

Monroe Youth Hockey Association / SLICE Arena 2020-21 Season / COVID-19 Guidelines for Games

In an effort to limit the amount of exposure to COVID-19, these are the protocols that will be expected at each game.

It is your responsibility to send these expectations to your parents. We will stand firm on the guidelines set forth in this document in an effort to “keep hockey going!”

From this point forward, the “HOME” team will be the team that bought the ice and made contact with the directors and ice schedulers of Monroe Youth Hockey Association (MYHA). The “VISITING” team is the team invited to play by the home team. The home team must treat these games as though they are playing at their home rink, with one exception: MYHA will schedule and provide USA Hockey certified refs for all games.

Any group not in compliance with these rules will be asked to leave and will not be allowed to return (no refunds.)

Overview:

These guidelines were created in consultation with the Centers for Disease Control, the State Health Department, and Green County Public Health, along with WAHA and USA Hockey guidance.

The goals:

1. To minimize rink access to essential personal (rink employees, coaches, players, team reps, on and off ice officials)
2. To minimize the amount of contact between teams (spectators and players)
3. To limit the amount of time spent in the facility
4. To provide the safest environment possible for our skaters to play games
5. To provide the safest environment possible for spectators to enjoy the games

Before You Leave Home for the Rink / Health Checks

Parents should check their health and the health of their player(s) before leaving home for a game.

STAY HOME if your skater or an immediate family member are experiencing any of the following symptoms:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever greater than 100.4°F
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Sore throat
- Persistent headache
- Loss of taste or smell

IN ADDITION, STAY HOME

If you or your skater has been directly exposed to a positive COVID case within the previous 14 days. In other words, stay home for 14 days from the day of the last contact of the positive COVID case. If you are living with someone with COVID, that means it may be longer than 14 days.

At the rink

Players:

- May enter the rink no more than **10 min prior** to game start; goalies may enter 20 min prior to game start
 - **Coaches**, please be aware of weather conditions when deciding how early your players need to be at the rink. As the weather turns colder, rainier and snowier, the players will still not be allowed to enter earlier due to the CDC guidelines.
- Must enter the main doors. Main doors will be marked “home” and “away” – please use the appropriate set of doors
- Younger teams must be fully dressed except for skates; can put on/tie skates in designated locker room
- Older teams may change in locker rooms if they are wearing masks and can change within the 10 min allowed
- Must wear a **mask** at all times; per WAHA and WHOA directive, masks must be worn by all players, coaches and officials at all times, on and off the ice.
- Must bring their own water bottle; any water bottle left behind after a game will be disposed of
- Must exit within 10 min of end of game through doors between locker rooms 2 and 3

Spectators:

- Each player may have **two adult (age 18+)** spectators at each game.
 - NO KIDS (under age 18) are allowed in the rink except the players (even if they are siblings)
 - NO EXCEPTIONS
- May enter the building at game time (unless needed to tie skates). Doors will remain locked at all times.
- Must enter in the appropriate “home” or “away” doors based on your team’s designation
- Must wear a mask at **all times** (no mask, no entry)
- Must socially distance 6ft apart from other families (the 2 people representing one skater may stand together)
- No outside food or drink allowed
- Must **exit within 5 min** of game ending and through doors marked EXIT ONLY; please do not congregate in the lobby. This will help reduce possible virus spread and allow cleaning of areas between games.

Coaches:

- May enter the rink no more than 10 min prior to game start
- Must wear a mask at all times; per WAHA and WHOA directive, masks must be worn by all players, coaches and officials at all time, on and off the ice.
- Please be aware of weather conditions when deciding how early your players need to be at the rink. As the weather turns colder, rainier and snowier, the players will still not be allowed to enter earlier than 10 min due to the CDC guidelines.

Team Manager / Team Rep: (every team must provide one before players and coaches can enter the building)

- May enter the rink 15 min before game time
- Must have a printed USA Hockey roster (if you do not have a USA hockey roster, an unofficial accurate list of players or scoresheet stickers is fine) → this is how we will count the number of spectators allowed in the rink.
- Will be the contact person for the Monroe Rink Mgr throughout the game
- Assist in counting spectators, ensuring that there are only 2 per player

Off Ice Officials:

- Home team will provide ONE volunteer to run the scoreboard
- Home team will provide ONE volunteer to monitor their penalty box who will ALSO complete the scoresheet
- Visiting team will provide ONE person to monitor their penalty box AND count shots for both teams
- No exceptions to this, even during tournaments, to prevent contact between off ice officials and team members

Other Safety Protocols:

- The locker rooms, scoreboard and bathrooms will be disinfected between each game
- Hand sanitizing stations will be marked