

# Columbus Youth Hockey

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Dear Visiting Teams and Families;

Thank you for coming to Columbus, Indiana to play hockey. Included with this newsletter is important information for your upcoming games.

- 1) Hamilton Center Ice Arena COVID-19 protocols (masks and social distancing are required);
- 2) Please adhere to all COVID-19 protocols issued by the Governor of Indiana. Indiana's latest COVID-19 Orders from the Governor are available at: <https://www.in.gov/gov/2384.htm>
- 4) Please adhere to all Mid-Am and USA Hockey COVID-19 protocols and/or recommendations.
- 5) CYH has established a Zero Tolerance Policy which is enclosed for your review, awareness and compliance.

Sincerely,



Steven Nelson

CYH President

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## Starbucks

The nearest Starbucks with a drive-thru is located at 1585 N. National Road, Columbus, IN 47201. It is 1.1 miles from the rink.

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## Rink Information:

**Hamilton Center Ice Arena**

**2501 Lincoln Park Drive**

**Columbus, Indiana 47201**

**(812) 376-2686**

## Quotes to Live By:

"Hockey's a funny game. You have to prove yourself every shift, every game. It's not up to anybody else. You have to take pride in yourself."

-Paul Coffey - Second all-time among NHL defensemen in goals, assists, and points

- There will only be one way in and one way out of Hamilton Center Ice Arena. The right side of the main entrance will serve as the entrance and the door by locker room 2 will serve as the exit.
- Furniture in the lobby is placed to ensure proper social distancing. Please do not move it. Tape markings will be placed to show where people are allowed to sit on the benches. Some chairs have been removed to discourage gathering.
- Restrooms will only be used for bathroom use. Benches have been moved out to discourage skaters and patrons from gathering. Restrooms will be cleaned by rink staff routinely throughout the day in accordance with CDC guidelines.
- It is strongly recommended that skaters get here only in time to put on their skates and leave quickly after their event. Please do not take more time than absolutely necessary before and after your event inside the facility; it will hamper others ability to get in and our ability to keep programs moving forward in a timely manner. If there is time between your games, please leave the rink facility until 15 minutes before your next scheduled game.
- There will be no Concessions until further notice.
- Water fountains are not accessible until further notice. Please ensure your skater brings a water bottle and remind them to not share their bottle with anyone else.
- The vending machine will still be in service and will be wiped down with an increased frequency.
- Locker Rooms should not have more than 8 players at one time. Your child should come dressed and ready to play and try to avoid using the locker rooms.
- Please do not leave used tissues in the dasher boards or on the floor. Multiple trash cans are available and need to be used to ensure the safety of those cleaning the facility.
- Tobacco “chew” spit will not be tolerated anywhere in the facility.



**Columbus Youth Hockey (“CYH”) has adopted and abides by the USA Hockey “Zero Tolerance Policy”, which provides as follows:**

In an effort to make ice hockey a more desirable and rewarding experience for all participants, USA Hockey instituted a zero tolerance policy beginning with the 1992-93 season. This policy requires all players, coaches, officials, team officials and administrators and parents/spectators to maintain a sportsmanlike and educational atmosphere before, during and after all USA Hockey-sanctioned games. Thus, the following points of emphasis must be implemented by all referees and linesmen:

### **Players**

A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (zero tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a player:

- 1) Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official.
- 2) Uses obscene or vulgar language at any time, including any swearing, even if it is not directed at a particular person.
- 3) Visually demonstrates any sign of dissatisfaction with an official's decision. Any time that a player persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed a misconduct penalty. A game misconduct shall result if the player continues such action.

### **Coaches**

A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (zero tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a coach:

- 1) Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official.
- 2) Uses obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
- 3) Visually displays any sign of dissatisfaction with an official's decision including standing on the boards or standing in the bench doorway with the intent of inciting the officials, players or spectators. Any time that a coach persists in any of these actions, he/she shall be assessed a game misconduct penalty.

### **Officials**

Officials are required to conduct themselves in a businesslike, sportsmanlike, impartial and constructive manner at all times. The actions of an official must be above reproach. Actions such as “baiting” or inciting players or coaches are strictly prohibited. Officials are ambassadors of the game and must always conduct themselves with this responsibility in mind.

### **Parents/Spectators**

The game will be stopped by game officials when parents/ spectators displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior interfere with other spectators or the game. The game officials will identify violators to the coaches for the purpose of removing parents/ spectators from the spectator's viewing and game area. Once removed, play will resume. Lost time will not be replaced and violators may be subject to further disciplinary action by the local governing body. This inappropriate and disruptive behavior shall include:

- 1) Use of obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
- 2) Taunting of players, coaches, officials or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of physical violence or physical violence.
- 3) Throwing of any object in the spectators viewing area, players' bench, penalty box or on ice surface, directed in any manner as to create a safety hazard.