

***These guidelines will remain in place, at minimum, for the duration of Stage 2 as set out by the Provincial authorities.***

**Arena Usage:**

- Programming this season will look different than anything we have done before. Facility hours have been affected in order to respond to the pandemic challenges, ability to provide safe facilities and to keep our rates at current levels. Only ATB facilities will be open regular hours, seven days a week. All other arena facilities will remain closed until afternoon programming starts, usually around 4pm from Monday to Thursday and approximately 1pm on Fridays. Further adjustments will be made if groups decide that bookings are not possible based on their deciding factors. Public programming is moved to daytime use at ATB and weekends when events do not occur.

**Before you arrive:**

- **MASKS: As per City Council's direction, as of August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020, face coverings in City facilities for all visitors and staff is mandatory. This means all visitors above the age of two must wear a face covering while not participating directly in on ice activities. On ice participants must wear face coverings until such time as a helmet is donned for access to the ice area. Penalties for failure or refusal to wear face coverings will be applied as per the breach of rules section listed below.**
- In advance of any approved bookings, groups must prepare and submit a plan to the City of Lethbridge Recreation and Culture department for policies and procedures regarding COVID-19 and how your organization will deal with circumstances as discussed in the Provincial Guidelines for Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation – Stage 2.
- Groups are requested to implement active screening of attendees by using the tools provided in the Provincial Guidelines document or your governing body's policies.
- Inform your participants of the on ice rules. Any breach of the rules will be dealt with quickly and seriously.
  - A first occurrence will see the offender asked to leave the facility immediately.
  - A second offence will result in the entire group being asked to leave the facility.
  - A third offense will result in a one on one meeting with City Representative with the possibility of all bookings for the group being cancelled for the duration of the season (special circumstances may exist)

Unfortunately, this is necessary to avoid fines and facility closures that could affect all other users.

- Concessions and vending may be available in certain locations.

#### When you arrive:

- **As a participant for on ice activity, do not enter the building earlier than 30 minutes before your scheduled ice time. If you arrive early please wait in your vehicle until the appropriate time.**
- **As a spectator, not assisting a participant in the change room, do not enter the building earlier than 15 minutes before the schedule ice time. If you arrive early, please wait in your vehicle until the appropriate time.**
- Read and follow all posted signage. The building will have various posters and markers for wayfinding, information and facility guidelines.
- Each booking will be assigned two dressing rooms that will be available to them for a maximum of **30 minutes before and 30 minutes after each booking**. Shower facilities will be available but we continue to encourage participants to shower at home. Mask use and social distancing are required while using the change rooms.
- Participants are encouraged to arrive ice ready **and reduce the time in the change room as much as possible**.
- Lobby washrooms will be available for visitors.
- As participants are ready to access the ice, they should remove face masks, don helmets and follow facility signage for ice access. Bags or personal belongings may be left in the dressing room area.
- Additional spectator guidelines are addressed in a separate document.

#### On the ice:

- Participant maximum will be set at 50 individuals; this includes athletes, coaches, trainers or any person interacting with on ice participants.
- Physical distancing must be observed at all times (2m spacing) by all individuals interacting with on ice participants.
- Water bottles must be for individual use only. Participants may bring their own or they may be supplied for participants but sharing of water bottles is not allowed. Spraying of water bottles in any manner that causes airborne particles is to be strictly discouraged. This includes spraying into mouths, faces or other body areas as well as onto the ice, bench or other facility spaces.
- Spitting in all forms is banned for the duration of COVID-19 guidelines.
- Should any participant begin to display symptoms of COVID-19, please remove them from the ice surface and isolate them immediately. Call facility staff and follow your protocol for rapid response to symptomatic individuals.
- Please bring the nets to the ice machine entrance after each ice session.

### Game Environments:

- ***The City of Lethbridge is working with Hockey Alberta and Hockey Canada for the re-introduction of games back to the facilities. When games occur:***
  - Games are limited to inter-squad scrimmages or pre-approved cohort groups (please see section on cohort groups).
  - Games are limited to a maximum of 50 individuals interacting with on ice participants. This includes but is not limited to players, coaches, referees and timekeepers.
  - A maximum of 2 change rooms will be allocated per ice time.
  - Social distancing guidelines (2m apart at all times) must be followed during game times unless a pre-approved cohort group is used.
  - **Elite games may have modified guidelines as approved by the City of Lethbridge**

### Cohort Groups:

- Please inform the City of Lethbridge if your group intends to operate cohort groups and what times those cohort groups will be using each week.
- All adult leagues who intend to utilize cohort groups must submit a plan for cohort creation, a competition schedule and a list of individuals who will be part of each cohort group.
- Must have a traceable system in place to indicate that participants are aware that they are only allowed to be part of one cohort group at a time. For example: Should a participant be active in multiple sports/activities, only one of those sports/activities may include a cohort group. It is possible to participate in more than one sport/activity if the other sport/activity is actively following social distancing guidelines.
- Should an issue be identified through the established provincial complaint process where an individual is identified to be participating in two or more cohort groups, the entire cohort group will be unable to continue using the facility, not the just the individual. This is due to potential exposure for the whole group.
- Members of cohort groups must abide by the maximum 50 participants in the arena area. While in public areas of the facility all mask policies and social distancing measures (2m separation) must still be the ice surface, change rooms or bench areas, cohort groups will be allowed to modify social distancing measures but must still follow all other facility rules and on ice guidelines including mask policies.

### As you leave:

- Exit the ice surface and take any belongings that may be in the bench area as you go.
- Participants will head back directly to the change room area.
- Participants will don their face coverings immediately upon re-entering the change room
- Participants must clear the change room area a maximum of 30 minutes after their on ice time.
- Shower facilities will be available but we continue to encourage participants to shower at home.
- When ready to leave. Walk directly to the lobby and follow wayfinding directions to exit the facility immediately. Gatherings in the lobby will not be permitted.

***Please note that this document is subject to change at any time. Changes will be communicated to all groups as quickly as possible.***