

To: Ice User Groups

Re: Spectator Capacity Limits – City of Thunder Bay Satellite Arenas

Date: September 17, 2021

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Dear City of Thunder Bay Ice Users,

Thank you for sharing your concerns regarding the spectator capacity limits included in the Reopening Guidelines for City of Thunder Bay Satellite Arenas effective September 11, 2021. These guidelines were developed based on the rules for Step 3 of the Province's Roadmap to Reopen issued under the authority of *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19 Act, 2020)*, as applied to the particulars of each of our facilities. We appreciate the frustration and confusion caused by changes in guidelines since the 2020-21 season.

We have revisited the spectator capacities in consultation with relevant authorities to explore options to safely increase spectator capacity limits within the current regulations and particulars of our operations.

As a result, **effective Saturday, September 18**, the spectator capacity will be increased to **45 spectators** per rental for all City of Thunder Bay Satellite Arenas. This is generally understood to accommodate at least 1 parent/guardian per minor participant for typical hockey games or split-ice practices.

Higher spectator capacities may be allowed on a case-by-case basis for special events such as tournaments. Specific capacities and associated additional requirements will be reviewed with contract holders for these activities.

If your activity has high participant numbers and requires that a parent/guardian accompany their child for the duration of the rental, please ensure that you communicate to your members that only 1 parent/guardian per participant, up to the maximum 45 spectator limit, will be allowed into the facility.

We ask for your cooperation in respecting the current spectator capacity limits. We also request respectful communication and interactions with the staff that are tasked with implementing current legislation and facilitating your access to our facilities.

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions about current capacity and spectator limits are attached for your information. We will advise you of any future changes to capacity limits allowed by changes in legislation or operations. Please also stay tuned for information on Proof of Vaccination for patrons implementation at the arenas.

I thank you for your patience and support in allowing us to revisit the spectator limits with the goal of providing a safe experience for all.

Sincerely,



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