

A Guide to Playing Hockey in King County, WA

The purpose of this guide is to provide you with as much information and as many best practices as possible to navigate playing hockey in King County for the next few months.

Everyone must play at rinks in King County. Kent and Kraken Community Iceplex are also in King County and though they have not made public statements about vaccine or negative test requirements, they will also be forced to start doing the work of vetting their visitors.

So what are the most important things the SJHA community can do to make sure this process runs smoothly?

1) Who will be affected?

Teams 8UMM, 8UM, 10U, and 12U, your kids will not be pressed for vaccine or negative test proof, but parents/spectators/coaches will be.

Obviously, 14U, 16U, and 18U teams, your players, coaches, and parents/spectators will be asked for proof of vaccination or negative test within 72 hours of gameday.

2) How do we prepare for this?

Please look ahead in your schedules. Notify your teams early and remind them often about the upcoming games in King County. These include all Sno-King arenas (Kingsgate, Renton, Snoqualamie), Kent Valley Ice Center, and Kraken Community Iceplex.

The Sport Engine RSVP feature should be your best friend! Please make use of this as a routine for parents on your teams so your coaches know how many will be available for any game.

Send everyone the links to the COVID pages on the websites of your destination rink so that everyone knows the expectations for gameday.

Here is the link to the specifics of the [King County Vaccination Verification](#) plan. And this is Sno-King's current site (though one specific piece is subject to change and we will address this in the next question): <https://snokingicearenas.com/covid>.

3) What are the requirements?

Accepted Forms of Documentation:

- CDC Covid-19 vaccine record card, or photo of CDC vaccine record card
- QR code, digital or printed certificate from MyIRmobile.com
- Vaccine administration record from a vaccine provider, including an individual's doctor, pharmacy, or other official immunization records from within or outside the U.S., including a photo or photocopy

- Any other digital vaccine card specified by Public Health – Seattle & King County as sufficient to demonstrate proof of vaccination status.
- As an alternative to providing vaccine verification, prior to entry individuals must provide digital or printed documentation from a testing agent, including a laboratory, health care provider, or pharmacy of a negative FDA-authorized or approved molecular (e.g., PCR) test, or an FDA- authorized or approved antigen (e.g., rapid) test administered within the previous 72 hours. Antigen tests that are self-administered will not be accepted.

4) How do I know where to get tested?

The SJHA COVID Task Force has a complete list of testing sites in both King and Snohomish Counties on our [SJHA COVID Page](#).

We recommend testing on Wednesdays or Thursdays for weekend games.

5) What happens if my team cannot comply with the rules?

If your manager, have evidence to prove that a significant number of players on your team are unable to comply with the King County rules, please notify marty.rubin@sjha.com with as much information as you can to provide a clear picture of your team's situation. If you can, please do this by the Wednesday of that game week. We will do our best to work with you and the opposing team to find a solution.

6) What about confrontational parents, coaches, or rink staff?

We understand that tensions are high right now, but there is absolutely no need for a confrontation with anyone at the rink. Avoid conflict at all consequences. Please contact marty.rubin@sjha.com if there is any unfair treatment of an SJHA player or spectator in a King County rink. We will address the situation and create alternative plans for games or teams.

Represent SJHA with dignity, respect, and pride at all times and we will navigate this situation together.

Please know that SJHA staff has your back and that we will do anything we can to support you as managers and leaders of your teams.

Thank you so much for all you do!! If you have questions about protocols in other rinks, reach out to those rinks. If you have COVID related questions for the SJHA COVID Task Force, reach out to covidconsultant@sjha.com. If you have hockey questions, please feel free to reach out to marty.rubin@sjha.com.