



COVID-19 Arena Rules

As Southwestern Public health moves into the Orange Zone of the Provincial COVID-19 response framework, adjusting arena rules will help facilitate recreational activities while doing our part to help stop the spread.

The Municipality of West Elgin must follow rules set out by the province and Southwestern Public Health at our facility. We've worked closely with Public Health to establish facility guidelines that prioritize getting participants safely on the ice.

We know that some of these new rules can be frustrating and we appreciate your patience and understanding as we take the necessary steps to keep skaters, coaches and our staff safe in these challenging times. The rules are subject to change.

General Facility Rules

We ask all users to stay home if you are feeling unwell or experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19. At this time the water refill station will remain closed. We ask all users to use the sanitization stations upon entering and exiting the facility. All users are encouraged to practice proper handwashing etiquette. If you need to cough or blow your nose please use a tissue and dispose of it in a garbage receptacle.

Access to Facilities

Doors will be locked until 15 minutes before your scheduled ice time

Everyone entering the facility must be screened for COVID-19. If this is not being managed by your sports association, please use the forms provided

Everyone is encouraged to come to the facility dressed. Participants under the age of 15 must come to the facility dressed. Dressing Rooms will be available for participants 15 years and older.

Each group will have 10 minutes after their skate to exit the facility.

Number of Participants

The total number of persons allowed to enter the facility is 50 persons.

A league cannot have more than 50 participants.

The total number of persons allowed on the ice surface is the total number of persons that can maintain 3 meter physical distancing.

Spectators

Under the provincial regulations, and to keep our focus on getting participants safely on the ice, no additional spectators are allowed at this time.

One parent or guardian will be allowed to accompany an individual under the age of 18



Type of Play/Skating

Sports may only be practiced or played within the facility if they do not allow for physical contact or have been modified to avoid physical contact between players.

All participants must keep a minimum of 3m physical distance

Wearing a face covering and Physical Distancing

Participants do not need a face covering while on the ice, but must put a mask on if they remove their helmet or are walking to and from the ice without their helmet.

Coaches and instructors must wear masks at all times, both on and off the ice.

Face coverings that cover the mouth, nose and chin must be worn in all indoor areas.

All persons entering the facility must maintain a minimum physical distance of 2 meters from every other person; except from their caregiver or members of the same household.

Any persons standing in line to enter the facility must maintain a minimum physical distance of 2 meters from every other person and wear a face covering that covers the mouth, nose and chin.

Respecting Staff

It bears reminding that West Elgin Community Centre staff don't set the rules, but do have an important role to play in enforcing them.

If a staff member reminds you about the COVID-19 rules or general ice safety rules, they are doing their job. Please take their comments as a friendly reminder, and do your part by following the rules.

If you have questions about any of these rules please:

- Contact your sporting associations (if applicable) to learn about their covid-19 safety protocols
- Review the policies set by the Province (<https://covid-19.ontario.ca>) and Public Health (<https://www.swpublichealth.ca/en/my-health/covid-19-novel-coronavirus.aspx>)
- Contact the Municipality of West Elgin Parks and Recreation (519)-785-0560



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