



RETURN TO HOCKEY PLAN AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this document is to provide guidelines at this time and a path to return to hockey for Wilmot Wolverines Girls Minor Hockey Association gradually and with the utmost consideration of safety for all.

This plan is, and will remain in compliance with all law, guidelines, and recommendations from the Government of Ontario, Region of Waterloo Public Health, Hockey Canada, OWHA, and Wilmot township.

OFF-ICE ACTIVITIES:

FACILITY ACCESS AND TRAFFIC FLOW

FOR WILMOT REC CENTRE: All players, coaches, parents/guardians, staff, and volunteers are asked to enter through facility-designated entrances and exit through facility-designated exits.

Meet your coach outside the facility entrance 20 minutes prior to session and access will be granted 10 minutes prior. If you are late, you will not be allowed in. Coaches/trainer will be instructed to complete the Wilmot Wolverines health screening questionnaire for themselves, players, and parent/guardian prior to entering the facility. You will receive an online screening prior to every session you are on to fill out. One parent/guardian is allowed per player and must remain in the arena for the session while following public health guidelines. The questionnaire will be sent to a designated executive email. Once you leave the arena you will not be allowed back in.

The Arena staff will be properly cleaning the arena in between each ice session.

SPECTATORS:

Only 1 parent/guardian is allowed per player and no siblings at this time. They must remain in the arena to observe the session (respecting social distancing with others in the rink). Coaches or appointed staff will need to count the number of spectators that are in the session as each arena can not exceed 50 people which includes players and coaching staff. Staff will have areas sectioned off which are 2m apart from where parents/guardians are to watch. The goal will be to have most off this in the lobby area, however, some may be along the boards in the rink area due to space and limitations.

Other facilities have different limitations for spectators and you are encouraged to check the other association websites prior to going to a game.

Parent gatherings are strongly discouraged during pick up and drop off.

WARM -UP:

Warm up will need to take place prior to start of session either at home or outside the building in a safe place, maintaining physical distancing requirements. Coaches/Trainers are to be in contact with players to remind them of proper warm up to ensure their health and safety.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT-FACE MASK:

The Region of Waterloo passed a bylaw which is to require the wearing of face coverings in enclosed public places. This makes it mandatory for everyone (with a few exceptions) to wear masks when indoors.

Players and coaches must keep their masks on while putting skates on and off. When a player puts on their helmet, they can remove their mask. When coaches go on the ice, they can remove their mask. This must be put back on as soon as you get off the ice. Parents/guardians watching must keep their mask on at all times.

IT IS RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL PLAYERS AND COACHES TO STORE THE MASK IN A SEALED BAG (E.G. ZIPLOC) WHEN NOT WORN.

DRESSING ROOMS:

Dressing Rooms are not available. Players must come to the rink ready to go on the ice.

SKATES ON/OFF:

Players and coaches are to put skates on/remove their skates at their designated rink-side chair while maintaining physical distancing guidelines.

PERSONAL ITEMS:

Hockey bags are not permitted but can use a small duffle size bag if needed to bring in items. It is recommended that you bring only your skates, gloves, sticks, blocker, trapper, goalie pads, water bottles, and helmet.

Players/coaches need to bring their own tissues, water bottle, hand sanitizer, and mask.

PUCKS AND PYLONS:

Pucks and pylons will be managed by coaching staff. Players are not to pick up the pucks with their hands. Goalies are able to “block and catch” pucks as they would in the course of drills.

ON ICE COACHING:

As a reminder the Two-Deep Rule must be followed in accordance with the OWHA and WGHA policy. A trainer must be present on the bench or in the arena at each session (on and off ice).

COVID-19 EDUCATION:

The Wilmot Wolverines COVID-19 Response Team will ensure that staff, coaches, players, parents, members, and volunteers receive any education on new safety and hygiene protocols within the association.

It is everyone’s responsibility to ensure that they regularly check for the most up to date information.

email link: publichealthontario.ca

COVID PROTOCOL:

If you test positive to any of the symptoms, please contact public health and they will give you the proper procedure to follow.

EMAIL FOR COVID QUESTIONS: wolverinescovid@gmail.com

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