



Sandy Wickens Memorial Arena Return to Ice plan

General

This document serves as the Sandy Wickens Memorial Arena opening and operating plan during the Covid-19 pandemic. The Municipality of Barrington is committed to following the guidelines set out by the Government of Nova Scotia and the Chief Medical Officer. The following policies and procedures are in place to help keep the spread of Covid-19 down and maintain the health and safety of our users. All policies and procedures are in place per the current recommendations of the Province and may relax or restrict further depending on the state of emergency.

It is expected that all patrons will follow the rules set by this facility, the guidelines of their respective sport plans and the Nova Scotia Health Protection Act.

Waivers & Agreements

Along with the Regular users' agreement, the Municipality of Barrington is asking users to sign an additional Rental Agreement and/or Facility Use Attestation and Agreement that states they will follow the rules put in place due to Covid-19. All associations, clubs and regular user groups must sign and adhere to the Facility Use Attestation and Agreement before being permitted to use the ice. All other bookings must sign the Sandy Wickens Memorial Rental Agreement and maintain a list of participants at the time of use.

Masks

As per the current province wide mandated mask policy, masks must be worn in all areas of the arena except for when on the ice surface.

Entrances and Exits and flow of traffic

Enter through right hand side of main lobby doors.

Exits will be side door between bleachers for spectators and back door by dressing rooms right hand side of front doors for rental participants who are accessing the dressing rooms.

Space limitations and Restrictions

- Dressing Rooms – Full access to dressing rooms 25 minutes prior to and 15 after ice time. Teams MUST stay in the dressing room until ice time. If a parent is required to help little ones get dressed please limit to 1 parent per participant in the dressing room.
- Players Benches – Access as needed.
- Showers – Restricted until further notice
- Hospitality Room – Only available to local organizations for meetings or “Bubble” bookings. Bubble bookings are things like birthday parties and social gatherings, under the current restrictions for gatherings that do not fall under organized sports the non-social distancing number is 10. (please see - <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/restrictions-and-guidance/#gatherings>)
- Lobby – There will be no loitering, the lobby will only be used as a pass through to access the arena and dressing rooms or to order and pick-up food from the canteen.
- Spectator Seats/Bleachers – Bleachers are open to spectators 15 minutes before ice time and must register with their respective Safety Rep/Designate upon entering the facility. Rental organizers will be responsible to maintain their assigned maximum spectator numbers and to keep an accurate list of who is entering during each ice time.
 - Minor Hockey- Seating will be open to a maximum of 80 100 people in the stands, social distancing markers are in place and maximum numbers will be maintained by the association.

- High School Hockey Games – Seating will be open for up to 90-100 spectators (the balcony will be open only for High school games and accommodate 10 spectators), social distancing markers are in place and maximum numbers will be maintained by the High School.
- Shelburne County Skating Club – Seating will be open for up to 80-100 spectators, social distancing markers are in place and maximum numbers will be maintained by the club.

- Timekeeper booth & music room – The timekeeper booth will be available for Skate Nova Scotia participants to play music as needed; wipes/sanitizers will be provided to wipe down touched surfaces after use. It will be available to hockey groups as the game play restrictions relax.
The upstairs music room is off-limits.

- Referee/Medical Room – This room will only be available in the case of a medical emergency and is designated as the “quarantine room” should someone show symptoms of Covid-19. As game play is allowed Referees will have access.

- Upstairs Balconies – Both balconies are off limits with the exception of a SCMHA representative to access the minor hockey room. Balcony Seating will be open for BMHS hockey games ONLY.

- Main lobby washrooms - restricted to 3 users at a time, stalls/urinals will be limited.



Arena organized functions and Private Rentals

Public Skates will start January 16, 2021 and continue every Sunday for 1 hour. All participants MUST pre-register for this skate and have a current signed waiver on file. Public skates will be limited to 50 skaters and 4 2 spectator/skater.

Pre-school/home school and Adult/Senior skates will remain in place, participants must pre-register and will be capped at 15 20 skaters and 1 spectator/skater.

No Dressing rooms or skate sharpening will be available for public skates.

The ice surface may be privately rented for groups of up to 50 10 people total.

Skate aids will be available upon request.

Booking Times

To allow time for cleaning and sanitizing, booked time slots will be spaced as follows.

- Weekday practice times will be spaced 15 minutes apart.
- Weekend hockey games and other organized functions will be space 30 minutes apart.

Cleaning and Sanitizing

Along with the regular cleaning and maintenance of the arena, the staff will be taking time between bookings to clean and sanitize high touched surfaces such as door handles, vending machines, and seating areas. There will be a cleaning checklist to be followed and initialed (see Schedule A).

Skate Sharpening



On demand sharpening is available when staff is here to do them and has time. Skates can be left at the office for sharpening if staff is not available.

There will be NO skate sharpening during public skates.

General user Rules

- Users will only be permitted in the building 25 minutes prior to their ice time and have 15 minutes after to exit the building.
- Spectators permitted 15 minutes before ice time.
- Participants are encouraged to come fully prepared for their ice time with the exception of skates and helmets due to the limited time before rental.
- User groups are expected to follow their Return to sport guidelines as they pertain to development sessions and game play.
- Users are expected to follow all rules pertaining to Covid-19 (do not attend if feeling unwell, if you have been in close contact to someone feeling unwell, have been outside of the Atlantic bubble, etc.).
- Users are expected to follow the directional arrows for traffic flow.
- Masks are mandatory and may only be removed if skating and to eat or drink.
- Sanitizer is available in the Lobby and expected to be used upon entrance.

Schedule A

Daily Cleaning check list

The Following must be completed before each new rental

Main Arena

- Bleachers – Clear debris and Sanitize hard surfaces
- Players Benches – Sanitize (wipe or spray)
- Board ledges and Water bottle holders
- Pop machine – Wipe high touched areas with sanitizer
- Door handles – Sanitize with wipes or spray
- Garbage if necessary

Lobby/washrooms

- Door handles – Sanitize with wipes or spray
- Vending Machine & ATM - Wipe high touched areas with sanitizer
- Sinks/Taps - Wipe high touched areas with sanitizer
- Toilets/Urinals - Wipe high touched areas with sanitizer
- Garbage if necessary

Dressing Rooms & Ref Room

- Benches
- Door Handles
- Sinks/Taps
- Toilets

Hospitality Room

- Benches
- Chairs
- Tables
- Door Handles



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