



2021 USA HOCKEY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS COVID-19 RISK MITIGATION



These following protocols will be applied in conjunction with local and state rules/legislation related to organizing gatherings/sporting events during the COVID-19 pandemic. The local and state rules/legislation shall prevail if they create a higher restriction/obligation.

GENERAL PROTOCOLS

- Contact tracing and screening procedures for participants.
- Plans for reporting, isolating, and treating any positive COVID cases at any tournament facilities.
- Cleaning & disinfecting protocols and regular cleaning schedules for entire facility, including specific areas between all games: benches and locker rooms, penalty benches and scorekeeper area, and common areas and high-touch surfaces.
- Communicate general hygiene for disease risk mitigation and provide signage throughout facility (i.e. no sharing of water bottles, towels or other equipment; No spitting anywhere within the facility).

FACE MASK POLICY

- Coaches, parents, spectators, tournament staff, rink staff, and USA Hockey volunteers must wear face coverings/masks at all times within the facility.
- Players/Officials must wear a face covering/mask when entering/exiting and within the facility, including locker rooms. Players/Officials must also wear masks on the ice if required by local government protocols.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING PROTOCOLS

- Manage physical distancing throughout facility, including locker rooms, benches, lobby, stands, apparel shop, etc. and post signage for physical distancing throughout the facility
- Provide separate team entrance and separate team exit points to eliminate contact between teams
- There will be no post game handshakes between teams, coaches, or officials. All players line up on team's respective blueline and use a stick tap salute for post-game sportsmanship.
- Opening meeting will be done virtually
- Communicate with teams that social gatherings are not recommended
- Communicate best practices for physical distancing prior to tournament to minimize exposure and contract tracing list

ENTRANCE AND EXIT PROCEDURES

- Teams not allowed into the facility until 15 minutes prior to game time and must exit arena within 15 minutes of game ending. Players arrive at arena fully dressed except skates, gloves, and helmet.
- If spectators are allowed, provide a different entrance and exit for spectators and scouts. Arrive no earlier than puck drop; leave building immediately.

SPECTATORS

- Spectator policy will be determined by the host site local government restrictions for capacity within the facilities being utilized for the tournament.

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