



COVID-19 Arena Rules

Southwestern Public health currently falls into Step 3 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. 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.

A COVID-19 safety plan must be submitted to the Municipality of West Elgin before rental.

Access to Facilities

All persons that are eligible for a vaccination must provide proof of vaccination upon entry. If a person aged 12-18 is participating in sport, they are not required to show proof of vaccination.

If the person has a medical exemption, they will be required to provide proof upon entry.

If the person is 11 years and younger they are exempt and will be allowed to enter the facility.

You will be able to access the arena 15 minutes before your scheduled ice time

Contact tracing must be completed. Passive screening will be completed daily for anyone entering the facility.

Everyone is encouraged to come to the facility dressed. Two (2) dressing rooms will be available to each user group. All other players will be required to use chairs.

Each group will have 15 minutes after their skate to exit the facility.

Washrooms and changes rooms are open for use. Please follow occupancy limits, face coverings and distancing guidelines.

Occupancy Limits

Ice Surface: 72 persons

Bleachers: 138 persons

Warm Room: 58 persons

Dressing Rooms: 21 persons



Spectators

Spectators that are entering the building that are 12 years and older will be required to provide proof of vaccination unless an exemption is presented.

Spectators are asked to maintain a 2 meter distance from everyone not part of their households. The Maximum number of spectators allowed in the building is 196 persons.

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.

Wearing a Face Covering and Physical Distancing

Face coverings are not required on ice.

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

Face coverings can be removed while actively eating or drinking.

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

