface.
- No sharing of water bottles.
- No horseplay of any kind.
- Any player that feels sick or unwell **MUST** stay home.

Discipline Policy:

- Except where noted above, a failure to comply with any of these guidelines will result in the following minimum disciplinary measures:
 - First Offence - Verbal Warning
 - Second Offence – Player and/or Teams will miss the next scheduled ice time and parents will be notified.
 - Third Offence – Player(s) will be removed from participation indefinitely and the matter will be brought to the CMHA Discipline Committee for disciplinary action.