

MLMH Team COVID Response

Meadow Lake Minor Hockey is required by Saskatchewan Hockey Association to follow a number of guidelines in order to return to hockey. Further information can be found by visiting sha.sk.ca and reading the SHA Return to Hockey Guidelines.

What is the maximum rink capacity?

Meadow Lake Arena	Pineridge Ford Arena (Flying Dust First Nation)
150	100
*does not include players/coaches/officials *does include rink staff	*does not include players/coaches/officials *does include rink staff

Are spectators required to wear a mask?

Meadow Lake Arena	Pineridge Ford Arena (Flying Dust First Nation)
Yes, everyone aged 2+	Yes, everyone aged 2+
*anyone attending as a spectator at a MLMH game/practice is required to follow SHA Return to Hockey Guidelines	*anyone attending as a spectator at a MLMH game/practice is required to follow SHA Return to Hockey Guidelines

What are the responsibilities of the home team?

Ensure teams do not arrive at the arena earlier than 30 minutes before the game and spectators do not arrive earlier than 15 minutes before the start of the game
Not exceeding the capacity of each rink
Ensuring everyone in attendance is wearing a mask
Ensuring all participants are signing in under contact tracing
Ensure spectators follow the facility protocols (entrance and exit), are leaving immediately after the game finishes and do not congregate in the lobby while waiting for concession, etc.
Announcers – remind spectators to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social distance - Wear a mask - Leave immediately after the game

Each team is responsible for communicating with their opposing team to ensure that the guidelines and facility capacities listed above are adhered to.

For more information, we have attached the Meadow Lake Arena + Pineridge Ford Place Arena COVID Guidelines as well as the Meadow Lake Minor Hockey Mask Policy.

Meadow Lake Arena COVID Guidelines:

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1. Masks are mandatory for employees when they cannot maintain social distance
2. Use current Entrance/Exit as Entrance only. Use side doors as Exit for players and use North Lobby Exit as exit for spectators (limits a congestion point)
3. Arena plan during hockey:
 - Close off of sections while still allowing for social distance
 - For practices limit parents to two sections so we can clean and disinfect those sections after each use. Ex) 5:00 practice parents sit in sections 1 & 2; 6:00 practice parents sit in sections 3 & 4 while 1 & 2 is sprayed down with disinfectant
 - Work with minor hockey to limit back to back games (allow for a practice in between if possible so we can clean and disinfect). If we do have back to back games limit a side of the arena that the fans can sit on so we can rotate sides for each game. Ex) Game 1 fans sits on the North Side; Game 2 fans sit on the South side and we disinfect the North section
4. Use signage to reinforce rules allowing only players, coaches and officials in the dressing room area.
5. Use signage to show new entrance and exit plan and seating plan (we can use current lettering system to sections seats)
6. Use floor stickers to control line ups at concession booth.
7. Use floor stickers and signage to direct fans to the North or South Seating Sections
8. Use signage to remind spectators to remain socially distant
9. Hockey Practices:
 - One per parent player allowed to watch
 - Players limited to 20 minutes before practice and 20 minutes after practice
 - Masks are mandatory
10. Hockey Games:
 - Follow SHA Hockey Guidelines
 - Maximum of 150 fans per game (includes arena staff)
 - Masks are mandatory
 - Mandatory contract tracing
 - Teams are allowed to share one dressing room
 - Players are allowed in the arena 30 minutes before their game and spectators are allowed in the arena 15 minutes before the game
 - Announcers will announce reminders to stay socially distant, wear masks at all time and exit immediately after the game
 - Only visiting players are allowed to shower after the game
 - Spectators exit arena immediately after the game through North Arena Door Exits
 - Players exit the arena through side door (avoiding the lobby)

Pineridge Ford Place Arena (Flying Dust First Nation)

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COVID-19 Facility Guidelines

We have marked the bleachers and spectator's area for social distancing.

We have signs displayed for traffic control eg. Entrance/exit doors

We allow players to be in facility 30 minutes before activity

We allow parents/spectators to be in facility 15 minutes before event

We ask that all players, coaches, parents, spectators exit facility within 20 minutes of activity ending

We allow the capacity of 100 spectators per game

All SHA Hockey guidelines will be adhered to

Masks will be mandatory as per SHA

Pro Shop remains open for business with mandatory masks

Staff continue to sanitize and disinfect at all times during day and evenings

Meadow Lake Minor Hockey Association: COVID Mask Policy

Anyone participating in, or in attendance for MLMH programming will be required to adhere to the *Saskatchewan Hockey Association Return to Hockey COVID 19 Response – Safety Guidelines* which can be reviewed at www.sha.sk.ca

This is a living document and the policy will ebb and flow depending on public health guidelines. We ask that participants use common-sense in their adherence to the policy outlined below.

Mask Policy Requirements:

Face Covering: a medical or non-medical **mask which covers the mouth and nose**. The material can be cloth or other material

Players: must be properly wearing a face covering when entering the arenas and continue wearing their face covering until they reach the spot where they will finish getting their skates/equipment on (chair, bleacher, dressing room). Players **MUST** keep their face covering on until they put their helmet on to head to the ice surface. Face coverings must be put back on once they remove their helmet – ***non compliance will impact your ability to participate as outlined below***

On Ice Coaches: must wear a face covering when entering the arenas and continue wearing their face coverings until such a time that they are ready to step on to the ice and are putting on their helmets. Face coverings must be again utilized once they step off the ice - ***non compliance will impact your ability to participate as outlined below***

Bench Coaches/Staff: must be properly wearing a face covering at all times - ***non compliance will impact your ability to participate as outlined below***

On Ice Officials: must be properly wearing a face covering when entering the arenas and continue wearing their face covering until they reach the spot where they will put their skates on – ***non compliance will impact your ability to work with MLMH***

Off Ice Officials (time/score keepers, penalty box keeper): must be properly wearing a face covering at all times – ***non compliance will impact your ability to work with MLMH***

Spectators: must be properly wearing a face covering at all times – ***non compliance will impact the ability of the child(ren) you are watching to participate as outlined below***

Who does it apply to?

Everyone, two years of age and older

Consequences for non compliance of spectators and players:

In the event an executive member of MLMH is notified of non compliance of the MLMH Mask Policy the consequences will effect all registered MLMH players within that family. Contact will be made by a member of the executive and the consequences will be imposed as follows:

1st Offence: player(s) will be prohibited from attending the next MLMH scheduled practice/game

2nd Offence: player(s) will be prohibited from attending the next 5 MLMH scheduled practice/game

3rd Offence: player(s) will no longer be eligible to participate in MLMH programming for the rest of the season

Reporting non compliance:

We do not expect spectators, players, team officials or community members to confront those who are not complying, however we ask that you notify your team COVID rep, or a member of the MLMH executive to report non compliance.

Final considerations:

Coaches are required to adhere to the above mentioned policy and follow all the safety guidelines set forth by Saskatchewan Hockey Association. These volunteers are mentors for our youth and are expected to model compliance. Any coach who is not willing to adhere to the MLMH Mask Policy will not be eligible to volunteer with the organization. A commitment to coach comes with a commitment to wear a mask.

On ice officials will be instructed to not start games until there is compliance from bench/coaching staff, and off ice officials.

Should you choose to withdraw the registrant as a result of the face mask or return to play guidelines as set out by SHA all current refund policies as outlined in the Meadow Lake Minor Hockey Policy and Procedures Manual will apply. All specific details are outlined directly in section 2.a 9-10 and can be located on the Meadow Lake Minor Hockey website at www.meadowlakeminorhockey.com. Should any participant in MLMH, including parent/guardian, player or coaches be suspended due to non-compliance no financial reimbursement/refund will be provided in accordance with the aforementioned refund policy.

We would like to remind the MLMH community that playing hockey is a privilege and one that can be taken away by SHA at any time, should our organization not be following this or any other Saskatchewan Hockey Association policy.