



*Regarding inquiries about skaters being diagnosed with asthma or other breathing disorders, that preclude wearing masks or face covering while on the ice, WAHA is aware of the section in the CDC Guidelines and will make an exception for on-ice activities that the CDC Guidelines would classify as "high intensity activities": "Opt for an activity that does not require using mouth guards or helmets. Wearing a mask with these types of protective equipment is not safe if it makes it hard to breathe." We cannot relieve a skater of the requirement to wear a helmet or mouthguard because that is a USA Hockey requirement, but we can deal with the mask issue in the following manner.*

*A parent or legal guardian will need to provide a specific doctor statement identifying the specific skater and the medical condition and the reason for the skater not being able to wear the face covering. The parent or legal guardian should present this statement to the President of the local association and coach and keep that note with him or her at all times. We know that this might be an inconvenience, but it is a necessary one in the present situation. Be aware that the current mask order from the Governor has an exception for an individual to not wear a mask if the individual "has a medical condition... or other sensory sensitivities that prevent the individual from wearing a face covering."*

*Note that this exception is for high intensity on-ice activities only. It does not relieve the skater of the requirement to wear a mask/face covering while entering, being in or exiting the ice arena.*

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