

Union Arena COVID-19 Policies and Guidelines

Winter Ice Season 2020-2021

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Masks must always be worn while entering, inside and exiting the building including on the ice.
- Six feet social distancing while entering, inside and exiting the building including on the ice whenever possible.
- Shared spaces and touch points will be disinfected regularly throughout the day.
- Public hand sanitizing station(s) will be provided in convenient and strategic locations within the facility and should be used especially when entering and exiting the facility.
- CDC recommended handwashing, sanitizing and social distancing communications are posted in bathrooms, appropriate work areas and other areas of the facility.
- Exterior doors will be locked until a group is permitted inside, no more than 10 minutes prior to the scheduled ice time.
- An average of 20 minutes will be scheduled between user groups to avoid group arrival and departure overlap.
- Locker rooms will be available to high school hockey and adult user groups. Additional chairs outside the door will be provided for larger groups. Participants are asked to sit in marked places only.
- Locker room bathrooms and showers will be closed and cannot be used.
- The expectation is for officials to arrive mostly dressed and will have a bench to use for skates. The official's locker room will be available for bathroom and changing undergarments only, no showers permitted this season and it should not be used while waiting to take the ice.
- Lobby bathrooms will be limited to two occupants at one time. Only those permitted in the building will have access, they are not available to the public.
- No more than 75 occupants total in the building at any time, see program specifics for different limits for on ice activities.
- No hand shaking, huddling or spitting anywhere within the building including while on the players benches and ice.
- Spectators are not allowed in the facility at this time.
 - We encourage users to visit the LiveBarn web site for viewing access to all activities at the facility. Sign up and receive a 10% discount by using **PROMO CODE: bf46-581f**.
- No use of public drinking fountains, or access to water – Participants should come with their own water bottle. Water bottles are not to be shared.
- Ice times are scheduled and paid ahead of time with the facility via phone or email.
- Pro-shop and Concession will get re-evaluated as season progresses, currently:
 - No drop-in programming opportunities (i.e. public skating, stick & puck or shinny).
 - Concession, pro-shop and skate sharpening services are closed.
 - Bringing and sharing of food will not be allowed.

PROGRAM SPECIFICS

- All organized groups are required to submit their Return to Play Safe Plan prior their first ice session.
- Health screening will be performed by UA staff prior to entering the facility. Each user group must have an assigned contact person who is responsible to provide UA staff with any necessary information or assistance needed to accomplish this process.
- Do not enter the facility if you are experiencing any ill symptoms, have a temperature of 100.4 or greater, experiencing a cough, shortness of breath or sore throat. Anyone showing signs of illness should leave the facility and the school campus immediately.
- All user groups must follow the VT Agency of Commerce and Community Development ([ACCD](#)) [9.1](#) guidelines.
- All user groups must follow [VT cross state travel guidelines](#).
- Scorekeeper's Box has a limit of (1) person and is required to be cleaned at the end of each session. Supplies provided.
- **Arrive, Play, Leave philosophy:**
 - **Youth:** Participants must arrive at the facility ready to play, i.e. all uniform equipment items on including skates. **No bags** will be allowed in. Participants will be admitted into the building no sooner than 5 minutes before the scheduled ice time and will be allowed on the ice once the Zamboni doors have been closed. A spot has been allocated for coaches, skate guards & jackets if necessary. Everyone will enter and exit the ice via the public skate door. Exiting the building should occur immediately after leaving the ice. **Practices** are limited to 50 skaters on the ice and a team parent with limited use of the player benches. **Hockey Games** are limited to 18 participants per team (including players and coaches), 1 team parent per team, scorekeeper & officials.
 - **High School Hockey:** Athletes and coaches must enter through the front door of the facility and spread out in locker rooms 1 & 2. Participants will enter and exit the building within 10 minutes of the scheduled ice time. No overnight bags allowed. **Practices** are limited to 30 skaters on the ice with limited use of the player benches. **Game** information will get updated before the season starts.
 - **Adults:** Participants should arrive partially or fully dressed. Goalies will be provided ample space to get ready but are expected to arrive partially dressed. Participants will enter and exit the building within 10 minutes of the scheduled ice time. Locker rooms will be available with additional chairs outside the door for larger groups. Participants are asked to sit in marked places only. Locker room bathrooms and showers will be closed and cannot not be used. Adult groups are limited to 30 participants, plus officials for league play.

IMPORTANT LINKS:

CDC: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV

Health Vermont: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/response/coronavirus-covid-19>

ACCD (9.1): <https://accd.vermont.gov/news/update-new-work-safe-additions-be-smart-stay-safe-order>

ACCD (Cross State Travel): <https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/restart/cross-state-travel>