

BAHA COVID-19 Safety & Preparedness Operations Plan for Tournaments Effective October 13, 2020

Competitive youth tournaments sponsored by BAHA will be allowed to take place at the Bloomington Ice Garden (“BIG”) and Richfield Ice Arena (“RIA”), pursuant to the following:

General Operations:

- All persons, including Players, Coaches, and Spectators, entering BIG or RIA will be **required** to wear a face mask for the time that they are present in the building. Children between the ages of 2 to 5 are encouraged, but not required, to wear a face mask. ***Players, Coaches, and Spectators who are unable or unwilling to wear a face mask for any reason, including medical exemptions, should not enter the facility or attend games at BIG or RIA. No exemptions to this policy will be accepted and/or allowed.***
- All persons entering the building are expected to maintain appropriate social/physical distance from others while in the building.
- Concessions stands will not be open for service, until further notice. Vending machines outside of each rink will be open for use.
- No merchandise vendors or spirit wear sales will be available. All spirit wear will be done via online pre-order.
- There will be 30 minutes scheduled between games at BIG and 15 minutes scheduled between games at RIA to allow staff to clean and disinfect high touch surfaces in the rink and adjacent waiting areas before the next game is set to begin.
- Pre- and Post-game huddles or gatherings will not be allowed in the building or in any areas adjacent to BIG or RIA, including the parking lot.
- By reading and signing the Plan Acknowledgement, attached as the last page of this Plan, the Head Coach and Team Manager assume the responsibility for communicating and enforcing compliance with BAHA’s COVID Safety and Preparedness Plan. Teams must sign and return a copy of the Plan Acknowledgement form to the Tournament Director **PRIOR** to their first tournament game.
- It is the responsibility of the Head Coach and Team Manager to supervise their team’s Players, Coaches, and Spectators to assure that the policy and procedures set forth in this Plan are being followed. Failure to do so may result in the revocation of the team’s permission to participate in the tournament and no refund will be issued.
- Teams will be required to provide a hard copy of their roster of all Players participating in the tournament to the Tournament Director that may be provided to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) in the event an infection of any Player, Coach, Official or Spectator is reported.
- Any policies within this plan in conflict with the official tournament rules will supersede those in the tournament rules.

Players and Coaches

- A maximum of 20 participants per team will be allowed on a single ice sheet at any time. Coaches and Officials are to be counted in the total number of participants allowed on the ice. While in the building, including while on the ice, all participants are expected to practice social/physical distancing between themselves and other Players,

Coaches, and Officials when possible. Coaches are required to wear face masks at all times while in the building, including on the bench.

- Use of the locker rooms will NOT be allowed.
- Each rink will have a dedicated waiting area adjacent to the rink where skaters can put on their skates. Players are expected wear face masks and to sit only in approved areas on chairs or benches, marked with tape, to put on their skates, or to wait for their session to begin, and to maintain a minimum of 6 feet of social/physical distance between themselves and others.
- Players and Coaches may not participate in any on-ice activities at BIG or RIA if they are ill or have any reason to think they have been exposed to COVID-19. Any participant who is sick or has been exposed to COVID-19 must stay home until the criteria from the Minnesota Department of Health have been met. If a participant becomes ill at any point during the tournament, they must be instructed not to come to the facility or to leave the facility immediately.
- Players and Coaches must enter the Bloomington Ice Garden through the Main Doors and must follow the one-way traffic pattern in and out of building in order to maintain proper social distancing.
- All Players and Coaches must wear a face-mask covering when entering and leaving the ice, as well as all times while in the building and not on the ice.
- Players and Coaches will not be allowed in building more than 15 minutes prior to the start of their scheduled game time. All Players and Coaches must be out of building within 15 minutes of the conclusion of their game.
- There should be no pre- or post-game handshakes. Teams should honor each other after the game with a stick salute.
- Because locker rooms are not available for use, Players should come dressed with as much equipment and clothing on as possible with the exception of skates and helmets. Players may bring their equipment bags into the building. The equipment bags will be left in the assigned waiting area for the rink that is being utilized by the group. Any articles left in the waiting area after their game has ended will be considered contaminated and will be disposed of by BIG or RIA staff. There will be NO lost and found area maintained by BIG or RIA staff.
- Spitting is NOT ALLOWED on the ice, in the Player's box, or anywhere in the BIG or RIA facilities.
- Drinking fountains are closed. Players and Coaches should bring their own pre-filled water bottles.
- Where possible, interior doors will be propped open to enhance airflow.
- There will be no ice resurfacing done between periods for any game at any level of the tournament.

Spectators

- Each skater is allowed a maximum of three (3) Spectators to accompany them into the building to watch the game. Each Spectator will be **required** to wear a face mask at all times while in the building. Children between the ages of 2 to 5 are encouraged, but not required, to wear a face mask. **No exceptions or exemptions will be allowed.** Spectators who are unable or unwilling to wear a face mask for any reason, including medical exemptions, should not attend games at BIG or RIA.
- All spectators must follow the one-way traffic flow when entering and exiting the building.

- Spectators must maintain proper social/physical distancing while in the building, and must stay in the designated area for each rink, if they choose to remain and observe the game. Spectators are **not** allowed to move between different rinks, they must stay in the rink where the skater is skating. Spectators are not allowed to observe games from the lobby area.
- If a Spectator chooses to leave the building after helping their skater on the ice, they will not be allowed to come back in the building. The skater will need to meet them outside the building.
- At the end of each game Spectators will vacate the arena within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the game. Spectators will have to wait for their skater outside of the building. This allows for sanitizing of the designated area before next group arrives.

Failure to Comply and Treatment of Tournament and Rink Staff

- Failure to comply with any portion of this plan will result in a team's immediate removal from the tournament and the team/association will forfeit any monies paid to BAHA to participate in the tournament.
- Treatment of Tournament and Rink Staff in regards to these policies is expected to be at the highest level of sportsmanship. If your team or anyone associated with your team has an issue with any of the items within this plan, the Tournament Director will discuss with Head Coaches ONLY.
- If coaches, players, parents, or spectators yell, swear, threaten or are in any other way abusive towards any officials, volunteers, Tournament Director(s), or any BIG or RIA staff in regards to this plan or the policies set forth within they and their team will be ejected from the facility and the tournament with no refund issued. There will be no warnings.
- All decisions made in regards to the Plan or any of the above policies by the Tournament Director are final. No protests will be allowed.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

My signature certifies that I have read this entire document, understand it completely, and agree to follow the procedures as set forth above while participating in a BAHA sponsored tournament (Bloomington Winter Classic, Peewee Showdown, Squirt Shootout, Cupid Classic).

I also understand that my failure, or the failure of any parties as identified through the Plan, to operate in accordance with the procedures as set forth in this Plan will result in the revocation of my team's participation in the tournament and no refund will be issued.

HEAD COACH:

Head Coach Signature

Printed Name

Date

TEAM MANAGER:

Team Manager Signature

Printed Name

Date

Please sign, scan, and email to: bahatourneys@gmail.com