



## **Fargo Angels Hockey Covid-19 Policy**

**The following policies will be followed at our facilities and any facility the Angels are at. Example, if you are at an arena with rules that are less strict than ours, we will follow our rules. If the arena you are visiting has stricter rules, we will follow the stricter rules.**

### **Facilities**

The following are guidelines for Angels Arena.

- Two Spectators per player
- Locker Rooms open 30m prior to game – No Locker Rooms for practice
- Parents allowed into rink 15m prior to game
- Social Distancing guidelines need to be followed
- Effective hand washing on a frequent basis
- Individuals under 18 who are not on-ice must remain with their parent/guardian at all times
- Masks should be worn at all times when in the facility
- No loitering before or after games

### **Spectators**

Spectators will be allowed in the rinks for games as long as they are compliant with facility rules. Spectators may be limited based on facility and overall risk level set by Centers for Disease Control (CDC), North Dakota Department of Health, USA Hockey, and the North Dakota Amateur Hockey Association (NDAHA).

Spectators will be allowed into the facility no earlier than 15 minutes before the scheduled event. Spectators will be asked to leave immediately following the event. Team managers will be responsible for monitoring spectators to make sure all rules are being followed.

## **On-Ice Rules**

### **Masks**

Players need to wear their masks when they enter the rink until they have their helmets on. They will need to put them back on as soon as they leave the ice and remove their helmets. Players who don't have masks will be asked to leave and not return until they have a mask. Under circumstances where a player can't wear a mask, prior approval must be made with the hockey director and have a note from a medical professional. Coaches will wear a mask on ice until further notice.

### **Arrival – Locker Rooms**

Players should arrive 15 minutes prior to practice and 30 minutes prior to games. Locker rooms will not be open for practice. Locker rooms will be open 30 minutes prior to games.

All levels of skaters will need to come fully dressed and ready for practice, which includes a prefilled water bottle. Players will be allowed to tie their skates in the arena, while social distancing on the bleachers. Parent/Guardian will be allowed to tie skates for those skaters that require it.

Players will have 15 minutes to leave the facility after they leave the ice, both games and practices.

Parents will not be allowed in the locker room at any level. Players who have difficulty tying skates should either have skate guards so they can tie at home or have a coach tie them.

Players will only be able to drink from their own water bottles. The bottles should be labeled with their name as well. No sharing of water bottles will be allowed under any circumstance. Bottles should be washed after every use.

### **Games**

No handshakes after games will be permitted. Players and coaches will line up on the blue line and sticks will be raised up and down in a sign of good sportsmanship. Coaches will wear a mask before, during and after games. Please limit on ice celebrations, big group hugs, etc.

## **Off-Ice Rules**

Dryland training taking place will follow the rules of the facility they are in, most likely Hoist Hockey arena. Masks will be required for off-ice training unless training is outdoors. During the season, dryland may be suspended or stopped due to Covid-19 conditions.

### **Coaches**

Coaches will wear masks while in the rink, and on the ice. Coaches will escort their teams to and from the ice to prevent congregating in any areas before practice or games. Coaches will create a seating chart in the locker room how they see fit (Alphabetical, numerical, etc.). Coaches will follow all COVID protocols and will adhere to all HIPPA protocols in regard to sickness, injury and anything that may contain personal information.

## **COVID-19 Management**

The Fargo Angels will require that anyone in the organization who is symptomatic, have family that are symptomatic, have been contacted for COVID exposure, awaiting test results or have family waiting for test results, or tested positive to stay home and report their situation to their team manager as soon as possible. This will help with the tracking of the contact tracing and help with keep everyone as safe as possible. The team manager will contact the Covid-19 Representative on the Board of Directors if any positive test result or other Covid-19 issues arise.

The Covid-19 Representative will be identified at the first team meeting.

Players or coaches may return to play when they have been cleared to by local health officials if they have had Covid-19 or have been identified by local officials that they were in close contact.

Any violations to the Covid-19 policies will be handled on case by case basis by the Board of Directors.

In the case of widespread Covid-19 cases within the organization, games and or tournaments may be postponed or cancelled until the situation is back under control.