



South Westchester Blackhawks Youth Hockey

HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDELINES & SCREENING PROTOCOLS

Updated as of August 28, 2020

The safety of our participants is our top priority. The following were developed in accordance with the most recent guidelines issued by the CDC, New York State, USA Hockey and New York State Amateur Hockey Association and are subject to change at any time. South Westchester Blackhawks Hockey (SWB) will notify the membership of any updates to the Health & Safety Guidelines & Screening Protocols.

- Players and coaches must always wear face coverings when not on the ice. Each player, coach, referee, and scorekeeper must provide their own face mask, and will not be permitted into the facility without a mask. Masks will not be required to be worn when on ice.
- Players will only be allowed to enter 10 minutes prior to ice time. Players must leave promptly after practice, not to exceed 10 minutes after practice end.
- Players must arrive fully dressed; however, skates, helmets and gloves can be put on at the rink.
- Players and coaches must adhere to 6 feet distancing guidelines off ice and whenever possible on ice, including the players' bench.
- Players and coaches must refrain from all physical contact on and off the ice. Coaches to limit group discussions so players are not in close proximity for extended periods of time.
- No sharing of any equipment or personal items.
- Players must bring their own water bottle.
- Players strongly advised to disinfect equipment after each on ice session.
- All participants will be required to sign a waiver before being allowed on the ice, pursuant to which they agree to hold SWB, Coaches, Board Members harmless from any and all matters pertaining to exposure to communicable diseases, including Covid-19. Parents/guardians must click on and agree to the waiver provided by SWB before starting any on ice activities (September 22, 2020) .
- Parents, players, coaches, referees and scorekeepers must conduct daily symptom self-evaluation assessments and **MUST REFRAIN FROM ALL SWB ACTIVITY** for 14 DAYS if they:
 - (1) are experiencing symptoms, or living with somebody experiencing symptoms, now or in the past 14 days and who has not been cleared by a doctor or tested negative for COVID-19, or

- o (2) have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days and not subsequently tested negative, or
- o (3) have had close contact (defined as having close contact of less than 6 feet distance for more than 15 minutes) in the last 14 days with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19
- o (4) are required or advised to quarantine following travel or otherwise under New York State requirements, CDC guidance, or directions from any other applicable authority.
- As the season progresses, we will revisit this rule, following New York State requirements and CDC guidance.
- o Spectators must always wear face coverings with zero exception.
- o Spectators must adhere to 6-foot distancing guidelines.
- o Any persons not practicing social distancing may be asked to leave the premises.

Health & Safety Officer

- Each SWB team will designate a “safety officer” for each practice or game to ensure the health and safety of all players, coaches, referees and scorekeepers. This officer will be a designated parent or Team Manager or coach.

This person must undergo a background check and successfully complete Safe sport training.

(Please email me for information and link for training)

- The Safety Officer will help to monitor proper social distancing, ensure adherence to all stated guidelines, and report non-compliance to the SWB Board.

South Westchester Blackhawks Screening Protocol during the COVID-19 Pandemic

If a player is sent home from school with a fever, they should not attend practice.

- As per local NYS school district guidance, parent/guardian will be advised to notify their medical provider for further guidance.
- Player may not return until fever free and symptom free (without the use of fever reducing medication) for 24 hours.
- A signed and stamped or emailed medical provider clearance is required. If a player or coach is exhibiting illness and/or COVID symptoms (with or without fever) and is sent home from any SWB activity:
- Parent/guardian or coach will be advised to notify the medical provider for further guidance and recommendation of whether COVID testing should be conducted.

- If no COVID testing done, player may not return until fever free and symptom free (without the use of fever reducing medication) for 24 hours. A signed and stamped or emailed medical provider clearance is required.
- If screened for COVID and negative, the parent must provide signed and stamped or emailed health care provider documentation and the player must be symptom and fever free for 24 hours without use of fever reducing medication.
- If a student has a diagnosis of common illness (Strep pharyngitis, Varicella, Coxsackie, Pertussis) the parent must provide signed and stamped or emailed health care provider documentation and the player must be symptom and fever free for 24 hours without use of fever reducing medication. If a player or coach has been directly exposed to someone with COVID-19 (defined as having close contact of less than 6 feet distance for more than 15 minutes):
 - Parent/guardian or coach shall immediately notify SWB Hockey – info@bronxvillehockey.com
 - Player/Coach with direct exposure to COVID-19 will not be allowed on ice and must quarantine for 14 days.
 - SWB will consult with local health authorities for an appropriate action plan, which particularly in the case of an infected player/coach may result in the team's activities being put on temporary hold for a period of time.
 - SWB will notify all impacted players/coaches on the affected team(s) of any such action.

If a coach or player, or any member of their household, tests positive for COVID-19:

- Parent/guardian or coach shall immediately notify SWB Coach or Team Manager of positive COVID-19 test.
- SWB will consult with local health authorities for an appropriate action plan, which particularly in the case of an infected player/coach may result in the team's activities being put on temporary hold for a period of time.
- SWB will notify all impacted players/coaches on the affected team(s) of any such action. If coach or player tests Covid positive, he/she may return to play if :
 - At least 72 hours have passed since recovery defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications; and
 - There is improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and
 - At least 14 days have passed since symptoms first appeared. Any SWB Coach, Manager, Board member reserves the right to send home any player, coach or spectator that appears sick or is showing COVID symptoms.

