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Organization: _____

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Northtown Center at Amherst COVID-19 Procedures

*****As of March 18, 2021*****

• General Information

- Skaters, coaches and spectators agree to stay home if they are ill, symptomatic, or believe they have been in contact with anyone who may have COVID-19 or symptoms of COVID-19
 - ***Each team is responsible for screening all athletes, coaches and spectators for COVID-19 symptoms for every team event, including practices, scrimmages, games and tournaments***
 - ***Each athlete and spectator agree to take their temperature prior to arrival at the Northtown Center and stay home if they are experiencing a fever***
 - ***Before arriving to the Northtown Center athletes and spectators agree that they have not:***
 - ***knowingly been in close proximate contact in the past 14 days with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19;***
 - ***tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days; and/or***
 - ***experience any symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 14 days***
- Sports programs that operate as an organization in New York State are required to follow NY forward guidelines and the Erie County Department of Health Guidance
- All athletes, coaches and spectators are also required to follow the New York State Travel Advisory
- Everyone using the facility must maintain the proper social distancing of the recommended 6 feet
- All coaches and spectators must wear a mask while in the facility at all times
 - Ice sports participants, except for coaches, may remove their mask while on the ice
- Coaches are responsible for notifying visiting teams of the COVID-19 procedures
- ***All visiting teams are subject to the same procedures as the host team***

• Spectators

- There are two (2) spectators allowed per on-ice participant
- Spectator access is intended for games only. Spectators for practices only if absolutely necessary.
- Spectators are required to arrive ten (10) minutes prior to their skater's scheduled ice time
- ***There is no readmittance of spectators once they leave the facility***
- Spectators must maintain social distancing and should not be gather in groups

- **Arrival to the Northtown Center**

- Coaches must arrive **Thirty-five** (35) minutes prior to the scheduled ice time to sign out locker room key(s).
- Athletes will not be allowed into the facility until **THIRTY** (30) minutes prior to the scheduled ice time
- ***Athletes should arrive either fully dressed or partially dressed to limit the amount of time spent in a locker room***
- ***Dressing and/or undressing in any area except for a locker room will result in suspension of facility use***

- *Each team, private rental, clinician or hockey school MUST provide a representative and meet the Northtown Center Guest Services staff at the designated entrance inside the facility with the team roster*
- *The designated representative will arrive THIRTY (30) minutes prior to the scheduled ice time and identify themselves to the Guest Services staff*
- *All spectators must check in with the identified team, private rental, clinician or hockey school representative to ensure the two (2) spectators per on ice participant limit*
- *If a team, private rental, clinician or hockey school does not provide a representative the Northtown Center **WILL NOT ALLOW ANY SPECTATORS** to enter the designated event*
- Patrons must use a parking space when dropping off and picking up participants instead of a vehicle standing in the front or back of the building
 - Vehicles in No Standing and No Parking zones will impact the flow of traffic and cause unsafe conditions for those crossing the roadway
- For participants on the Feature and Olympic Rink
 - Enter the east entrance (flagpole side) of the facility
- For participants on Rink #1 and Rink #2
 - Enter the west entrance (hotel side) of the facility
- Athletes, coaches and spectators should use hand sanitizer immediately upon entering the building
- Athletes, coaches and spectators must follow the signage to properly enter the facility
- The accessible entrance will be for those who have a physical disability only
- Any person not following the Northtown Center COVID-19 procedures will be reported to the designated *team representative*. The designated *team representative* will be responsible for ensuring that all guidelines are followed at all times
- *Failure to follow guidelines may subject the group to revocation of spectator privileges*

- **Inside the Northtown Center**

- Bathrooms will be open for patrons
- One (1) locker room will be provided for each team and the coach will be responsible for monitoring social distancing, mask wearing and locker room capacity
 - Properly social distanced space (6 feet) will be available for the skaters to get dressed
 - Showers will not be available to ensure prompt exit time
- Water fountains will be closed off and skaters must bring their own water bottle
- Hand sanitizer will be fully stocked and readily available
- A designated employee will continuously monitor and clean the high-traffic areas

- **Training**

- Athletes must conduct all warmup activities prior to arrival at the facility
- No off ice or dry land training is allowed inside of the facility
- Coaches are required to supervise the athletes at all times while inside the facility including the time prior to and immediately following the activity
- All athletes must use their own personal equipment, essential items only, and must remove these items when leaving the facility
- Coaches are further responsible for monitoring the spectators that are accompanying the athletes

- **Departure of the Northtown Center**

- Locker room showers are not available for use
- Skaters and coaches must exit the facility no later than 15 minutes after the session ends
- Spectators must exit the building immediately upon conclusion of ice time

Read and affirm the Interim Guidance for Sports and Recreation during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/SportsAndRecreationMasterGuidance.pdf>

Resources:

NY Forward Sports & Recreation Summary Guidance

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/SportsAndRecreationSummaryGuidance.pdf>

COVID-19 Travel Advisory

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>

Erie County Department of Health High Risk Sports Guidance

<https://www2.erie.gov/health/index.php?q=press/following-review-ny-forward-sports-and-recreation-guidance-erie-county-department-health-annou>