

Effective January 14, 2021

Phase 5 of BIG's COVID-19 Safety and Preparedness Plan has been released in 2 parts - a plan for games, scrimmages, and tournaments and a plan for practices. The plan was developed by the risk management team at the city. The BIG staff does not have the ability to change the rules. It aligns closely with previously released guidance and changes are bolded.

Practice

- Cloth masks will be required on and off the ice by all. A bubble mask needs a cloth mask underneath. Masks must cover the face and nose completely. Any masks that incorporate a valve that is designed to facilitate easy exhaling, mesh masks, or masks with openings, holes, visible gaps in the design or material, or vents are not sufficient face coverings because they allow droplets to be released from the mask. **The CCM Game on mask and the Bauer Concept 3 Splash Guard may be used in place of a cloth mask.**
- **Two spectators are allowed to accompany the participant into the facility.** The spectators must stay in the stands during the practice and may not go to any other rink. The spectators cannot return into the building if they leave.
- 2 pods of 25 (including coaches) are allowed on the ice.
- No bags except goalies
- Locker rooms are not open.
- All players must come fully dressed, except helmets, skates and gloves. Goalies must come half dressed.
- Players must not enter the arena until 15 minutes before the scheduled ice time, and everyone must exit within 10 minutes of the end of the ice time.
- Dryland activities will not be permitted inside arenas.
- Players should enter the main door and follow the designated one way traffic pattern.
- Players are to be picked up on the north side of the building. They are not allowed to wait in the building for their ride.
- There will be no lost and found. Staff will dispose of lost items.
- Drinking fountains and concessions are closed. Please fill your water bottle at home.
- Music can be played through a mobile device but using BIGs sound system is not allowed.
- **Drop down curtains, shooting boards, and BAHA rink boards are prohibited but hockey mat dividers may be used for mites if properly cleaned.**
- Failure to follow the rules of BIG can cause us to lose ice privileges at BIG.
- Mouthguards are required for 12U and above. They do not need to be tethered. Mouthguards are recommended but currently not required for 10U and under. They do not need to be tethered.

Scrimmages, games, and tournaments-All of the practice rules apply

- **No pre or post game gatherings on BIG property, including the parking lot**

- Renters (BGHC) will be required to provide a roster of all players in the scrimmages, games, and tournaments that may be given to MDH.
- A maximum of 20 participants per team (40 total) will be allowed on a single sheet of ice. Coaches and officials count in the total number of participants.
- Players, coaches, and officials may not participate if sick. If they become ill, they must leave the facility immediately.
- No pre or post game handshakes. Teams should honor the other team with a stick salute.
- One adult should be assigned to the clock and scoreboard. No one else is allowed in the scorers box.
- Each player is allowed a maximum of two spectators. All spectators must leave within 10 minutes of completion of the game.

Every player is essential on our teams. We want all the players to stay healthy and on the ice. Please follow the guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health regarding [staying safe](#). They provide guidance related to [travel](#), [social gatherings](#), and other recreational activities. In the event that you are exposed to Covid or become ill with Covid, please report it to bghc.covid@gmail.com or the Covid contacts on the BGHC website. Upon receiving a report, we will seek guidance from the MDH to keep our players safe and healthy. We can't wait for the girls to get back on the ice! Thanks for all of your cooperation.

MN Hockey TV has been added at BIG

Welcome to the MNHockey.TV 2021 Youth Hockey Season!

As we all know, this season is different in many ways. Minnesota Hockey is recommending only a limited number of team representatives be present in the arenas when play resumes.

During these times of uncertainty, we want to make it easy for people to watch youth hockey games, of all levels, from the comfort and safety of their own home. Here are the youth teams you can view on our network this season: ***Armstrong/Cooper, Bloomington, Brainerd, Cloquet, Duluth, Eden Prairie, Edina, Eveleth, Hermantown, Mahtomedi, Minnetonka, Owatonna, Roseau, St. Louis Park, Stillwater and Wayzata plus all the teams from around the state that play these teams.***

We are honored to provide youth hockey live streaming of your teams' games and selected practices this year. Please communicate to your association members that they can access their respective youth teams' games through the following link. Please add the link to your association website with a live stream click button to view.

<https://www.mnhockey.tv/youth-network>

We provide a variety of different subscriptions for association members with everything from all team season passes to the ability to watch specific association teams or single games. You are able to access all these packages through the link provided. We have added a video replay or on demand feature for post game viewing.

If you have any questions regarding game scheduling, subscriptions or availability, please feel free to contact Anna Mueller (annamueller@itascamarketing.com). We greatly appreciate the opportunity to partner with you to provide this service.

Thank you,

Anna and Pete

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