

ESHA Home Game Team Procedures

Arrival:

- Players, Coaches, and Team Personnel will enter through the “Hockey Players Entrance”
- Players and team staff will only be allowed in 15 minutes prior to their game start time. The only exceptions will be goalies and ESHA team staff and volunteers that will need to be in position to prior to their group’s scheduled entrance time.
- The Hockey Players Entrance will be monitored by a TCCC staff member.

Locker Rooms:

- **Players will only use locker rooms for putting on skates and helmets; all players must still enter fully dressed**, except for skates and helmets. There will be times when we will not have a locker room available for the next group, such as after a four team Mite jamboree. When this is the case, we will use the bleachers in the rink and the Tuckahoe room as we do for practices.
- Each locker room can fit 12 players using a physically distanced seating arrangement. **DO NOT ALLOW MORE THAN 12 PLAYERS AT A TIME IN A LOCKER ROOM.** The benches in the locker rooms have been marked at 6 feet intervals with green painter’s tape. The moveable benches have been placed in a position to allow 6 feet of distance from all other players. Note: Most of the locker rooms have double-wide moveable benches in the middle of the room. Players may only sit on one side of these benches and they will only accommodate two players. The tape markings are placed so that if the player sits on the tape marking, they will maintain 6 feet of distance from all other players sitting on benches.
- Teams that have more than 12 players will use the bleachers in the rink area for additional players to put on skates. A set of bleachers have been moved to the area near where the visiting team locker rooms are for visiting players.
- The doors on both sides of the locker rooms are always to remain propped open to create positive ventilation within the rooms. **The locker room doors are never to be closed.**
- **The locker rooms are not for pre-game talks or any other activity that would promote being in the locker rooms longer than necessary.**
- **Once a player is fully suited up to play, they should immediately exit the locker room.**
- While players are lined up to enter the rink, they must stay spaced 6 feet apart. There are markings along the boards on the home team’s rink entrance and the visiting team’s rink entrance for players to line up on. Due to limited space on the visitor’s side of the rink, there are also markings along the wall for players to line up on across from their teammates. They will maintain 6 feet of distance from their abeam teammate if they stand against the boards or bleachers, depending on which side they are on.

- After the game, players will remove their helmets and immediately put their facial coverings on. Players will then remove their skates and immediately exit the building. **The locker rooms are not to be used for removing all equipment.**
- After each game, an ESHA volunteer will be responsible for wiping down the locker room benches.

Gameplay:

- **Players must always wear a cloth facial covering while on the bench or ice.**
- Players should remain spaced out on the player benches. Folding chairs will be placed near the ice surface entry/exit doors next to the players benches if a coach requests extra bench space.
- Players will serve their penalties off-ice, next to their team's bench. They will use the ice surface entry/exit door next to each team bench to serve their penalty. A parent volunteer will be needed to operate this door.
- The USA Hockey maximum of 4 coaches will be permitted on the bench for 10U-18U, but only 2 coaches per team bench for 8U. Coaches must always wear a facial covering over their nose and mouth.
- Referees are not required to wear a facial covering on the ice, and they may use a traditional whistle.
- Only the timekeeper will be allowed to occupy the Scorekeeper's Box. The scorekeeper will sit in one of the penalty boxes to record the game on the scoresheet. ESHA will need to provide two volunteers to fulfill these duties. A parent may occupy the second penalty box to play music for the game. Everyone in these positions must always wear a facial covering over their nose and mouth.
- ESHA volunteers will be responsible for cleaning the players benches and scorekeeping areas after each game, do not use the spray alcohol.
- There will be no postgame handshakes, players are encouraged to display their sportsmanship by offering the opposing team a team stick salute from their end of the rink.

Exit:

- Players and team staff should exit the building as quickly as possible following the completion of their game.
- Players and team staff will exit through the same doors which they entered the building.