

ARENA RETURN TO PLAY PROTOCOL *amended October 9, 2020*

In response to Manitoba's RESTORING SAFE SERVICES – Phase 4

Southdale Community Centre has reopened to all users and has prepared for all activity, now including sanctioned games. All users must follow the provincial 'Team Sports and Other Recreation Activities' guidelines, as well as their governing bodies' Return to Play Protocols. Prearranged appointments and skate shop patrons are allowed access. Provincial health restrictions will be maintained at all times. Operations will be continually reviewed in conjunction with current and future provincial mandates.

HEALTH SCREENING BEFORE ENTERING FACILITY

Anyone attending Southdale must use the provincial self-screening tool prior to arrival. <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>. Staff who are sick will not attend work. Users that do not pass the screening will be prohibited entry. Individuals at higher risk of illness should not attend.

FACILITY MAINTENANCE AND SANITIZATION

Southdale Community Centre is dedicated to the safety of our participants and staff. Protocols and procedures are in place to maintain provincial standards to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This includes, but not limited to:

- Ensuring signage to educate patrons of physical distancing, hand hygiene and cough etiquette.
- Providing hand sanitizer at the entrance and throughout facility.
- Increased frequency of cleaning in washrooms and high traffic areas.
- Sanitization of dressing rooms, benches, access points and viewing areas between group blocks.
- Monitoring facility operations closely to ensure provincial guidelines are met.

GENERAL RULES

- Maximum Group Size: 24. Sanctioned games are allowed the maximum roster size per team. Exceptions for non-sanctioned teams must be preapproved by management to arrange proper dressing room and bench protocols.
- Face masks are required in the facility and must be worn properly with the mouth and nose covered. Participants/coaches may remove masks while on ice surface. Attendees under the age of five are not required to wear a mask, but strongly encouraged to do so.
- Absolutely NO Spitting at any time.
- Participants must bring a labelled, *filled* water bottle and must not be shared. Water filling stations will not be available for use.
- General guidance on physical distancing must be followed. No congregating in facility or parking lot. Users must maintain assigned locations, respect entry/exit times and follow directional system.
- No horseplay. No outside food. No food in dressing rooms. No team or individual off ice warm-ups. No handshakes or excessive on ice celebration. No sharing supplies. Microphones will be not be supplied. Showers discouraged.

DIRECTIONAL SYSTEM

Once entering the facility, attendees must attend directly to the designated area. The centre is set up in a directional format. Traffic is to stay left in all lobby areas. Ice users have access to dressing room washrooms (limited to one person at a time) while spectators access main washrooms (limited to 2-3 people at a time.) Incoming users must yield to users leaving dressing room area.

PARTICIPANT ARRIVAL / DROP OFF

- Ice users must arrive no earlier than 30 minutes before scheduled ice time. Participants that require assistance in the dressing room may not enter until 15 minutes before the scheduled ice time. Do not congregate at the front entrance earlier than these entry times.
- No participant will be allowed into the facility before their team official or instructor has arrived.
- Parking lot is operating as a one-way system with access via north entrance on Lakewood. Stay left (in queue if required) along red curbs for drop off. One vehicle in the 'drop zone' near handicap parking at a time. Participants not in vehicles must queue on designated sidewalk markings.
- Only players and coaches/instructors are allowed early access and in dressing room area.
- Sanctioned teams must submit a list of rostered players and parent names to track attendance. All other user groups must submit a participant list to the Arena Manager.

ASSISTANCE FOR YOUNG PLAYERS

- If required, with coach or instructor approval, one parent per player may assist in the dressing room before and/or after the ice time. Assistance should only be provided if absolutely necessary. The number of parents in the room and timing may be limited. Hands are to be sanitized prior to entry if attending to the dressing room after the ice time.
- Parents must stay in immediate proximity of their player's designated spot to maintain physical distancing. They are not to loiter or spend more time than required in the room and must attend immediately to viewing area once player is ready.

DRESSING ROOMS

- Only two dressing rooms per scheduled ice time are available. Maximum of 12 players per room. Designated spots are marked. Maintain physical distancing at all times, except for brief exchanges.
- If more than 12 players are assigned to the same room, overflow rotation must occur to not exceed capacity. A designated waiting area for players only is located between the two entry gates inside the West Rink (capacity 32 players.) Coaches are expected to organize/oversee this rotation. Players are not to wait in the dressing room hallway. Coaches may not have a 'chalk talk' with more than 12 players in dressing room at a time.
- A coach/instructor/team official must be present with all youth teams/players in the dressing room at all times. One coach/instructor/team official must wait until the last player has departed the room. Coaches, instructors, team officials, players and/or parents may not congregate in the dressing room hallway at any time.
- Dressing room users must yield to users coming from or going to scheduled ice times.
- Shared practice ice should only be considered if dressing room arrangements can be accommodated. Multiple teams in the same dressing room is not allowed at this time. Cross ice game protocols are pending.

ON ICE ACTIVITY

- Participants must wait in dressing rooms until ice is ready for use. A coach/team official/referee can advise players when the ice is ready. Absolutely no congregating at the gates before ice is ready.
- Observe physical distancing recommendations while on ice except for brief exchanges.
- Dressing room users must yield to users coming from or going to scheduled ice time.
- Players should stagger entrance to/exit from ice surface.
- Request for use of bumper pads/half ice boards must be communicated to arena staff prior to ice time. Only rostered team official(s) of home team may access equipment and must wear face masks while handling. User should wear gloves or sanitize hands before and after handling.

SPECTATOR ACCESS

- All spectators must pre-screen using the above mentioned provincial screening tool. Seniors and children are discouraged from attending due to higher risk and restricted movement in the facility.
- Spectator Capacity of East Rink: 34. Spectator access for one family member of each player will be allowed *at the start of the ice time*. Two family members can be allowed in for a single team practice.
- Spectator Capacity of West Rink: 75. Spectator access for two family members of each player will be allowed *at the start of the ice time*. Exception: Due to roster sizes and other factors, AAA and MMJHL game attendance is at team discretion as capacity does not allow for two per player.
- Entrance will only be monitored for the first 10 minutes of the ice time. *Doors will be locked after this time*. AAA and MMJHL games will be provided a window for spectator arrival throughout warm up.
- Spectators must watch from *inside the rink* at marked spots *in the stands*. No standing along glass or other areas. Once a spot is selected, remain in this location for the duration of the ice time.
- Lobby access is permitted for washroom use and canteen access. Yield to incoming or outgoing users, maintaining one-directional traffic. Absolutely no loitering/congregating in the lobbies at any time unless awaiting a food order (one person only.) Spectators should remain in their designated spot during floods, no congregating in the stands. Children must remain with a guardian at all times.
- Masks may be removed in the designated viewing spot while eating food/drink from the canteen. Physical distancing must be maintained. Mask must remain in place while in transit with food/drink.
- **If it is necessary to leave during the skate, there is no re-entry.** Spectators must leave as soon as the ice time or game is complete.
- All garbage must be disposed of in the receptacles.
- Any spectator not following the rules will be asked to leave. Spectator access as an individual, user group or whole may be disallowed at any time if rules are disobeyed.

DEPARTURE / PICK UP

- Users must vacate the dressing room no later than 20 minutes after the ice time.
- Ice users will be exiting out the main entrance, maintaining directional flow by staying to the left in the lobbies.
- Vehicles are NOT to be waiting in front of the entrance and should be parked in designated parking spots for everyone's safety. We ask that drivers respect the city's No Idling campaign if weather allows.
- There is no re-entry. Ensure all belongings are taken with the user.
- Vehicles proceed to the far south parking lot exit onto Lakewood.

RESOURCES

Province of Manitoba: Restoring Safe Services - www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/restoring/approach.html

Province of Manitoba: Public Health Orders - www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/protection/soe.html

Hockey Manitoba: Return to Play - www.hockeymanitoba.ca/return-to-play/

Ringette Manitoba: Return to Ringette - <https://ringettemanitoba.ca/return-to-ringette/>