



## Waterloo Minor Hockey Association (“WMHA”) Facility Use Policy

This policy applies to all persons accessing City of Waterloo Facilities at any time during the 2021-22 season for the purpose of attending any WMHA-sanctioned tryout, evaluation, game, practice, or other event, including any and all WMHA Directors and staff, Team Officials (i.e. coaches, trainers, managers), timekeepers, on-ice officials, instructors, players, parents, spectators, and members of the general public.

By implementing this policy, WMHA aims to get our kids back on the ice in a safe, fun, and secure environment while minimizing the risk of infection and the risk of having to suspend or cancel programming.

OUR KIDS ARE COUNTING ON ALL OF US TO FOLLOW THIS POLICY TO KEEP THEM ON THE ICE AND HAVING FUN!!!

*This policy is subject to change in response to changes in public health regulations and guidance.*

### Health Screening



STAY HOME IF YOU ARE FEELING UNWELL.



STAY HOME IF YOU ARE ISOLATING OR HAVE TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19



All players, parents, Team Officials, WMHA Directors and staff, on-ice officials, and instructors must successfully complete this [Health Screening Questionnaire](#) prior to entering any arena facilities. This includes all persons attending from other centres outside of Waterloo.

*\*\*Note: Health screening will be conducted and tracked through a digital app on a “team-by-team” basis following the conclusion of tryouts and evaluations.*










### Arrival/Departure





Carpooling to WMHA events is ***strongly discouraged***. If carpooling cannot be avoided, it is ***strongly recommended*** that all passengers wear a face mask while in the vehicle.



Players, coaches, and parents may only access arena facilities ***20 minutes*** prior to your scheduled ice time.

-  Upon arrival, a City of Waterloo representative will conduct a verbal health-screening and remind attendees of facility use rules prior to granting access.
-  Only entrances/exits identified for use are permitted for such. Do not enter/exit any other exterior doors.
-  2m physical distancing will be enforced in *all* indoor areas of arena facilities, including dressing rooms.
-  As per the Region of Waterloo Mask Bylaw every person inside an arena facility must wear a face mask.
-  Spectators are permitted, however the number of people allowed in will be identified by the Provincial emergency orders made under [\*Schedule 2, Section 16 of the Reopening Ontario \(A Flexible Response to COVID-19\) Act\*](#). Due to capacity restrictions, families are *encouraged* to limit the number of persons accompanying players to their hockey events to the extent possible. Arena capacities are posted on-site.
-  Spectators must remain in the arena for the duration of the hockey event they are attending. No “in-and-out” privileges.
-  Team and player “warm-ups” will **NOT** be permitted within any common area inside arena facilities. If necessary, please plan for “warm-ups” to take place prior to entry.
-  All players, volunteers, team officials, spectators, patrons, parents, guardians, guests, and the general public are reminded to be respectful to facility staff and adhere to the [\*City of Waterloo Respectful Behaviour Policy\*](#).
-  Players, coaches, and parents must exit the arena facility immediately within **15 minutes** after the end of your scheduled ice time.

### Dressing Rooms

-  Dressing rooms may only be accessed by coaches, players, on-ice officials, instructors, and other WMHA personnel **15 minutes** prior to your scheduled ice time.
-  Dressing room access will be limited to fewer participants than usual in order to adhere to the required 2m physical distancing protocols.

Getting dressed at home is *strongly recommended* especially for players age 10 and younger who are *encouraged* to arrive at the facility fully dressed and ready for the ice session with the exception of skates, helmets, and gloves.



Parents, guardians, and other spectators **cannot** access the dressing room areas of facilities, unless and except to the extent it is necessary for a parent or guardian is required to be in attendance to (1) attend to any injured or unwell player or (2) assist a player **under the age of 12** with tying skates or putting on equipment. Parents or guardians must **immediately exit** dressing rooms after rendering assistance to their player.



**Masks** must be worn by **all persons at all times** while inside the dressing room areas of facilities. Players may only remove their mask to put on their helmet and must immediately exit the dressing room after doing so.



For any parent or guardian who is concerned about their child mingling with others in a confined space such as a dressing room, we would recommend that the child arrive and depart the facility dressed in their hockey equipment. Likewise, we make the same recommendation for any Team Officials with similar concerns.



Showering is **NOT** permitted. Players, Team Officials, on-ice officials, and instructors must exit the dressing room immediately within **15 minutes** after the end of your scheduled ice time.

### **Players' Bench**



Only players and Team Officials are permitted to access the players' bench.



**Team Officials must wear masks at all times** while on the players' bench.

### **On-Ice**



Players, Team Officials, and on-ice officials are **NOT** required to wear a face mask while on the ice engaging in physical activity.