Coldwater and District Community Centre

Return to Play: Guidelines for Ice Users



As COVID-19 continues to evolve, this document is subject to change without notice. The Township of Severn and all persons using the Coldwater & District Community Centre will be adhering to Ontario Regulation 364/20 Rules for Areas in Stage 3 as amended.

Front Entrance

No change from previous years.

Entrance Process

Ice groups will assist in monitoring the entrance and exits, and ensure that proper procedures are followed, including the participant numbers.

Prescreening is required by asking the questions as provided by using the online tool; https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/. Ice groups must fill out a Screening Form and e-mail it two hours prior to the designated ice time to ensure they keep a log of all participants entering the facility. The form must be updated if there are any last minute changes. The form shall be kept for contact tracing purposes if needed.

Entrance Time and Exit Time

Entrance to the facility will be permitted 15 minutes prior to the rental. Participants arriving earlier will be asked to wait outside the facility. Participants must leave within 15 minutes after leaving the ice.

Exit Doors

Entrance to the facility will be permitted 15 minutes prior to the ice time. Participants arriving earlier will be asked to wait outside the facility. Participants must leave within 15 minutes after leaving the ice.

Masks

Face coverings are required by O. Reg 364/20

(ontario.ca/laws/regulation/200364). Masks are not required for any person under the age of two (2) years old, or for those people that are unable to wear a mask because of a medical condition. Other exemptions apply, please refer to the link above for the full list of exemptions. Masks are not required when engaging in an athletic or fitness activity (e.g. coaches on the ice are not required to wear a mask, however bench staff, timekeepers, etc. are required to wear a mask).

Dressing Rooms

Dressing rooms will not be available at this time. Chairs and/or bench seating will be available with marked seating to ensure physical distancing in the arena lobby area for goalies.

Participants may not get ready, tie skates or untie skates in the lobby. Everyone should come ready to have fun!

Washrooms

Access to main washrooms will be permitted for ice participants and officials. Please note that only one person is allowed in the washroom excluding a parent/guardian.

Referees Room

The Referees Room will not be available at this time.

Number of On-ice Participants

The maximum number of participants per rental is 25 people. This includes players, coaches and officials. This is to allow a second user group to enter the facility while the first user group is still inside. This will allow us to maintain 50 minute on-ice time rentals.

For example, Association A's ice rental time is from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Association B's rental time starts at 7:00 p.m. As participants are required to exit the building 15 minutes after leaving the ice surface, Association A is required to exit by 7:05 p.m. As Association B is allowed to enter the building 15 minutes prior to their ice rental time, they will be allowed to enter at 6:45 p.m. Therefore, there will be a 20-minute overlap to a maximum of 50 people. Each user group will need to work with the other groups to ensure that the maximum number of people is not exceeded during this overlap.

Participants must remain in the lobby area by the ice surface door until the ice resurfacer has cleared the ice. User groups may need to coordinate with other user groups for overlapping rental times.

Participants do not have access to other areas of the facility and should only be in the immediate area entering onto the ice surface.

Items Allowed in the Facility

Bags, individual food, and beverages are permitted. Waste containers must be used.

Warmups/Dry Land Training

Warmups and dry land training are not permitted in the facility.

Storage

Access to storage will be by appointment or prior arrangement only. User groups should try to limit the number of people with access to storage areas. These areas will not be cleaned or sanitized by Township staff.

Cleaning

Washroom facilities will be cleaned regularly while the building is open. A thorough sanitization will occur every evening after the facility is closed. High touch point surfaces such as player's benches, the bleachers, chairs and door handles will be sanitized several times per day. Ice groups are responsible for ensuring all garbage is collected and put into garbage cans. Groups must ensure that participants are not spitting, or depositing other bodily fluids on any surface in the facility. User groups are required to clean and dispose of any materials left on the players' benches. Anything left behind will be thrown out. There will be no lost and found.

Vending Services

All vending machines have been removed from the arena. The

concession booth will not be open at this time.

Participant not Feeling Well

If a participant experiences symptom of COVID-19 while at the facility, they must proceed as follows:

Leave the facility and proceed to self-isolate; perform the Ontario COVID-19 Self-Assessment; and follow instruction that are given.

If a participant tests positive for COVID-19, the Township may be contacted by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit.

Traffic Flow

The floors and walls will be marked for the direction of travel.

Doors will be marked for the number of people allowed in the washroom excluding parent/guardian or caregiver giving assistance.

Always remember to keep two metres or six feet apart. Please do not gather at any point in the facility.

Waiting Outside

Please maintain two metres or six feet apart while waiting outside. Wearing a face covering to protect others and yourself is recommended.

Please refrain from socializing outside the building or in the parking lot. There is limited space and time to keep everyone moving safely.

Staffing

Additional staff have been hired to clean, assist with screening and help direct participants in and out of the facility.

Full-time staff have also attended webinars "Recreation Facility Cleaning, Disinfection and Sanitization Principles" offered by the Ontario Recreation and Facilities Association.

The Township has purchased a "mister" to quickly and efficiently disinfect areas.

Compliance

These Return to Play: Guidelines for Ice Users will be successful if everyone does their part. We take the reopening of the Coldwater and District Community Centre seriously. The health and safety of everyone is paramount.

Should anyone and/or user groups not follow the guidelines and/or the direction of staff, it could result in the cancellation of ice time. Worst case scenario is the spread of COVID-19 to others and the closure of the facility.

Please consider everything involved before your actions!

Contact Us

For more information, please contact us at 705-325-2315 or recreation@townshipofsevern.com.