

New Hamburg Hockey Association Wilmot Recreational Facility Usage Plan



BEFORE ENTERING WILMOT REC CENTRE:

All players, coaches, parents/guardians, staff and volunteers are asked to enter through facility designated entrances and exit through facility designated exits. See arena video at <https://youtu.be/kJKyjkvunBU> .

You must meet your coach outside the facility entrance 20 minutes prior to session and Access will be granted 10 minutes prior. If you are late, you will not be allowed in unless planned with coach ahead of time.

All players, coaches, parents/guardians, staff and volunteers who enter the arena are to complete a health screening questionnaire prior to enter the facility with your coaching staff. Coaching staff is to collect questionnaire and submit to executives for records.

SPECTATORS:

Only 1 parent/guardian is allowed per player and no siblings at this time. They must remain in arena to observe the session (respecting social distancing with others in the rink). Once you leave arena you cannot re-enter.

Coaches or appointed staff will need to count the number of spectators that are in the session as each arena cannot exceed rules set by facility. Parents/ guardian may not be allowed to observe session if exceeds amount allowed. If this is the case you will just be allowed in to help tie skates then must leave facility (can wait in parking lot etc) until pickup. Please be prepared as this maybe the case and communicate with coaching staff who is staying and who is leaving. Communication is key.

Staff will have arenas sectioned off which are 2M apart where parent/guardian are to watch from. The goal will be to have most of this in the lobby area, however, some may be along the boards in the rink area due to space and limitations. Remember only 1 parent/ guardian allowed in building per player.

WARM -UP:

No warmups are allowed to be done in the arena. Warm up will need to take place prior to start of session either at home or outside the building in a safe place, maintaining physical distancing requirements. Coaches/Trainers are to be in contact with players to remind them of proper warm up to unsure their health and safety

FACE MASKS:

A mandatory mask by law is in effect passed by the regional of waterloo. All individuals who enter the facility must wear a mask (some exceptions can apply see bylaw for details) until they exit.

Players can remove mask once a helmet is put on but must put mask back on when helmet is removed. Coaches can remove mask once they go onto ice but must put back on once they leave the ice. Parent/ guardians must keep masks on at all times when they are in arena.

DRESSING ROOMS:

Currently dressing rooms are not allowed to be used. Players must come pre dressed ready to go. Designated spots setup by arena on where to put skates before entering the ice.

Please refrain from bringing personal items including hockey bags as limited space. Water bottles are highly recommended as you cannot use water fountains to drink from. A small bag is only allowed to carry skates and gloves.

ON ICE:

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Currently only allowed 25 people max on ice at all times

Players, coaches and trainers are only allowed to be on the ice and benches.

Ice time schedules are posted on the NHHHA website according to teams.

Starting with skill development in September and progressing to team scrimmages 3v3/4v4 based on OMHA allowances.

COACHES/ TRAINERS

A Coach or Trainer can only participate with one hockey team. No at-large-coaches will be allowed this season. Coaches and Trainers cannot participate as team staff for another organization (e.g. Wilmot Wolverines). Coaches and trainers can be shared from one team to another within the two team NHHHA assigned team bubble. r 3, 2020 NHHHA

Notwithstanding COVID-19, all credentials that expired August 31, 2020 have not been extended. Since all teams are classified by OMHA as Local League the higher credentials normally required for rep teams are not required.

Coaches and/or Trainers without current credentials can take online courses. NHHHA will reimburse individuals the fee for the courses required to participate with the individual's respective team.

The OMHA has announced that coaches and trainers are required complete a new training program that is designed to help maximize the health and safety of all of our participants.

This FREE and MANDATORY course is available online through Hockey University. You can register for and complete the course online by clicking on "Hockey University: Planning a Safe Return to Hockey" or by visiting the Hockey Canada website and looking under Signup for a Clinic.

COVID PROTOCOL:

All participants shall be removed or denied access to the facility if they are displaying or reporting COVID- 19.

All participants are expected to remain physical distance when on the bench and in the facility.

If you test positive to any of the symptoms, please contact public health and they will give you the proper procedure to follow. You must notify your coach or designated executive to keep them informed on what is going on.

Our designated head trainer Sarah Francom will be the main contact for tracking, communications, and handling return to play for participants with symptoms and positive COVID-19 related medical communications direction. Reach out to her by headtrainer@newhamburghockey.com or at (519) 221-0476

We ask that you are symptom free for 24 hours before returning to hockey and if you have a positive test please refer to public health and we would require a doctor's note for your safe return to hockey.

Further information can be found at www.newhamburghockey.com and www.omha.net

* Please note if failure to follow these guidelines you may be asked to leave and player may not be able to play within the league.*

** Also please note rules and guidelines for return to play can be changed depending on what is suggested by public health, Wilmot rec centre, NHHHA, OMHA or Hockey Canada. Proper communication will be sent out to keep everyone updated. **