

Ajax Arena Re-Opening Plan



The Town of Ajax looks forward to the safe return of all of our customers. During all phases of the Return to Hockey/Skating/Ringette process, a spirit of ongoing patience and flexibility is paramount. At all times, Government and Public Health Agency directives supersede any general recommendations from Provincial or National Sport Governing bodies or the municipality.

As such the following restrictions and provisions have been put in place.

Health Check - Pre-Screening, Attendance and # of Attendees

- Any patron (participant, coach, parent/guardian) entering the Facility, must complete a pre-screening self-assessment and provide contact information for contact tracing purposes each and every time they enter the facility.
- Patrons who have underlying health issues should not enter the Facility.
- Each organization would be responsible for creating, gathering and safely securing this information and ensure it is readily available should a COVID illness be reported by a participant/patron of their program.
- Organizations should follow the Hockey Canada Safety Guidelines published June 4, 2020, Sections 7 & 8 (or your specific PSO/NSO) as well as public health guidelines regarding the reporting of participants who are sick or showing symptoms of COVID-19 and must report all COVID illnesses to the Town.
- Adhering to current Provincial and Public Health guidelines, the maximum number of people allowed on the indoor ice surface at any given time is **25 people**, including coaches and trainers.

Facility Entrance and Exit

- ACC Pad 1 patrons enter at the main entrance via the designated entrance doors. Patrons turn right passing the snack bar on the east side proceeding to table set up in lobby behind the snack bar. Patrons will use benches on the rink side of Pad 1 to finish dressing. Patrons will exit the same way they came in.
- ACC Pad 2 patrons enter the main entrance via the designated entrance doors and travel past the snack bar on the west side proceeding to the table set up just outside Managers office. Patrons will use chairs set up in dressing room hallway to finish dressing. Patrons exit from the designated exit doors at main entrance.
- ACC Pad 3 patrons must enter from south parking lot. Patrons must exit from south exit inside Pad 3 just east of the stands.
- ACC Pad 4 Patrons must enter from north parking lot. Patrons must exit from north exit inside Pad 4 behind the AMHA office.
- Village Arena patrons will enter the northern most doors and proceed into lobby on the right side of bankers ropes. Patrons will use benches and chairs provided to finish dressing. Patrons will exit on the south side of doors and right side of the bankers ropes.

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- The permit holder will assemble outside in the parking lot with their group going on to the ice, while maintaining physical distancing. They will enter as a permitted group.
- Participants will be allowed into the designated entrance based on where their permit is. The permit must be present with the permit holder for viewing prior to being granted access to the Facility.
- Participants will be granted entry to the rink a maximum of 10 minutes before their scheduled ice time and must exit immediately after leaving the ice following their permitted time.
- There will be no in/out privileges. There will be allowed one Parent/Spectator per participant.
- Pad 2 lobby and upper administration lobbies will be closed. Travelling through the building is prohibited. Access to the Ajax Skate Club and Ajax Ringette offices will be an exception.

Other Facility Specific Guidelines, Hygiene and Physical Distancing

- There will be no access to dressing rooms. All players must come to the arena fully dressed. Chairs or benches will be provided in the arena to tie skates. Chair locations are identified on attached floor plan.
- Warm-ups in the facility (running around, stretching pre-ice, etc...) is prohibited.
- There will be one parent/spectator allowed in the facility per participant.
- Effective July 10, 2020 – it is mandatory to wear a non-medical mask or face covering when entering any commercial establishment in Durham Region therefore, everyone entering the facility must wear a face mask. Players will be permitted to remove their face mask when they enter the ice surface but must put the mask back on once their session is finished.
- Social and physical distancing must be maintained **at all times** on the ice surface. Players and instructors must remain a “stick length” away at all times. Contact drills/scrimmages will not be permitted.
- Each pad will have their own gender neutral washroom for urgent needs only. The washrooms will be limited to one person at a time and will be disinfected regularly. Users must sanitize their hands outside the washroom before entering and wash their hands thoroughly after using the washroom.
- Participants must bring their own water bottle filled. There will be no access to filling stations in the dressing rooms or fountains.
- Please leave one empty parking space in between cars in the parking lot.
- Spitting is prohibited.

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Facility Cleaning Protocols

- Washrooms will be cleaned every 3 hours including fogging of all walls, stalls, fixtures and high touch points.
- High touch points such as, but not limited to, door handles, crash bars, door plates, and railings will be wiped down frequently.
- Floors will be machined scrubbed every 4 hours.
- Chairs around the Arena will be fogged or misted after each group has finished.
- Arena glass behind chairs will be fogged after each group has finished.
- Entire Arena glass will be cleaned nightly.
- Player's benches will be fogged after each user group has finished.
- Top of the players benches will be wiped down after each user group has finished

Equipment

- Nets will be wiped down after each use.
- Cross ice boards and bumpers will be prohibited.
- Coaches are responsible for team pucks pylons/cones.
- Use of score clocks is prohibited.
- Use of time keeper's box for the purpose of playing music is prohibited.

Voluntary Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability Including COVID-19

- The Town of Ajax *Rental Permit* and *Terms & Conditions* documentation will contain language to reflect the organizations and participants within, voluntary assumption of risk and waiver of liability including COVID-19
- Each organization may also create and require waivers of their participants

Acknowledgement

It is understood that each organization has read and understands these Arena Re-Opening guidelines and will communicate them to their parents/participants to ensure the safest return to sport possible, respecting the intent, the facility and the staff and patrons within it.

Signature

Name, Organization, Position

Date