



**May 2021:** Listed below are the updated rink protocols for the Niles IceLand Rink as of May 25<sup>th</sup>.

The major changes include:

- 2 spectators are allowed per skater for games, practices and clinics. The two spectators per player do not have to enter the facility at the same time.
- Siblings are now welcome into the rink for games, practices and clinics and will count as one of the two spectators allowed per player.
- Players, Coaches and Spectators can enter the facility up to 12 minutes prior to their game, practice or clinic time (up to 20 minutes before for goalies).

#### **FACILITY:**

- All players, coaches, spectators and staff must self-check for any CoVid-19 symptoms prior to arriving at IceLand. Anyone feeling ill or experiencing symptoms should stay home.
- Everyone must wear a face covering over their nose and mouth at all times while in the building. This includes while on the ice in competition and entering/exiting the building.
- Social Distancing of 6 feet or more should continue to be maintained.

#### **TEAMS:**

- Coaches, players, and scorekeepers must wear a face covering over their nose and mouth at all times. If a player must remove their face covering for any reason, including water consumption, they must leave the bench area and be behind the rink glass, practicing social distancing. The player must put the face covering back on as soon as possible, and before returning to the bench.
- Only approved teams are allowed to play at IceLand. No out-of-state teams allowed.
- Maximum of 3 rostered coaches on the bench during games.
- Maximum of 2 people in the score box. The Home team will provide one scorekeeper and one person to work the penalty box doors. These two volunteers will count as one of the two spectators for their player who are allowed into the rink for the game. These volunteers will be responsible for checking out and returning the electronic whistles (which the referees will use) before and after each game. The whistles can be checked out at the IceLand front desk and should be given to the refs before the game. After the game, the volunteers are responsible for collecting the whistles and returning them to the front desk.
- No pre-game warm-ups are allowed inside IceLand at this current time.
- There are no locker rooms or water-fill stations available at IceLand. Players should arrive at the rink fully geared up (outside of their skates). Areas will be assigned for the teams to put on and tie skates. Players still have the option to arrive completely geared up, with skates on and ready to take the ice, if they so choose.
- There are no hockey bags allowed inside of the rink. (Goalie bags are the exception to this rule.)
- Entry into the building will be allowed up to 12 minutes before game time. Goalies can enter the building up to 20 minutes before the game to get dressed.
- Players and coaches must exit the building 12 minutes after the game.
  - Home team exits via the door next to the Home bench, towards the back parking lot.
  - Visiting team exits via the door next to the Visitor bench, towards the back parking lot.
  - No loitering, wandering around, or watching other games.

**REFEREES:**

- Referees are required to wear face coverings while at Niles IceLand Ice Rink, including when on the ice.
- The Niles Ice Rink will utilize electronic whistles so the games, so that referees can keep their face covering on for the duration of the game. Electronic whistles will be provided to the Refs at the score box before each game.
- Referees will enter IceLand through the main entrance and will exit through the doors that lead to our back parking lot.

**SPECTATORS:**

- We're pleased to announce that 2 spectators per player are now allowed inside of IceLand Rink to watch a game, practice or clinic. The two spectators per player do not have to enter the facility at the same time.
- Spectators are allowed to enter the rink at the same time as their player and team's coaches, which is up to 12 minutes before their scheduled game time, practice or clinic (up to 20 minutes before the game/practice/clinic for goalies and their spectators).
- Siblings are now welcome into the rink for games, practices and clinics and will count as one of the two spectators allowed per player.
- All spectators must wear a face covering at all times while inside the rink.
- All spectators must be seated in the bleachers keeping 6 feet of social distancing. Seating is from the top row down, keeping as much space as possible between spectators and the playing area. Home team spectators will sit on the Home Team side of the bleachers and Visiting team spectators will sit on the Visitors side. No mixing of Home and Visiting team spectators.
- After the game concludes, the spectators should head toward the exit doors (near our player benches) that lead out toward our back parking lot.
- Standing next to the glass is prohibited.
- No removing masks to cheer or scream.
- No food or drink allowed inside the building, including water and coffee.
- Spectators are encouraged to use the washroom prior to arriving at IceLand. Washroom occupancy is limited to only one person at a time and only one washroom will be available (which is inside the rink area).
- There will be no loitering in the lobby area.

Thank you for your cooperation. Failure to follow these rules will result in removal from the facility.