

2020 Minnesota Cup COVID19 Rink Procedures

August 27th – August 30th, 2020

Masks are required to be worn by ALL people while in the arenas – MN State Governor's Order.

The following arena restrictions have been assigned by the arena's State and local City government agencies. These policies are defined by the arenas and their local governing bodies, these are not tournament policies. These policies are in place to protect all people attending the rinks for any reason, including tournament games. These rink policies must be followed – thanks!

Eden Prairie Community Center (City of Eden Prairie)

<https://www.edenprairie.org/community/news/coronavirus-covid-19>

- Teams are to arrive inside the EPCC no sooner than 20 minutes prior to ice time.
- Entering the facility:
 - Utilize the Rink 1 Ice entrance, if skating on Rink 1
 - Utilize the Rink 2 Ice entrance (in back of EPCC), if skating on Rink 2.
 - Utilize the Rink 3 Ice entrance, if skating on Rink 3
- EPCC Staff will open team rooms up to 15 minutes prior to scheduled ice time.
- (Staff will also be sanitizing the bench area & team rooms in between games).
- It is recommended that players arrive half-dressed in hockey gear.
- Be sure to bring water bottles, as there is no access to facility drinking fountains.
- Social Distance protocols are required by all players when not on the ice.
- Team warm-ups must take place, outside of the facility.
- Teams must exit the EPCC 20 minutes after the ice time has ended.
- AAA tournaments are scheduled with a 30 minute gap between games.
 - (this is to ensure minimal interaction between teams entering/exiting the facility).
- The EPCC is requesting that each team has no more than 25 non-players in attendance. (Including Coaches/Spectators). State/Local Social Distance protocols are required by all spectators at all times.

Richfield Ice Arena (City of Richfield)

<https://www.richfieldmn.gov/residents/covid-19>

- All Clubs, Groups and Organizations along with participants will be responsible for their own health screening prior to entering the facility. Any participant showing signs of illness will be asked to leave the facility.
- Patrons and Staff must wear masks in the building.
- Social distancing of at least six feet will be implemented and maintained between workers and customers, clients, patrons, guests and visitors.
- Workers and visitors are prohibited from gathering in the lobby of the rink.
- We will place social distancing markers on the floors of all lobby areas and walk ways.
- We will put social distancing stickers on all benches in the locker rooms to maintain safe numbers in the locker rooms.
- Coaches are asked to follow social distancing practices during the event.
- Parents/Chaperones will be allowed in the facility for games.
- No use of public drinking fountains-bring water bottles from home.
- No microphones will be issued.
- Failure to comply with posted rules will result in additional education or loss of ice time.

Bloomington Ice Gardens (City of Bloomington)

<https://www.bloomingtonmn.gov/big/bloomington-ice-garden>

- Concessions stands will not be open for service, until further notice. Vending machines outside of each rink will be open for use.
 - There will be 30 minutes scheduled between games to allow Bloomington Ice Garden staff to clean the rink and adjacent waiting areas before the next game is set to begin.
 - Bloomington Ice Garden staff will resurface the ice before the start of each game.
 - Pre- and Post-game huddles or gatherings will not be allowed in the building or in any areas adjacent to the Bloomington Ice Garden, including the parking lot.
 - A maximum of 20 players per team, or 40 participants in total, will be allowed on the ice at any time. Coaches, Officials and Chaperones/Parents are to be counted in the total number of participants allowed in each rink.
 - While in the building, including while on the ice, all participants are expected to practice social distancing between themselves and other participants, when possible.
 - Use of locker rooms is not allowed.
 - Players, Coaches and Officials may not participate in any on-ice activities at the Bloomington Ice Garden 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 while participating in any game, scrimmage or tournament, they must be instructed to leave the facility immediately.
 - Players, Coaches and Officials 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, Coaches and Officials are must wear a cloth face covering when entering and exiting the building. Coaches are strongly encouraged to wear cloth face coverings at all times during the games, or tournaments.
 - Players, Coaches and Officials will not be allowed in building more than 15 minutes prior to the start of their reserved ice time or game start time.
 - Prior to the completion of the reserved ice time, Players should be excused from the rink one by one and through different exit points of the rink in order to maintain proper social distancing.
 - There should be no pre- or post-game handshakes. Teams should honor each other after the game with a stick salute.
 - All Players, Coaches, and Officials must be out of building within 15 minutes of the end of their reserved ice time or conclusion of their game.
 - Equipment Bags of any kind NOT allowed in the building.
 - Players and Officials should arrive at the building fully dressed with the exception of skates and helmets (coming into the building with skate guards on is ideal). Exceptions may be made for goalies, who may need to put on additional equipment at the rink.
 - Spitting is NOT ALLOWED on the ice, in the Player's box.
 - Only one assigned adult should be responsible for the clock and scoreboard. No one else should be allowed in the scorer's/announcer's box. If more than one adult is assigned to this area, masks must be worn if 6 feet of social distance cannot be maintained.
 - Drinking fountains are closed. Players, Coaches and Officials should bring their own water bottles.
 - Where possible, interior doors will be propped open to enhance airflow.
 - Each skater is allowed two (2) Chaperone/Parent to accompany them into the building. The skater and the Chaperone/Parent must enter the building together to be checked in, and both must follow the one-way traffic pattern throughout the building
 - Chaperones/Parents must maintain proper social distancing while in the building, and must stay in the designated Chaperone/Parent area in each rink, if they choose to remain with their skater. Chaperones/Parents are not allowed to observe practices or games in different rinks, they must stay in the rink where the skater they checked in with is playing.
 - If a Chaperone/Parent 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 the Chaperones/Parents will vacate the arena within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the game. Chaperones/Parents will have to wait for their skater outside of the building. This allows for sanitizing of the designated Chaperone/Parent area before next group arrives