



## OLIVER & DISTRICT ARENA COVID-19 GUIDELINES

All ice times must be booked through the Recreation Administration Office at 250-498-4985 with proper permit, proof of liability insurance and COVID-19 Safety Plan in place. No ice times will be accepted at the arena. A minimum 30 min to a maximum of 60 min break between events will be implemented to allow a sufficient period of time for the arena to be cleaned, disinfected and ventilated without anyone present in the facility. Facility staff will clean public washrooms, lobby and arena spaces periodically. Dressing rooms will be cleaned/disinfected between each use.

### **General Guidelines**

No one shall enter the facility if they exhibit symptoms consistent with respiratory illness (fever, cough), have been instructed to self-isolate or have returned from travel outside of Canada within 14 days.

The use of masks/face coverings is mandatory for all visitors to the Oliver Arena in all common areas with the exception of the ice surface or “field of play”. Common areas of the facility includes entrances/exits, dressing rooms, lobby, hallways, washrooms, and the stands.

A COVID Ambassador be assigned and be a visible presence (e.g. arm band signifier): this volunteer/parent/coach or instructor would oversee adherence to the return to sport plan, ensure COVID protocols are being followed, and would monitor PSO/LSO updates. Onsite, the Ambassador is also expected to monitor COVID safety plan compliance with the visiting team should that team not have a COVID Ambassador present.

Assigned arena entrance doors will open 15 minutes before ice rental unless otherwise authorized. Exterior doors will remain locked once all participants are in the arena.

Participants must come dressed in as much equipment as possible to reduce required time in the facility. Players will enter and go directly to pre-determined dressing rooms.

2m/6ft physical distance between individuals is required at all times in all places except when on the field of play (ice surface, player’s benches, penalty box). Players in the same cohort must also maintain physical distance with those in their cohort when outside of the field of play (e.g., dressing rooms, staging areas, etc.).

Please wash your hands. Use the sanitizing station at entrance and the sinks in the arena washrooms.

The **size** of the ice sport group for each “event” (i.e. practice, game, lesson) depends on the number of individuals required for that event. The PHO Order [Gatherings and Events](#) (the Order) specifies who is considered essential event personnel: event staff, volunteers, the members of a team, team managers, coaches, referees, time keepers, score keepers, and staff associated. The group size maximum must be agreed upon with Oliver Parks and Recreation and outlined in the user group’s COVID Safety Plan.

Volunteers who form part of the essential event personnel could include: one responsible adult, if required, for each child 7 years of age and under; or one responsible adult for a person who requires special assistance in order to participate. Parents and care-givers who are not volunteers are spectators and fall into the “patron” category of the Order. Volunteer positions must align with the organizations’ protocols for establishing these roles (e.g. requirement of a criminal record check).

Patrons (spectators) are individuals who attend an event but are not essential event personnel. **Spectators are not permitted in the Oliver Arena at this time.** User groups are encouraged to investigate live-streaming opportunities and discuss this with Management.

### **Access to the Facility**

All public skating and recreation based lesson programs will use the main entrance to the arena and will exit out of the doors at the west end of the facility.

All ice sport group participants will use their assigned entrance to the arena (southeast corner or lobby) and exit out of the doors at the west end of the facility. Participants occupying dressing rooms 5 & 6 may exit directly out of the dressing room exterior doors to the parking lot.

Dressing rooms/lobby are open for use. Player benches in dressing rooms and lobby have markers to indicate seating for proper social distancing. Masks are required in these areas.

Warm up activities must take place outside or in assigned dressing rooms.

At the end of the session, participants must exit the ice on time so that the next group can start on time. Showers are not available unless requested by a user group who demonstrates through their submitted safety plan how distancing will be maintained and the dressing rooms vacated within 15 minutes of the end of the ice time.

All participants must depart from the building through the exit doors at the West end of the arena (avoiding entry points) within 15 minutes following the end of ice time.

### **On Ice Procedure**

Ice capacity for all public skating and recreation-based lesson programs is 22 including instructors and attendant.

Activities on the ice must follow sport-specific safety guidelines from viaSport, affiliated PSO or CARHA.

Gloves and equipment left on at all times when applicable.

Spitting in not allowed anywhere in the facility, no exceptions. Tobacco products are prohibited.

No handling of pucks, coaches to pick up pucks at end of session.

### **Compliance**

All user groups must abide by both the Facility guidelines and policies as well as their own safety plan. Failure to do so will result in:

- A .Management issuing a verbal warning for first offence.
- B. Management issuing a written warning for second offence.
- C. Loss of recreation facility privileges