## CITY OF BOWIE ICE ARENA PROTOCOL FOR MODIFIED GAME PLAY

## **General Facility Guidelines:**

- ✓ Everyone will enter through the front/main doors. Exit is out the arena hockey doors.
- ✓ Temperature checks and waivers are required for everyone. Anyone having a temperature of 100.4 or higher will not be permitted in the facility. A waiver for the team will be emailed to teams ahead of the scheduled game day to help speed up entry into the facility.
- ✓ Masks/face coverings must be worn by everyone over the age of 5. Masks/face coverings must cover both the nose and mouth completely.
- ✓ PG County is allowing facilities to operate at 50% capacity and these capacity limits are strictly enforced at all times. No exceptions.
- ✓ Please arrive no more than 10-15 minutes prior to activity. Parents may be asked to wait outside until puck drop if capacity is at maximum limits.
- ✓ ALL players must enter the facility fully dressed except for helmets, skates, and gloves. No hockey bags will be permitted in the facility and locker rooms are not open. Players may use the lobby area to put skates on following mask and distancing guidelines.
- ✓ Goalies should arrive dressed as much as possible and will be permitted to use the meeting rooms to put pads on following mask and distancing guidelines.
- ✓ Only ONE parent will be permitted as a spectator. Staff will distribute wrist bands to the team managers for parents. Siblings are allowed but encouraged to stay home if possible. All children must be supervised while in the facility and follow all distancing and mask guidelines.
- ✓ No outside food or drink is permitted in the rink. The café is not open for business.
- ✓ The Pro Shop is open during designated posted hours. Masks and distancing must be followed while in the shop. Equipment fitting is by appointment only. Call 301-249-8970 for hours of operation or specific pro shop questions.
- ✓ No congregating in the parking lot or in the facility at any time. Please follow all posted distancing and mask guidelines.
- ✓ Staff will disinfect after every group/game using approved cleaning protocol. Please help staff by clearing out of the facility as quickly as possible.
- ✓ Hand sanitizing stations are located throughout the facility. Visitors are encouraged to wash their hands and use sanitizer frequently.
- ✓ All players must exit the facility, via the hockey doors, within 10 minutes after the game is over. Parents are asked to vacate the building immediately following the game and wait outside for their skater.
- ✓ Any questions or concerns prior to game day please call 301-809-3090.

## **Game Day Specifics:**

In addition to all USA Hockey rules and CBHL/PVAHA guidelines the following protocols are in place at Bowie Ice Arena during game day. Only USA Hockey sanctioned teams permitted to play at this time.

- ✓ Team Managers are required to maintain game day attendance reports of players, coaches and off-ice volunteers for contact tracing. A copy of the attendance report should be submitted to the Arena Staff to receive wristbands for the parents (again one parent per skater).
- ✓ In addition to the rink protocol, Team Managers and Coaches are expected to abide by the CBHL/PVAHA procedures and reporting guidelines as well as all CDC, County and State guidelines.

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- ✓ All off ice warmups must take place outside of the facility. Coaches are responsible for ensuring the safety of the players during off-ice warmups.
- ✓ Officials (referees) may use designated locker rooms, but showers will not be available. Masks and distancing guidelines must be followed.
- ✓ No more than 12 players on the ice at any given time. On-ice warm-ups must be adjusted accordingly.
- ✓ Traditional penalty boxes will not be in use due to size constraints. Player doors on the bleacher side of the rink will serve as "PENALTY BOX AREAS". An off-ice official for the Home and Away teams will monitor their respective doors. Parents are not permitted near these spaces during games.
- ✓ Additional bench space has been added at both the Home and Away bench areas with distancing markers. Please follow distancing guidelines and observe the markers in place. When possible, coaches are asked to stand on the player's benches to further distance themselves from their players.
- ✓ Face coverings are not required for players during the game while on the ice. Masks must be worn while in the bench area (coaches and players) except when the skater is taking a quick water break. Please do not abuse this. Helmets must always remain on and cannot be removed for water breaks. Any player removing a helmet while on the bench may be subject to penalty per USA Hockey rules. Safety first!
- ✓ Timekeeper will remain in the designated Scorer's Box (behind the protected glass).
- ✓ Scorekeeper will use one of the traditional penalty box areas (behind the protected glass).
- ✓ At this time, no body checking is permitted in PG County.
- ✓ No spitting on the ice or in the team boxes.
- ✓ No sharing water bottles or equipment. Coaches please do not share dry-erase boards, etc.
- ✓ No body contact during goal celebrations. No handshakes elbow bumps and stick taps are acceptable forms of celebration.
- ✓ Coaches and players are expected to clean and dispose of the tape trash, water bottles, etc. from bench area following the games.
- ✓ Staff will disinfect team boxes and off-ice official areas following every game using approved guidelines.

PLEASE NOTE: All policies, procedures and guidelines are subject to change and will be communicated on the website <a href="www.cityofbowie.org/icearena">www.cityofbowie.org/icearena</a> and with the user groups renting the ice. Please abide by all posted signage at all times. These protocols are in place to keep everyone healthy and safe. Do your part! Let's play hockey!