

## Montclair State University Ice Arena

### **Montclair State Ice Arena Youth Hockey Leagues – Return to Play**

We are excited to welcome back our Blues & Middle School Hockey League at Montclair State Arena. Keeping the health and safety of our league participants, staff and referees in mind, we have made some new protocols on how scheduled games will be conducted. Below is a list of adjustments and regulations that will be strictly enforced:

### **Montclair State Youth Hockey League Guidelines**

- Players are responsible for maintaining social distancing on-ice and on benches whenever possible.
- Players, referees and scorekeepers will be allowed to enter the facility only 15 minutes prior to puck drop.
- Goalies will be allowed to enter 20 minutes prior to the start time.
- Players, referees and scorekeepers must exit the facility within 15 minutes of their scheduled end time.
- All participants must wear a mask at all times while in the facility except on the ice during their scheduled game. Coaches must wear masks on the bench at all times.
- NO Spectators permitted in the facility.
- One parent can enter the rink to help their Mite or Squirt aged travel player tie their skates, once the players skates are tied the parent must leave the building for the duration of the game and can re-enter when the game is over to help the player undress.
- No parents can enter the building for players aged Peewee and above.
- Blues will supply rosters for home and visiting teams.
- Only rostered team members and staff will be able to enter the building and remain for the game.
- No more than three on-bench coaches and team manager will be allowed in the rink and all must be listed on the USA Hockey
- Check-In will take place at the front desk.
- All participants will be temperature screened upon arrival. Any person showing signs of an illness or who has a temperature reading of 100.4 degrees or above, will not be permitted in the facility.
- Each team will be assigned a pre/post game space around the arena for every game. The locker rooms will not be in use for games. Bags are to be neatly stored in the team space.
- Mite and squirt parents must take their players' equipment bag with them to the car.
- Referees will be assigned a separate locker room to promote social distancing.

- Players and coaches are to remain in their pregame space until the it is safe to take the player benches, after disinfecting and ice resurfacing.
- Locker room bathrooms and showers will not be accessible.
- The lobby bathrooms will be the only bathrooms available.
- There will be **ZERO TOLERANCE** for any fighting, confrontations, or unnecessary contact during and after plays. Any Middle School League violation of this rule will result in the player(s) being removed from the league.
- If two penalties are called on the same team in Middle School League, one player will be sent to the box, and a penalty shot will be awarded. A penalty shot will be awarded if a player is already in the penalty box and another penalty is taken.
- Spitting on the ice, players benches, and penalty boxes is strictly prohibited.
- All players except the two taking a faceoff must maintain social distancing.
- After a save and whistle, goalies will slide the puck to the referee in order to maintain social distancing.
- All referee calls are final. Interaction with officials must comply with the social distancing guidelines. Any player in violation of this rule may be removed from the game and league.
- Additional Middle School game play adjustments may be made at any time at the discretion of the MSHL commissioner.
- Do not share equipment, such as water bottles, towels, etc.
- No handshake lines after games.
- Bubble shields are recommended but not required.

If you have been to Montclair State Arena and test positive for COVID-19 within 7 days of your visit, you must call the facility to report this information (973-746-7744) or email [mliu@montclairstatearena.com](mailto:mliu@montclairstatearena.com). If you exhibit symptoms consistent with COVID-19, **please do not visit the facility.**

It is our intention to run a safe, fun and competitive hockey league, and we thank you for your cooperation.

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