

# TOWN OF CHEEKTOWAGA

## TOWN PARK RECREATION CENTER

### COVID-19 Procedures and Regulations

#### General Information

- All individuals within the Cheektowaga Warriors Hockey Program, ice renters, opposing hockey teams/organizations, and participants of Cheektowaga Youth & Recreation programs must be in complete 100% compliance with the following, while within the Cheektowaga Recreation Center.
- Skaters and coaches agree to stay home if they are ill, symptomatic, or believe they have been in contact with anyone who may have COVID-19 or symptoms of COVID-19.
- All skaters and coaches must maintain proper social distancing of the recommended six (6) feet within the facility, and wear a mask, covering their nose and mouth.
- **One (1) spectator only**, is allowed per participant, for all activities at the Recreation Center (including: games, practices, Learn to Play, Learn to Skate, tournaments, etc.) The time at which said spectators are permitted to enter the facility is specified below.

#### Arrival to the Cheektowaga Recreation Center

- Skaters and coaches are only allowed access to the Recreation Center through the front doors at the main entrance.
  - The accessible entrance will be available for people with disabilities.
- Skaters must be dropped off outside the facility where the designated coach for their team will meet their skaters.
- Coaches are responsible for health screening their players prior to entering the facility. Parents/guardians of participants in any non-hockey programs are responsible for health screening participants prior to arrival. This screening should include: asking if a participant is feeling sick/has any symptoms possibly related to COVID-19; have they been exposed to anyone with COVID-19 in the past 10 days; etc.
- The Recreation Center/Hockey staff will grant participants and coaches access to the facility 20 minutes prior to their scheduled time, once the entire group has arrived.
- All staff, skaters, coaches and spectators must wear a mask while in the facility except for when participating in on-ice activity.
- Skaters, coaches, and spectators must follow all signage and rules, to enter the facility.

### Dressing/Preparing for Ice Times

- Upon entry into the Recreation Center, all hockey teams and program participants will be directed to one of four dressing areas. **\*\*For all hockey games and practices, it is the expectation that participants arrive to the Recreation Center at least half-dressed, or as dressed as possible, to reduce gathering times in dressing areas.**
- All players/participants should stay socially distanced in the dressing areas, with masks on. Participants are required to wear their mask from the time they walk in the Recreation Center, until right before they go on the ice. Masks are not required to be worn on the ice for hockey. *\*Masks are required on ice for Learn to Skate participants. \**
- Seating/dressing areas are properly distanced and marked off. Skaters should maintain social distance and only sit in designated areas when dressing/undressing.
- Coaches are to monitor dressing areas AT ALL TIMES. Showers/bathrooms within locker rooms will remain closed.

### Spectator Guidelines

- **One (1) spectator only**, is allowed per participant, for all activities at the Recreation Center (including: games, practices, Learn to Play, Learn to Skate, tournaments, etc.)
- For Learn to Play, Learn to Skate, and Cross-rinks programs, the spectator may enter the Recreation Center at the same time as their participant (20 minutes prior to ice time), to assist with dressing, skate tying, etc.
- For Squirt, PeeWee, Bantam and Midget levels and up, the spectator may enter the facility five minutes prior to the start of the scheduled ice time.
- **Standing along the boards of the ice rink during activities is prohibited.** All spectators will be required to sit in the bleacher area, which have been marked off, to accommodate social distancing. Spectators are asked to keep their distance from any other spectator not within their immediate family.
- Masks must be worn properly, by all spectators, while they are within the Recreation Center.
- Failure to comply with the guidelines listed, may result in expulsion from the Recreation Center.

### Inside the Cheektowaga Recreation Center

- Bathrooms will be open for participants/spectators. All other aspects of the lobby are closed.
- The water fountain will be closed off and skaters must bring their own water bottle.
- Trash cans will be placed in the team dressing areas for any debris.
- Hand sanitizers will be readily available. All individuals who come into the building should use hand sanitizer upon entering.
- The Facilities department will sanitize all utilized dressing areas after each session. Facilities staff will continuously monitor and clean all high-traffic areas.
- Only Town of Cheektowaga employees will be permitted access to the second floor of the Recreation Center.

## **On Ice Sessions**

- Coaches are always required to supervise their skaters while inside the Cheektowaga Recreation Center, including the time prior to and immediately following their ice session.
- Coaches are advised to take a team attendance of each ice time, for possible contact tracing purposes.
- Team warm-ups/stretching before games is prohibited within the Recreation Center. Skaters must conduct all warmup and cool-down activities outside of the facility.
- Coaches must obtain pucks for practices and games, from the Hockey Office.
- All skaters must use their own personal equipment when participating in Recreation Center activities. At the completion of their ice session, all equipment must leave with the participant.
- Coaches are responsible for ensuring social distancing while on the ice and in the dressing areas.
- Skaters may bring their own essential personal items (water bottles, tissues, etc.) on the ice to be stored in a designated area on the team benches.
- During game play, coaches on the bench will be required to wear a mask.

## **Departure of the Cheektowaga Recreation Center**

- All skaters, coaches, and spectators will exit the Recreation Center through the side exit doors.
- Following completion of the ice session, spectators are asked to exit the facility in an orderly fashion. Spectators are to avoid congregating in bleacher seating/dressing area. Spectators are permitted to assist Learn to Play, Learn to Skate, and Cross-rinks participants with skate removal/undressing, before exiting the facility.
- Skaters and coaches must exit the ice surface using the same entrance they came on the ice.
- Skaters, coaches and spectators must exit the facility no later than 15 minutes after the session ends.

**CHEEKTOWAGA REC CENTER  
PANDEMIC LAYOUT**

