

Facility Guidelines

The intent of these 'facility guidelines' is to address issues specific to the facility which may not be covered in the response plans prepared by each governing body. Users who are not under the umbrella of an organizational body should make themselves familiar with the response plan that would most closely reflect their use of the facility (ie. Hockey NS, Skate Canada, Hockey Canada, etc.) This guideline will not duplicate all the points outlined in those response plans but attempt to work in concert with them to provide a complete picture.

This plan was last updated on August 10, 2020 and as the provincial guidelines change so will this facility plan. In the event that the facility plan varies from the organizational guidelines provided, users will be required to adhere to whichever guidelines are more restrictive. The LCLC management is happy to discuss exceptions to the facility guidelines and come to tailored resolutions for specific users/groups.

Number of people in a group

The provincial guidelines indicate that groups that will not be social distancing must be kept to 10 people or less. Individuals cannot move from one group to another during the activity. For any contact activities this means that a group of 10 can be in a changeroom together, sit on the bench together and be on the ice together, without social distancing. Where a group chooses, two distinct groups of 10 can use the ice by dividing the ice with bumper pads. They will require separate changerooms, benches etc. as mentioned above and there can be no interaction/ overlap between the two groups.

Larger groups may be able to be accommodated where social distancing is possible; masks would be required.

Physical Distancing

Q: When is physical distancing not required?

A: The only time physical distancing is not required is in participant groups of 10 or less (including coaches) while getting ready for or participating in the activity. Before and after participants get into their cohorts of 10, in the lobby or other public space, they should be physically distancing.

At all other times patrons of the facility should be physically distanced from non-members of their 'family bubble'

Number of People in the facility

We will be limiting the number of people in the arena as much as possible. For younger participants we would ask that one guardian accompany them in and help them get ready to take the ice. Guardians are welcome to stay if that is what facilitates the best experience for the child. For those guardians that are staying for the duration of the practice we will ask that they stay in the designated area.

For those participants who are comfortable entering the rink on their own, and who do not need the help of a guardian to gear up, we would ask that guardians do not accompany them down to the rink level of the facility.

There will be no spectators in the stands before October 1st. As provincial guidelines evolve into September we will elaborate on numbers and guidelines for spectators in the stands.

Masks

Masks are required when moving through the public spaces of the facility. The times when masks are not required would be during the activity; participants can leave their masks with the gear they are not taking to the bench. Before and after that point participants must wear a mask when possible. Coaches and support personnel are required to continue wearing their masks except when hydrating.

We respect the fact that some conditions limit an individual's ability to wear a mask and we will do everything in our power to respect that fact and make those individuals feel welcome.

Contact Tracing

Teams and organized groups are responsible for their own contact tracing. Rentals outside of organized groups will be required to fill out a contact tracing form.

Dressing rooms, showers, fountains

There will be a designated skate tying area, any groups/ individuals not using changerooms will use the skate tying area. There will be storage made available.

For those groups using dressing rooms, only participants and coaches making up the group of 10 or less will enter the dressing room. If the ice is being divided and two non-overlapping groups are each using one half of the ice, there will be 2 dressing rooms made available each with its own distinct walkway to the ice surface. Participants are encouraged to shower at home, but access will not be restricted within the group of 10 in the dressing rooms.

We would encourage users to fill their water bottles at home, however there is a bottle filling station on the main floor for those who wish to use it. There are no water fountains at this time.

Washrooms, Elevators etc.

Washrooms are available on the main floor of the facility. Elevators do not allow for social distancing and should only be used by one person or participant and guardian.

Cleaning in the facility

Facility staff will be adhering to the highest cleaning standards with respect to high touch surfaces, benches, dressing rooms etc. High touch surfaces will be cleaned every hour and benches and dressing rooms will be cleaned after each use.

General facility rules

Check in with guest services to receive any updated information, contact tracing and dressing room assignments. Follow the signage within the facility to understand the traffic flow.

Insurance and Liability

It will be important for all groups and users of the facility to understand how their insurance and liability will be affected by the current health crisis. The facility guidelines in place at the LCLC are an

amalgamation of the provincial guidelines and user group response plans, but as with any rental agreement the group and individual users will be charged with ensuring participants are held to the guidelines. The LCLC will communicate any changes to Provincial or sport organization guidelines and limit access to parts of the facility as required. Facility staff will not be dedicated to monitor the adherence of users to the guidelines; that responsibility will rest with coaches and organizers.

In the event that groups or individuals are not adhering to the guidelines, the LCLC staff will support those individuals in meeting the requirements. In the event that groups or individuals are not willing to take steps towards compliance, the facility will restrict access to those individuals, whether on-ice participants or spectators.