



Waupun Youth Hockey Association COVID 19 Policy

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Latest revisions to the policy are highlighted in yellow

This policy is subject to change in the best interest of safety

First, thank you for your continued patience during these unusual times. While we are excited to be back on the ice, we are working hard with the city and others to make sure we are meeting all requirements and taking reasonable precautions to protect the safety of everyone involved.

Youth players and families:

Due to the COVID situation, there are a number of new procedures that we will be following this hockey season.

- If youth players move up an age-level they can't double roster to play at their current age level.

❖ Before you come to the rink, please take this self-survey of both the skater and close family members:

Have you had any of these symptoms that is not positively attributable to another condition as a result of a COVID Test?

- ✓ Fever or chills
- ✓ Cough
- ✓ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- ✓ Fatigue
- ✓ Muscle or body aches
- ✓ Headache
- ✓ New loss of taste or smell

✓Sore throat

✓Congestion or runny nose

✓Nausea or vomiting

✓ Diarrhea

If the answer is yes to any of these questions, we would ask that your skater stay home.

Look for emergency warning signs for COVID 19. If someone is showing any of these signs, seek medical care immediately:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face

- All spectators and players entering the ice arena must follow all the rules listed regarding social distancing per the city of Waupun and current State & CDC guidelines.
- Waupun Youth Hockey will retain game score sheets for tracing reasons of visitors of the Waupun Community Center for youth hockey purposes.
- If anyone in a Waupun Youth Hockey family household is ill, we advise to have that person and your youth hockey player tested for COVID. This establishes a baseline for us to work from to determine if the youth player should or should not participate in youth hockey activities.
- If a youth player or associated spectator is sick – stay home!
- If your player or family member has tested positive for COVID, please contact Dana Kibbel (mooredana8@gmail.com) or 920.979.1117 to help us determine an appropriate course of action.
- The ice area will have a hand sanitizer station on the way out of the building and players/families are encouraged to utilize this upon entering and exiting the building.
- We recommend that you wash all hockey gear after each use and disinfect any equipment than can be.
- The facility has a max. 150 spectator capacity at the rink and everyone must socially distance.

Close Contact Scenario: If a youth player or someone from the same household have “Close Contact with someone confirmed COVID 19

1. You were within 6 feet of someone who has COVID 19 for at least 15 minutes.

2. and atleast 24 hours with no fever without fever reducing medication

3. and other symptoms of COVID 19 are improving. Loss of taste and smell may persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation.

4. Contact Dana Kibbel at 920-979-1117

Pending COVID 19 Test Results Scenario: If you have been tested and your result is pending.

1. You may not return to practice pending test results.

2. Even if you test negative and have had confirmed close contact exposure you must follow 10-day quarantine guidelines. If a family member or “close contact” was tested and their result is pending (whether with or without symptoms) the youth player is NOT allowed to return to Practice until the close contact/family member receives test results. If you or a family member is required to be tested routinely due to work responsibility, please communicate with the WHA President – your youth player will be allowed to skate.

Confirmed COVID Case – Skater or Coach

If positive for COVID 19 an individual may not return to the rink until 14 days from test results or when your Doctor states return to work/school date, if less than 14 days from test results.

A provision to pause all team play for 10 days takes effect from last date of contact exposure.

COVID – Travel & participation “bubble”

- All hockey activity will be in-house until Thanksgiving Day.
- Create our own 50 miles radius “bubble” from Thanksgiving to January 1, 2021.
- No games until after Thanksgiving Day.
- Games will be scheduled as double headers limiting the number of different possible exposure opportunities.

Spectators/Parents

Spectators are permitted to enter the rink **5 minutes prior to hockey practices or games** and must **exit the rink within 5 minutes after practices and games**. Spectators must enter and exit the main doors on the east side of the facility.

Game spectators are to watch from the bleacher area only. The upstairs and lower warming rooms are closed to spectators during games and practices.

Learn to Skate – only one parent or guardian is permitted entry into the facility 15 minutes prior to practice starting.

Cross Ice – Only one parent or guardian is permitted to help the player tie skates and is permitted entry to the facility 15 minutes prior to practice starting.

All spectators are required to wear a mask while in the facility. If anyone can not wear a mask while in the facility due to a medical condition that spectator should stay home to not add risk to an already existing medical condition.

Players

- All players are required to wear a mask while on the ice.
- Acceptable alternatives to a traditional mask or face covering are a “spit guard” or Bauer concept 3 splash guard
- Please bring your own pre-filled water bottle that is labeled.
- Players with a medical condition preventing them from wearing a mask shall have a letter from their doctor on the doctor’s letter head stating the medical condition preventing the use of a mask while playing hockey. This letter shall be in the possession of the head coach, Association President and the parents and must be presentable at the start of every game and practice .
- The showers in the locker rooms are not to be used to prevent the spread of the virus.
- Youth players without masks must leave the bench during games until they wear a mask or have above mentioned letter from their doctor.
- Youth players may lower mask for a brief amount of time while on the bench to catch their breath.
- Masks shall be properly positioned over the mouth and nose while on the ice.

Squirts thru Bantams - Players are permitted to enter the rink **20 minutes prior to practice times and game times** and must **exit the facility within 20 minutes of practice or games ending**. Players shall enter the facility from the West man door closest to the skate sharpening room and exit the facility thru the same door on the west side of the facility. Squirts thru Bantams may use locker rooms and social distance. 1 team to 2 locker rooms.

Learn to Skate participants are to gear up at home and put skates and helmets on at rink. Learn to Skate participants and one guardian is permitted entry to the facility 15 minutes prior to start of practice.

Cross Ice players are to gear up at home and put skates and helmets on at rink. Cross Ice players are permitted entry to the facility 15 minutes prior to start of practices and games. Cross Ice Players are to put on skates, helmet and gloves in the locker rooms. Only one parent is allowed to help cross ice players tie skates. Cross Ice players and spectators/parents are permitted to enter the facility thru the main doors on the east side of the facility.

The only exception to this rule is to have skates sharpened.

Locker Room Assignments

Waupun practices – one team to (2) locker rooms and spacing players 6 feet apart for social distancing.

Games:

Waupun players will utilize locker rooms 3 and 4 only. One team in (2) locker rooms spacing players 6 feet apart for social distancing.

Visiting players will utilize locker rooms 1 and 2 only. One team in (2) locker rooms spacing players 6 feet apart for social distancing.

Referees

- Squirt through Bantam will have 2 referees. Cross Ice will have 2 coach referees. Referees will follow all WAHA and USA Hockey for breaking up extended time periods of close contact on the ice; e.g. pucks tied up on the boards or near the net.

Coaches

- Waupun Youth Hockey teams are not permitted to play other teams from outside of the state.
- Players will not participate in the traditional “fist bump” after games. Players will line up on the blue lines and tap their stick on the ice.
- Coaches will run practice and games with no more than 4 coaches per bench (wearing masks if required per current city of Waupun, State, Fond du Lac county Safe Restart Program & CDC guidelines). Coaches will do their best to create distance between players.
- Dry land warmups are not permitted in the facility on game days.
- Coaches may enter the rink 30 minutes prior to games and practices starting and shall exit when the last player leaves. This does not apply to coaches/rink managers on the board of directors.
- The showers in the locker rooms are not to be used to prevent the spread of the virus.

Concession stand

- All concession stand servers are required to wear a mask and gloves when serving food for the 2020-2021 hockey season. Concession stand servers are required to refrain from sharing objects and maintain safe social distance while in the concession stand.
- Food contact surfaces will be sanitized after each use.
- Condiment areas will not be allowed; e.g. ketchup, pickle and onion etc.
- One concession stand volunteer will handle the payment transactions and one will handle the food transaction for HS games. For youth games, the concession stand volunteer will wash or sanitize their hands after each payment transaction.
- Cash and food will be passed thru an opening in the sliding plexi-glass doors.
- All concessions staff/kitchen staff will wear masks.
- Cashless payment required – new contactless credit card readers will be installed to accept all chip credit/debit cards.
- All condiments, napkins, and silverware will be offered individually at the concession stand.
- Workers will place food/beverages on the counter rather than handing directly to fans.
- Fans are kindly asked to throw away their own trash during and after the game
- Concession stand patrons are required to enter the lower warming room most west door and form a line socially distancing. Concessions will not be served thru the window facing the rink area.

Score box

- The score box requires 3 people to operate the scoreboard, score sheet and keep track of shots and saves and also man the penalty box. All people in the score box and penalty box are required to wear a mask per current city of Waupun, State, Fond du Lac county Safe Restart Program and CDC guidelines, with the only exception being a youth player serving out a penalty.

Public Skate

The community will be required to exercise all the current requirements of the city of Waupun, Fond du Lac county Safe Restart Program, State and CDC

requirements when participating in Public Skate. Rental skates will continue to be disinfected after every use.

Skaters shall space 6 feet apart when lacing up skates and try to give everyone social distancing space while skating.

Skaters are to lace up skates in the west warming room and may use locker rooms 1 thru 3.

Skaters are required to wear a mask while we are under the mask order.

Public skate will be limited to 90 persons.

Open public hockey

Cancelled until further notice due to COVID 19.

Cleaning Schedules:

There are cleaning schedules built into our Facility Disinfecting Standard Operating Procedure. This Procedure is posted in the main office, on the bulletin board and in our supply room. The concession stand has its own checklist cleaning schedule and it is posted in the concession stand.

Our resources for COVID-19 policy requirements:

<https://www.fdlco.wi.gov/departments/departments-f-m/health-department/covid-19-coronavirus/fdl-county-safe-restart>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

<https://www.cityofwaupun.org/>

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm>

[WAHA – Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association](#)

Facility Disinfecting Standard Operating Procedure – Waupun Youth Hockey Association

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Foot Traffic Map

