



Return to Play Checklist “Stay Strong and Stay Together”

Wellesley Youth Hockey is excited to announce the return of hockey. In order to ensure a safe and productive environment there will be a number of documents that we will reference prior to players hitting the ice and we will continue to work to ensure that we all do our part in ensuring that our collective goal of a long season is achieved. The reality is that we cannot do this alone and borrowing from Herb Brooks “The strength of the wolf is in the pack”. We expect that Wellesley Youth Hockey participants and associated members of the family will do their part in setting the standard when it comes to adhering to the guidelines provided by the USA Hockey, Mass Hockey, the WHYA Board of Directors, BSI management and governance at away rinks.

Parents/Spectators

- One spectator (parent or guardian) will be allowed per skater. **No Exceptions will be made.**
- No Parents during tryouts. The exception will be for our Squirt and younger for the purpose of tying skates. **Coaches will NOT be tying skates this year.** Please adhere to the criteria of one parent. Parents should exit the rink following the completion of this task.

Rink Entrance and pre-skate checklist

- All hockey players and skaters must come to the rink fully dressed in appropriate skating attire.
- Everyone **MUST** wear a mask in building while off ice.
- Arrive no more than 15 minutes before scheduled time.
- Use the designated ENTER and EXIT lanes marked in the lobby of the BSI (see diagram).
- Locker Rooms are closed at this time and there are no showers. These guidelines are likely to be amended in the coming weeks.
- All skaters will be required to use their own water bottle – no sharing. Please label the bottle with the players name. **Coaches will NOT provide water bottles for teams during practice or games.** Please fill your bottles at home as rink water sources have been limited.

On-Ice Skate

- Limited number of players and coaches.
- Protective masks will be required by all coaches, spectators, and players (when not participating in drills).
- No handshaking, hugs, or high fives.
- All coaches are responsible to check on the health of their players and to enforce social distancing.
- If any player, coach or family member show any signs of illness, they will be required to leave the facility immediately.
- All skaters will be required to use their own water bottle.
- Players and coaches need to observe physical distancing while on the ice.
- Coaches will utilize non-contact drills.
- Players and Coaches will avoid talking within close proximity to one another.
- No spitting.

After Practice

- Exit building using side doors when possible.
- All participants must leave rink within 15 minutes of exiting the ice surface.

Additional Resources:

<https://www.mahockey.org/hockeyresources>