



FSI Shark Tank COVID-19 Rink Procedures and Parameters – 19 October 2020

Everyone is excited to be able to get back to the rink and get back on the ice. However, in order to do this in a responsible way, there are several parameters all must follow. These guidelines are specifically derived from and consistent with St. Louis County's Department of Public Health Youth Sport Guidelines:

Entry, Screening and Locker room use:

Masks are mandatory for all those inside FSI Shark Tank, except while participating on the ice.

If you are or your player is sick or running a temperature, you are not permitted to enter the building. Furthermore, if anyone is sick in your household, we ask that your player not participate in events at FSI Shark Tank.

Health screening will be conducted by medical professionals employed by Meramec Hockey Club. Everyone who enters FSI Shark Tank will receive a health screening, including temperature reading and health questioning. Additionally, we must record players', coaches', and officials' names who enters the rink for potential future contact tracing.

Visiting local teams will be allowed for games. Each visiting team must bring a complete roster for contact tracing purposes. All visiting players, coaches, and spectators must adhere to these rink operating procedures and parameters.

6U – 8U players: Our 6U and 8U Players must fully dress, excluding helmets and skates, at home or in the car. 6U and 8U Players must undress, excluding helmets and skates, at home or in the car. Hockey bags will not be permitted in the building. When putting on and taking off skates, we ask that players maintain a 6' buffer from each other. Benches in locker rooms will be marked for 6' spacing. Goaltenders can fully dress and undress at FSI Shark Tank but must maintain 6' spacing from other players. The procedure for 6U-8U players is due to the number of parents that are required to assist the younger players with their equipment.

10U and Older Players: Players 10U and older may utilize locker rooms. We ask parents and siblings to please stay out of the locker rooms. If our younger players need help with equipment

we ask for this to be done at benches or chairs located outside of the locker rooms to minimize the number of people in the locker rooms. Bags will be allowed for 10U and older. Those with roller bags are asked to please try to lift the bag when using the bleacher steps to exit the rink.

Spectators:

Up to two (2) spectators will be able to remain in the Shark Tank to watch games and practices. Spectators must wear masks and sit in the bleachers, not along the rink glass. Siblings will count as a spectator. However, MHC will be flexible with smaller children if arrangements to care for the children are not possible. All children must sit with their parents. Children should not be allowed to run or walk around the rink unsupervised. The hallways are not play areas, and the walls are not to be used as writing surfaces. Please supervise your children appropriately and ensure they are seated with you in the bleachers. If there are too many spectators, Meramec reserves the right to decrease this to one parent and/or remove excess family members if social distancing cannot be maintained. These family units must stay on an "X" marked in the stands. Non-family members must maintain 6' spacing.

Spectators will be allowed entry at their players designated ice time. Before entry, spectators must maintain social distancing, and avoid congregating outside the rink or in the parking lot.

Spacing and Traffic Deconfliction:

Coaches and goalies will be allowed to **enter the rink 20 minutes prior to their ice time.**

Officials may enter the rink 20 minutes prior to their ice time and carry one bag.

Skaters will be allowed to **enter the rink 15 minutes prior to their ice time.** If 15 minutes is not enough time for your player to dress, we recommend the player arrive at the rink partially dressed.

After practice, all players and coaches must exit the locker rooms within 15 minutes. Locker Rooms will be sanitized by rink staff after use. Prompt exit is important to enable proper sanitization.

It is our goal to minimize the amount of overlap between consecutive events and those attending. Separate entrance pathways and exit pathways are marked within the Rink. Please adhere to the pathways, and remember to exit across the bleachers.

For all age groups, lockers will remain locked when not in use by a team. Coaches will be responsible for acquiring locker room keys upon arrival at the rink. MHC will hold car keys in exchange for the locker room key, which will be returned at the end of practice when the locker

room is cleared.

Additional Parameters:

Social distancing must be adhered to on benches.

Coaches may carry one bag with them into the facility.

Players must bring their own, specifically marked, water bottle to each practice. Sharing of water bottles will not be permitted.

Team huddles, handshakes, fist bumps, and other unnecessary physical contact are not allowed.

Gloves (non-playing) will not be permitted to be worn inside FSI Shark Tank. Hand sanitizing stations are located at entry and exit as well as all locker room doors. Members must maintain proper hand cleanliness while utilizing FSI Shark Tank.

We know that some of these parameters are not ideal and may be inconvenient. However, it beats the alternative which would be the closure of FSI Shark Tank. It is important to set up this environment in a way that puts our players and their families' health first and foremost. If anyone is found to not follow these parameters, their associated player can be removed from the balance of the program they are participating in without refund. We appreciate everyone's best efforts to adhere to these guidelines.