



TSMHA Participation Infection Prevention Playbook

This Playbook has been adopted by the TSMHA Board of Directors in an effort to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19 and apply to all individuals involved in TSMHA hockey-related activities including, but not limited to, players, parents, guardians, spectators, coaches, trainers, and officials, timekeepers, etc. (“Participants”).

These Guidelines are subject to change. All updated Guidelines can be found on the TSMHA Website. Failure to comply with these Guidelines may result in removal from the facility and/or mandatory exclusion from future events.

Guiding Principles

The TSMHA is committed to following the guidelines established by the Ontario Minor Hockey Association, the Ontario Hockey Federation, and Hockey Canada, as they are issued or amended. The TSMHA relies on its Participants and Staff to recognize and respect best practices, as established by the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit (“WECHU”) to help prevent the risk of contracting, and/or spreading COVID-19. Participants and Staff are encouraged to visit the WECHU website for information regarding self-assessment and hygiene practices.

- We need your commitment and support. We are asking your full cooperation to minimize the risk of infection to you, your children, and our community.
- **Commit** to “doing the right thing,” which may include staying home if you are unwell, wearing a face covering, and heeding the instructions from Coaches and Staff.
- **Support** your coaches and staff. Understand that they are doing their best to manage this situation.

With your commitment, support, and co-operation, we can expect a safe and exciting hockey season, regardless of the hurdles we are facing.

Required Documentation

- It is understood that participants agree that they are participating at their own risk. It is further understood that participants agree that TSMHA will provide their contact information to the WECHU upon request in the event of a possible exposure.
- All Participants must complete a COVID Waiver form. This must be done only once, on the first day that the individual attends at the arena or TSMHA-related activity.
- All Participants must complete the COVID e-Waiver Screening Tool prior to entering the facility. This must be completed each time the individual attends at the arena.

Prior to Entering the Tecumseh Arena and Check-In:

- Perform a self-assessment. If you feel unwell, do not come to the arena.
- Skaters must arrive at the arena dressed in equipment (excluding skates, gloves, helmets, goalie pads). Dressing rooms are available for limited use only.
- Parents are responsible to ensure skaters have completed the COVID Screening Tool and e-Waiver.

Entering Tecumseh Arena and Conduct During the Event

- Outside food and drink is expressly prohibited.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at entry points and in the lobby for public use.
- Participants shall wear cloth or surgical masks covering their mouth and nose prior entering the facility; masks must remain covering the mouth and nose for the entire time they are in the arena, unless they are participating in on-ice activities. Failure to do so may result in removal from the event.
- Participants shall follow signage to marked areas to dressing rooms or viewing areas as applicable. Please be mindful of any changes as may be indicated by staff.
- Participants should be mindful of common touch points and limit contact with such surfaces.
- Participants shall maintain a minimum of distance of two (2) metres at all times.
- Entry and Exit – to ensure physical distancing, please exit the Arena as quickly as possible after the event has ended and wait for players in the parking lot or in your vehicles.

Please note that in the event of an emergency, all individuals should move quickly and calmly to toward their nearest exit.

- Any member of the public who feels unwell shall immediately inform a Staff member and a coach.
- Public washrooms will be available with a maximum capacity of 3 persons. Please review attached link from Tecumseh arena for their protocols and procedures.
<https://www.tecumseh.ca/en/things-to-do/resources/Documents/Town-of-Tecumseh-COVID-Rink-Guidelines-STAGE-3b-Two-Rinks.pdf>

On-Ice Participants

- On-ice participants must wear masks at all times while in the facility except when the helmet is worn immediately prior to entering the ice. Masks shall be worn immediately after removing the helmet following the skate.
- Dressing Rooms will be available for use, subject to maximum capacities; showers will not be used. **Parents are not permitted in dressing rooms or in the dressing room hallway.**
- All on-ice participants shall follow instructions from coaches, officials and staff.
- On-ice participants must use their own water bottles.
- Spitting is expressly prohibited.
- Any player who feels ill during the skate shall immediately inform their coach, trainer and Staff.

Following the Event

- Participants shall wear masks while exiting the building, following the signage.
- Participants shall remain 2 metre spacing while exiting the building.
- Participants are encouraged to continue to adhere to the 2-metre physical distancing after they have left the facility.

In the Event of a Positive COVID-19 Diagnosis

- Bryce Chandler (TSMHA Director of Communications) is designated as the TSMHA Safety Ambassador. He can be contacted at brycechandler@hotmail.com.
- Any Participant or Staff who is confirmed as being positive for COVID-19 must immediately inform the WECHU, their coach, and Joe Oldridge as soon as possible.
- In the event the TSMHA is contacted by the WECHU with respect to contact tracing, the TSMHA will provide contact information, including name and phone number, to the WECHU.