

**January 6, 2021 Arena Guidelines**  
**As per Chief Public Health Office (CPHO) Announcement**

The CPHO has announced some new protocols today and to ensure clarity the following memo has been prepared. The official details from the CPHO can be found at the following website:

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-and-wellness/updated-covid-19-post-circuit-breaker-holiday-measures-jan-6-2021>

There is a maximum of up to three cohorts of 50 allowed in an arena at any one time and these cohorts must not mix. Any arena who was approved for at least three cohorts earlier in the fall is not required to submit a new plan. For arenas, this generally means the following:

**Option 1**

Ice cohort of 50, spectator cohort of 50 and a second ice cohort of 50 waiting to get onto the ice.

The ice cohort includes any on-ice participants, coaches, contact tracing volunteers, minor officials and team volunteers. If this number is less than 50 (for practices and games) then the additional spots up to 50 can be used by others but they cannot mix with the spectator cohort. They must have a separate spectating area.

The spectator cohort of up to 50 to be physically distanced in the stands and should only enter the facility when the spectator cohort of the ice time before them has completely vacated the building.

Contact tracing must be done for everybody within the ice and spectator cohort.

Generally, these are the same guidelines as were being followed during the “new normal phase” (up to Dec 6, 2020) with the only difference being that there is a maximum of three cohorts allowed in the facility at any one time.

**Option 2**

Ice cohort of 50 and 2 spectator cohorts of 50. (See example on page 2)

This option is only available to facilities who were already approved for 2 cohorts of spectators because they have the capacity to have 100 spectators in their facility physically distanced.

For this option to meet the guidelines, facilities must allow time for all the ice and spectator cohort of the previous ice time to vacate the premises prior to allowing the 2<sup>nd</sup> cohort of spectators in the facility. This option is ideal for the last rental of the evening or if there is some empty ice times on either side of a rental throughout the day.

**Option 2 Example**

6:30 pm	Ice cohort (A) of 50 enters for a 7:00 pm game
7:00 pm ice rental	Spectator cohort (A) of 50 enters to watch the 7:00 pm game
7:45 pm	Ice cohort (B) of 50 enters for an 8:15 pm game
8:00 pm	Spectator cohort (A) departs after the 7:00 pm game
8:15 pm ice rental	Spectator cohort (B) of 50 enters to watch the 8:15 pm game
After ice cohort A (7:00 pm game) has left the facility	Spectator cohort (C ) of 50 enters to watch the 8:15 pm game

**Please be reminded that the ice cohort and spectator cohort(s) must not mix and that contact tracing for each cohort is required. Communication among facilities and user groups is very important. If games are being played, the home team manager should reach out to the visiting team manager a day or two before the game to ensure everyone understand the facility requirements and each team knows how many spectators they are allowed.**