



OLEAN AREA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

2020-2021 OAYHA COVID-19 POLICY

The following policy has been developed and approved by the OAYHA Executive Board and Board of Directors. The procedures in this policy are in conjunction with The City of Olean, New York State, USA Hockey and the NYS Amateur Hockey Association. As always, the safety and wellbeing of our players, coaches and spectators is our first priority and, therefore, these policies will be enforced.

- Parents and spectators will not be permitted in the building at practice sessions for all age divisions from the Squirt level and up. A parent or guardian must be accessible via phone in case the coach needs to get in touch with them.
- There will be a questionnaire to be completed at the start of every practice session. This will serve as a risk screening as well as attendance for every practice. Each team will designate one person to be in charge of maintaining the records (team manager is recommended).
- It is recommended that all skaters put their skates on outside the building, using **SKATEGUARDS** to enter the building (Please Note: Only hard plastic or roller guards should be used, cloth skateguards will not properly protect the skates on concrete.) This is especially important for SQUIRTS and the 8U skaters, as there will not be enough time for coaches to tie everyone's skates. If players are comfortable tying their own skates, they will be permitted to change into their skates after entering the locker room.
- A mandatory coaches meeting will be held prior to the first practice to train all coaches on the policies and procedures. The meeting date is TBD.
- A mandatory parents meeting will be held prior to the first practice to instruct parents on the policies and procedures and answer potential questions. The meeting date is TBD.
- Please see the attached policies from The City of Olean for their policies that will be followed by all OAYHA members.

This policy is effective until further notice and is subject to change as New York State and City of Olean recommendations and policy change.

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WILLIAM O. SMITH RECREATION CENTER ICE RINK 551 EAST STATE STREET OLEAN, NY 14760

2020/2021 COVID-19 PROCEDURES FOR ICE HOCKEY GROUPS

General Information:

- Coaches and Skaters 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
- All skaters and coaches must maintain the proper physical distancing of 6 feet at all times
- Players/participants must wear a face mask while in the facility, however they are allowed to remove their face mask for their scheduled on ice activity (coaches are required to wear a mask while on the ice).
- All guests must wear a face mask throughout their entire visit to the facility. Anyone not wearing a face mask will not be permitted entry, and the facility reserves the right to ask any guest not properly wearing a face mask inside the facility to leave
- All guests/participants will be advised to practice physical distancing by standing at least six feet away from other groups of people not traveling with them, while standing in line, or moving around the facility

Arrival to the William O. Smith Recreation Center:

- Coaches and skaters must enter through the front entrance of the facility, all other doors are emergency exits ONLY
- Skaters must be dropped off outside the facility where the designated coach will meet the skaters

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- William O. Smith Recreation Center staff will grant participants and coaches access to the facility 15 minutes PRIOR to their scheduled ice time
- Coaches and skaters must follow signage once inside the facility
- Late coaches and skaters will not be allowed in the facility
- No spectators are allowed in the facility, but parents/guardians are allowed in the facility and MUST wear a face covering and practice social distancing in designated areas of the facility (areas will be marked with signage)
- Skaters must arrive to the facility completely dressed, ready to skate except for ice skates and/or helmet

Inside the William O. Smith Recreation Center:

- Lobby bathrooms will be open for patrons, but skaters will not be allowed to change in the bathroom
- Lobby is NOT to used as a gathering area, due to physical distancing requirements
- Children not on the ice, must be supervised by an adult in the designated spectator area
- Locker rooms will be available to change from street shoes to ice skates ONLY. All players MUST arrive wearing hockey equipment and leave the facility wearing hockey equipment. Goalies will be allowed to enter with less equipment on, as their equipment would be difficult to put on outside of the facility. Locker rooms are NOT to be used for changing
- Water fountains will be closed off, however bottle fillers will be available for use. Players are required to bring their own water bottle for their personal use only or purchase water/hydration drink from vending machine in lobby.

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Coaches will not be permitted to supply water bottles for skaters

- NO bags will be allowed into the facility
- Skate rental will not be open and is not allowed
- Hand sanitizer will be fully stocked and available
- A designated employee will continuously monitor and clean high-traffic areas

Training: (On-Ice Activities)

- All training session MUST have a coach and may include up to 25 participants including the coach or coaches
- Coaches are required to supervise their skaters at all times while inside the facility including the time prior and immediately following the session
- Skaters must conduct all warmup and cool down activities outside of the facility
- No off ice or dry land training is allowed inside of the facility
- All skaters must use their own personal equipment, essential items only, and must remove these items when leaving the facility
- Coaches are responsible for ensuring safe social distancing while on the ice and assisting the William O. Smith Recreation Center staff with maintenance of social distancing while in designated areas
- NO HOCKEY GAMES OR BODY CONTACT may occur during training sessions
- Coaches and skaters must exit the facility immediately following the completion of their on-ice session

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Hand Sanitizer:

- Hand sanitizer will be available at the front desk of the William O. Smith Recreation Center, coaches and players are encouraged to use it as they enter the facility

Signage:

There will be CDC approved health and hygiene reminders throughout the facility to remind participants to:

- Cover their nose and mouth with a face covering
- Properly store, and if necessary , discard personal protective equipment
- Adhere to physical distancing instructions
- Follow hand hygiene and cleaning disinfection guidelines
- Follow appropriate respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette
- Remain home if not feeling well

Case Notification:

- If we are alerted to a presumptive case of COVID-19 at the William O. Smith Recreation Center, we will work with the Cattaraugus County Health Department to follow the appropriate recommended actions

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Cleaning Protocols:

The following will be sanitized after each use:

- Player Benches
- Rink entry doors
- Locker room benches and floors

The following will be sanitized frequently throughout the day/night:

- Counter-tops
- Tables and chairs
- Door handles
- Frequently touched surfaces