

# **SPORTS PALACE**

## **Covid-19 General Operating Guidelines**



# **Kapusking**

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## Entering the Facility

- 1) Entry to the arena will be through the **front right doors** (when facing arena from the street). The doors will be kept locked at all times until it is time for entry.
- 2) All individuals entering the facility will be required to self-assess beforehand. If the person is feeling ill, has symptoms of Covid-19, has been in contact with someone with Covid-19 or is waiting for results of a Covid-19 test, they will not be permitted into the facility.
- 3) As per the Order of the Medical Officer of Health for the Porcupine Health Unit and the Town of Kapuskasing, all individuals entering the facility will be required to wear a mask or face covering at all times while inside. **There will be NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- 4) All individuals entering the facility must sanitize hands upon entering and exiting the facility. Frequent hand washing and sanitizing while in the facility is highly recommended.
- 5) No spectators will be permitted in the facility. Only one accompanying parent/guardian/other adult for each athlete under the age of 18 will be allowed. **A younger sibling will be allowed if ice times are back to back. The child must remain with the parent at all times. Also, coaches or volunteers that are on the ice with their child will be allowed another adult/guardian in the arena.**
- 6) Physical distancing of 2 meters must be practiced at all times.

## Dressing and On-Ice Procedures

- 1) The doors to the facility will be open 15 minutes before the scheduled ice time for each group.
- 2) A maximum of 30 skaters plus coaches will be allowed on the ice at one time.
- 3) Players/skaters will come fully dressed except for skates (helmets and gloves). Hockey goalies are permitted to put on their chest protector and pads at the arena. **Face masks must remain on until a player is ready to walk to the ice surface or a skater enters the ice surface. They must be put back on immediately when a player returns to their seat or when the skater leaves the ice surface. Coaches are required to have their masks on at all times even when on the ice surface.**
- 4) Participants will put on their skates on the south side floor. Chairs will be spread out to allow for 2 meters between them. **Parents or guardians are to leave immediately when their child is ready and head to the mezzanine through the north side hallway and up the center ice stairs.**

- 5) Participants will enter the ice surface led by a coach and following the directions indicated. Participants are to remain seated until the ice is ready. They are not to line up at the door to the ice surface. Arena staff will sound a buzzer when the ice is ready.
- 6) Gloves must be worn by hockey players with minimal touching of surfaces by all participants. Athletes must have their own clearly marked water bottles. The water filling station will be available to fill bottles.
- 7) No sharing of bottles or equipment is allowed.
- 8) Players benches and penalty boxes are available.
- 9) At the end of the session participants will exit the ice surface the same way they entered while parents/guardians/adults will meet them on the south side floor. The following group will be waiting on the south side in a separate area while the ice is being resurfaced. All participants must remain in their assigned area.
- 10) Participants will have 10 minutes to remove their skates and exit the facility once their session is done. They are not allowed to remove their equipment. Exit will be through the lobby doors **closest** to the skate shop.

## **Cleaning**

- 1) Staff will be undertaking additional cleaning and disinfecting of the facility before, during and after facility rentals. The public washrooms will be cleaned a minimum of three times per day. We will also undertake a thorough cleaning and disinfection of all publicly accessible areas at the end of each day.

## **Important Notes**

- 1) To assist with contact tracing in the event of a user testing positive for Covid-19, all rental groups will be required to keep an attendance record of everyone who enters the arena (parent and participant). All groups will require a representative present before the doors will be unlocked. All information will be collected by the staff on a daily basis.
- 2) All user groups will need to provide a Covid-19 response plan to the municipality. This should indicate the groups Covid-19 contact person and the protocols to be followed if someone becomes ill with symptoms of Covid-19 or tests positive for Covid-19.
- 3) As per O. Reg. 364/20 Rules for Areas in Stage 3, the total number of parent/guardians permitted in the facility at any one time cannot exceed 50.
- 4) If parents/guardians wish to remain in the arena they will remain in the mezzanine. They will not be able to leave and re-enter at will as the doors will be locked. Nobody is

allowed to let another individual enter the facility once the doors are locked without the approval of the arena staff. A number will be posted on the door to contact the arena personnel for any inquiries.

- 5) There will be NO STANDING area, seating only is allowed in the indicated seats.
- 6) The canteen will not be open.
- 7) Lockers will not be accessible to associations or individuals. Arrangements should be made to get any equipment out before activities begin.
- 8) There will be no off-ice warm-up of any kind allowed inside the facility.
- 9) Dressing rooms and showers will not be available.
- 10) Any water bottles, towels left will be discarded at the end of the day.
- 11) Any tissues, wipes etc.. should be discarded immediately.
- 12) Absolutely no spitting allowed anywhere in the facility including on the ice surface.
- 13) Only South Side and lower north side washrooms will be available to the public and participants.
- 14) All other areas not mentioned will be closed to the public.
- 15) No gathering or loitering in parking areas or public areas before, during or after your activity.
- 16) For the safety of the staff and all participants the rules will be strictly enforced. If they are not followed participants and/or parents will not be allowed to use the facility. The length of the discipline will depend on the severity of the infraction and will be at the discretion of the municipality.
- 17) These guidelines will be reviewed and updated as government regulations and public health guidelines are updated.

**Thank You for Your Cooperation!**