

Monroe Youth Hockey Association / SLICE Arena 2020-21 Season / COVID-19 Guidelines for Games

In an effort to limit the amount of exposure to COVID-19, these are the safety guidelines that will be expected at SLICE arena.

It is the responsibility of the team managers or coaches to send these expectations to your parents. We will stand firm on the guidelines set forth in this document.

Overview:

These guidelines were created in consultation with the Centers for Disease Control, the State Health Department, and Public Health Green County, along with WAHA and USA Hockey guidance and continue to be updated as new information comes out.

The goals:

1. To minimize rink access to essential personal (rink employees, coaches, players, team reps, on and off ice officials)
2. To minimize the amount of contact between these essential personal
3. To limit the amount of time spent in the facility
4. To provide the safest environment possible for our skaters to play games
5. To provide the safest environment possible for spectators to enjoy the games

General Sanitation

MYHA has implemented the following:

1. Increased regularity and scope of wash downs and cleanings; including but not limited to floors, counters, barriers, benches, locker rooms, bathrooms, and any handles or doorknobs; after each group, team, or session finishes and leaves the rink.
2. Use of disinfectant-spraying for no-wipe cleaning of locker rooms, bathrooms, and rink surfaces as needed.
3. Added hand sanitizing stations for public and volunteer use around arena, especially in high traffic areas.
4. Restrictions on rink access to keep the number of people in the arena to a minimum.
5. Social distancing and other COVID-19 signage throughout the arena.

Before You Leave Home for the Rink / Health Checks

Parents should check their health and the health of their player(s) before leaving home for a game.

STAY HOME if your skater or an immediate family member are experiencing any of the following symptoms:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever greater than 100.4°F
- Chills
- Persistent headache
- Muscle pain
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell

IN ADDITION, STAY HOME

Please see WAHA guidelines for updated info regarding close contacts of a COVID-19 positive case. Ask a board member or see our website for more information.

At the Rink – PRACTICE SESSIONS (including pre-season, during season, additional practices, etc.)

Players:

- May enter the rink **no more than 10 min prior** to start of practice; goalies may enter 20 min prior to start of practice.
- Must enter the main doors.
- Younger players (Atoms, Mites, Squirts) must be fully dressed upon entry except for skates; or purchase skate guards that can be used for walking into the rink.
 - IF a parent is required to tie skates, he/she may come in (with a mask) find a socially distanced spot, tie the skates and then promptly leave.
- Older teams may change in locker rooms if they are wearing masks and can change within the 10 minutes
- Must wear a **mask** at all times; per WAHA and WHOA directive, masks must be worn by all players, coaches and officials at all times, on and off the ice.
- Must bring their own water bottle; any water bottle left behind after a practice will be disposed of
- Must exit within 10 min of end of practice
- All items left behind will be disposed of, there will be no “lost and found” at the rink
- No practicing with teams outside of player’s scheduled practice session

Coaches:

- May enter the rink no more than **15 min** to game start
- Must wear a **mask** at all times; per WAHA and WHOA directive, masks must be worn by all players, coaches and officials at all times, on and off the ice.

Parents

- May not enter the rink at all during practice time unless needed to tie skates.
 - IF a parent is required to tie skates, he/she may come in (with a mask) find a socially distanced spot, tie the skates and then promptly leave.
- There will be **no spectators** at practices

At the Rink – GAME DAYS

Players:

- May enter the rink **no more than 10 min prior** to game start; goalies may enter 20 min prior to game start
- Must enter the main doors. Main doors will be marked “home” and “away” – please use the appropriate set of doors
- Younger players must be fully dressed upon entry except for skates; can put on/tie skates in designated locker room
 - IF a parent is required to tie skates, he/she may come in (with a mask) find a socially distanced spot, tie the skates and then leave until parents are allowed in.
- Older players may change in locker rooms if they are wearing masks and can change within the 10 min allowed
- Must wear a **mask** at all times; per WAHA and WHOA directive, masks must be worn by all players, coaches and officials at all times, on and off the ice.
- Must bring their own water bottle; any water bottle left behind after a game will be disposed of
- Must have temperature checked before entrance (see team rep duties for procedure)
- Must exit within 10 min of end of game through doors marked EXIT ONLY
- All items left behind will be disposed of, there will be no “lost and found” at the rink

Spectators:

- Each player may have **two adult (age 18+)** spectators at each game.
 - NO KIDS (under age 18) are allowed in the rink except the players (even if they are siblings)
 - NO EXCEPTIONS
- May enter the building at game time (unless needed to tie skates). Doors will remain locked at all times.
- Must enter in the appropriate “home” or “away” doors based on your team’s designation

- Must wear a mask at **all times** (no mask, no entry)
- Must socially distance 6ft apart from other families (the 2 people representing one skater may stand together)
- No outside food or drink allowed
- Must **exit within 5 min** of game ending and through doors marked EXIT ONLY; please do not congregate in the lobby. This will help reduce possible virus spread and allow cleaning of areas between games.

Coaches:

- May enter the rink no more than 15 min prior to game start
- Must wear a **mask** at all times; per WAHA and WHOA directive, masks must be worn by all players, coaches and officials at all times, on and off the ice.

Team Manager / Team Rep: (every team must provide one before players and coaches can enter the building)

- May enter the rink 15 min before game time
- Must have a printed USA Hockey roster (if you do not have a USA hockey roster, an unofficial accurate list of players or scoresheet stickers is fine) → this is how we will count the number of spectators allowed in the rink
- Will be the contact person for the Monroe Rink Mgr throughout the game
- Assist in counting spectators, ensuring that there are only 2 per player

Off Ice Officials:

- Home team will provide ONE volunteer to run the scoreboard
- Home team will provide ONE volunteer to monitor their penalty box who will ALSO complete the scoresheet
- Visiting team will provide ONE person to monitor their penalty box AND count shots for both teams
- No exceptions to this, even during tournaments, to prevent contact between off ice officials and team members

Other Safety Protocols:

- The locker rooms will be spray-disinfected between each game
- Scoreboard will be wiped down with disinfecting wipes between each game
- Bathrooms will be cleaned and disinfected regularly throughout the game day
- Hand sanitizing stations will be marked

Concessions:

- Not available this season
- No outside food or drink allowed