Durham Newcastle Orono Return to Play Plan and Protocols 2020/2021



<u>Durham Crusaders - Newcastle Stars - Orono Leafs (DNO)</u>

Return to Hockey Overview

The newly formed Hockey Partnership for the 2020/2021 season is excited to offer the opportunity for player development, practices and game play during the season which will look very different from other seasons due to the global pandemic and preventative measures implemented to keep players, bench staff and families safe from Covid-19.

The programming offered by the Partnership is based on the Ontario Hockey Federation's (OHF's) multi-stage return to hockey requirements. Players eligible to play with the three centres for the 2020/2021 hockey season are restricted to those who played with the associations in the 2019/2020 hockey season or those who played elsewhere for the 2019/2020 hockey season but have their respective associations listed as their primary centre. The only other eligible players are those who moved into the area and have proof of residency.

In accordance with the OHF/OMHA return to play plan, the partnership will work together, with facilities, the Public Health Unit (PHU) and the OMHA to ensure a safe and successful season.

All three associations that are a part of the partnership will follow all arena protocols put into place by the facilities in which we practice and play, including contact tracing, limiting parents and spectators in the arena, social distancing, wearing of masks, the limited use of dressing rooms and any other protocols that are put into place by the arena management. Specific rules, policies and protocols will be shared with all participants in each bubble prior to the start of the hockey season.

DISCLAIMER

This plan is to provide direction and information for the upcoming 2020/2021 season. Rules and regulation have been outlined in this plan to help participants and coaches start their season. These items may change quickly so please monitor the website for any updates. The rules and regulations provided in this plan are not to replace common sense which should always be exercised. As always, all participants should show respect towards fellow participants and their coaching staff.

Partnership Committee

Newcastle: Kim Taylor, Nathan Burns, James Giroux Durham: Steve Yates, Leanne Singfield, Lisa McConnell

Orono: Al Lagace, Jeff Caplan

The communications officer will have continuous communication with all members regarding safety guidelines and regulations, covid-19 updates, and facility updates

The Committee will meet as needed to plan for the start of the season, and covid updates. Once players are on the ice and the season has begun, the committee will meet bi-weekly during the first month, then monthly to review the status of teams, divisions and the season as a whole. The committee will be in contact via email/online mtg as needed.

In order to ensure that our organizations and our partners remain up to date with OHF/OMHA, Public Health and Facility directives and guidelines, we have assigned contact people to monitor for updates.

- ☐ Peter Singfield(Durham), Kim Taylor(Newcastle), Jeff Caplan(Orono) will be the point of contact for the facilities used in DNO partnership
- □ Leanne Singfield(Durham), Kim Taylor(Newcastle), Jeff Caplan(Orono) will monitor updates from Durham Public Health, the province of Ontario, OHF and OMHA and will advise the committee and individual executives of any changes

The designated communications officer(s) will be responsible to ensure all updated and relevant information is passed on to all members. Information monitored by the communications officer will be passed along to administrators, officials, team staff, volunteers, parents and players to ensure all members have the most up to date information required to provide a safe and enjoyable return to hockey.

The responsibilities of the communications officer will include:

- Monitoring all relevant updates from the public health authorities.
- Monitoring all relevant updates from the OMHA, OHF and Hockey Canada
- > Communicating with local facilities on guidelines and updates
- > Ensuring teams are following the prevention guidelines set out by the Association
- Ensuring any COVID-19 cases are reported as required by the Clarington and the Town of Whitby, Public Health Authorities, OHF, OMHA, OHA and facility operations.

Facilities

Meeting with Facilities/Facility Protocols and Procedures:

<u>Durham</u>: During the month of September, meetings were held for ice users in both Oshawa and Whitby. The Durham Crusaders Ice Scheduler (Peter Singfield), also connected with the manager of Canlan Ice Sports in Oshawa. During these meetings, information was shared with regards to protocols for entering each facility as well as procedures for prior to, during and after on-ice activities. Information was also shared by the facilities with regards to dressing rooms and spectators.

<u>Newcastle</u>: There is continual discussion with the Arena on guidelines, and update on approvals. The specifics have been shared with all 3 centers in the partnership agreement. There is a planned walkthrough on Sep 24th, as well the arena will be present during our parent meeting for any additional questions. The arena is working directly with the Municipality prime on reopening, and Municipality is in direct contact with the Public Health contact.

Orono: The Orono Arena is managed by the OAAA. The Orono Arena and the OAAA Board has a reopening plan in place and has been working closely with the Municipality and Durham Public Health to ensure a safe reopening. Protocols for the Orono Arena will be shared with all participants through their home centres prior to their first Orono ice time.

Specific information for each arena can be found in the Appendix B-F. This will provide expectations and procedures for each facility that our members will enter for practices and home games as well as for away games hosted by our partner associations.

Physical Distancing in the Facility

Players and bench staff will be reminded during our pre-season meetings with bench staff and with parents that a minimum of 2m (6ft) physical distance must be kept at all times. Although this may not always be possible on the bench, etc., the most physical distance possible must be kept at all times. Coaches will be requested to monitor and advise the Association if this is not occurring. Development sessions (practices) will be oriented around maintaining social distance. Players responsibilities are to maintain social distance on the ice at all times during practices and/or games as per Hockey Canada guidelines.

Health and Safety Guidelines

Based on OHF Return to Play Plan and Protocols combined with Durham Public Health protocols and local facility expectations

Health screening/Contract Tracing

We will be using the Digital Health Check tool via SportHeadz Sport monitoring tool on our website, as well as the SportsHeadz App(for mobile). This will include designated access to appropriate coaching staff for each team, and screening questions sent out to each player, parent and coach prior to each scheduled event. Through the LIVE roster screen, you'll be able to see the status of each person on the screen. Either a "✓" or an "X" will appear next to their name. All information gathered will be stored within our association database for contact tracing. If for some reason the web/app is not available, we will resort to an online fillable form, which is stored in the database, and extreme cases resort to paper copy. The questions that will be asked, will be the same as that in the OHF Health Screening questionnaire. Contract tracking/health screening has to be done for each ice time(ie consecutive times on ice)

Hygiene

- The first aid kit will contain a bottle of hand sanitizer
- Hand sanitization required upon entering the facility, before going on the ice and before leaving the facility
- Encourage no touching of face namely mouth, nose and eyes

- All players are to bring their own water bottle clearly labelled with their name
- There is to be absolutely no sharing of water bottles
- Players should wash their water bottles between sessions
- Tissues will be kept in the first aid kits.
- Coughing and sneezing are to be done into a tissue or their elbow
- Tissues are to be discarded into a waste basket
- Spitting and open nose blowing is prohibited
- Players should travel to hockey activities only with family members
- No sharing of food or drinks
- Trainers should wear non-latex gloves and a mask when attending a player and gloves should be changed and hands sanitized/washed between treatment
- Players should not handle pucks or other training equipment with their hands. Coaches are responsible for bringing pucks and training equipment to and from sessions as well as gathering pucks at the end of sessions. Hands should be sanitized after handling pucks or other training equipment.

Procedures

Participant showing symptoms of Covid 19 at a hockey activity:

- First aid kits will contain disposable protective masks
- If an individual is showing symptoms of Covid 19 at a hockey activity they must immediately put on a mask, either their own or one supplied by the trainer
- The ill person must immediately be sent home and asked to contact a physician and or the public health unit
- Refer to Medical Information Sheets for guardian contact info if required
- Adult participants can drive themselves home if feeling well enough
- The participant is to contact their physician and the public health line
- The participant can not return to the hockey environment until all public health authority steps have been completed and they have a note from the public health authority or physician advising that they have tested negative for Covid 19
- The trainer or other team official completes the on-line injury report indicating removal from play due to exhibiting Covid 19 symptoms
- The Head Trainer/prime board member receives the on-line injury form and records the incident in the "Potential Covid 19 Tracker"
- The Head Trainer/prime board member follows up with team officials for outstanding physician or public health authority notes using the "Potential Covid 19 Tracker"

Participant advises having symptoms of Covid 19 and will not be attending a hockey activity

- The participant is to contact their physician and the public health line
- The participant can not return to the hockey environment until all public health authority steps have been completed and they have a note from the public health authority or physician advising that they have tested negative for Covid 19
- The trainer or other team official completes the on-line injury report indicating removal from play due to exhibiting Covid 19 symptoms

- The Head Trainer/prime board member receives the on-line injury form and records the incident in the "Potential Covid 19 Tracker"
- The Head Trainer/prime board member follows up with team officials for outstanding physician or public health authority notes using the "Potential Covid 19 Tracker"

Participant tests positive for Covid 19

- If a participant (or their guardian if a minor) elects to advise a team official or an member of the
 executive a positive Covid 19 test, consent should be obtained from the participant (or their
 guardian if a minor) to contact the public health authority to obtain advice on communication
 with other potentially impacted participants
- Advise the participant (or their guardian if a minor) that any communication about the positive Covid 19 test will <u>not</u> contain the sick person's name
- The participant (or their guardian if a minor) should be advised to contact the public health authority to advise them of their above consent
- The participant and anyone in the home are to be removed from all hockey activities
- The person advised of the positive Covid 19 test completes the on-line injury report indicating removed from play due to a positive Covid 19 test
- The Head Trainer/prime board member receives the on-line injury form and records the incident in the "Confirmed Covid 19 Tracker"
- The Head Trainer/prime board member reports the incident to the Public Health Authority
- The 3 centers follow any guidance from the Public Health Authority regarding any communication about the positive test and any tracing of contacts
- The participant and anyone in the home can not return to the hockey environment until all
 public health authority steps have been completed and they have a note from the public health
 authority or physician advising that they have tested negative for Covid 19
- The Head Trainer/prime board member follows up outstanding physician's notes using the "Confirmed Covid 19 Tracker"

Parents

Durham and Newcastle will be holding a virtual Meeting - multiple sessions, and Orono will be briefing parents prior to the first ice session. The meeting will review the overview of what to expect(detailed out below). We will also be continually putting information on our website specific to Covid guidelines, expectations, FAQ's, Covid question form they can fill out, as well as drawing attn to that via our Facebook pages.

Expectations of the parents.

- Parents will not bring their child to hockey if they show any signs of illness and advise the COVID representative
- The parent will make sure the player will complete the pre-screening questions online every time before they attend the ice time.
- The parent will have completed the medical questionnaire form (before first ice only)
- The parent will have signed the parent contract before their child steps on the ice
- The parent must understand that if they do not provide all necessary information and complete all forms as required their child may not be allowed to step on the ice

- Understand facility guidelines
- Player Hygiene, bring own water bottle, not sharing items, no contact, no horseplay
- Masks must be worn in arena (not on ice)

Season Overview

	First Season will be from Oct 15-Dec 23 (assuming approvals have been received by October 1st).
	Assessment on post Dec season will take place early Dec taking into consideration the current stage,
	public health guidelines
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- ☐ Prior to the start of games on October 15th (approx.), there will be 2 weeks of skill development for each team (based on guidelines for Phase 3B)
- ☐ Games will be scheduled with 3 centers, and will try for 1 home/1away game / team in the bubble (pending ice confirmation, plan approval). Peter Singfield is hoping to be able to add these games into OneDB for the 3 centers (pending approval)

Game Format

- ☐ Games will be 4 on 4 unless otherwise indicated in appropriate pathways (i.e. Atom Pathway). All game play will follow pathways where applicable (for the Durham Crusaders, this will only apply in the Atom Division).
- ☐ Guidelines will be provided to coaches that should only 5 players on a team come to a game (due to illness, work, etc.), the game can be moved to 3 on 3 in place of the expected 4 on 4 format

On and Off Ice Officials:

Home Centres will be responsible for scheduling officials prior to all home games
For the Durham Crusaders, Robert Welsh and Robert Delves will schedule on-ice officials, Leanne
Singfield will schedule off-ice officials
For Newcastle and Orono, Charlie Drake will schedule on and off ice officials
The following indicates the number of on-ice officials required for each game:
☐ U7 and below - no officials

One time keeper will be scheduled for each game, and will be using a paper game sheet. Teams will be advised they need to upload post game

Movement Between Phases of OHF Return to Play:

□ U9 and below - 1 official□ U10 and above - 2 officials

The first season is planned to run from October to December. It has been agreed by all partners that during this time, we will review any potential programming changes come stages C, D, etc.

Appendix 'A' Bubbles

**the numbers of players, goalies is as of Sep 18th, and due to fluidity of Covid may change. All adjustments will be reviewed with DNO primes, and OMHA(in event of team reduction)

Preschool - Mites (Newcastle only)

We will be running a dual programming for the 20/21 season, to ensure Covid guidelines are followed.

For the Non Skaters (10 kids),

1 parent / kid on ice, parent wears mask/helmet, and will be on the volunteer roster/police chk
They will be on half ice, physically distanced apart
2-3 coaches will instruct from a distance, with a mask on. Coaches will not physically help child
(ie. pick up)
any helpers on ice (ie. older kids) cannot be on another hockey team/bubble, need to be on volunteer roster

Skaters: (10 kids)

- will be the other half ice, physically distanced apart
- □ 3 coaches will instruct from a distance, with mask on (just in case)
- □ helpers on ice (the older kids) cannot be on another hockey team/bubble

Preschool - Mites (Orono Only)

We will be running three Pre-School sessions with a maximum of 15 kids per session.

- ☐ Kids who are non-skaters will have a parent helper on the ice to assist them
- ☐ The full ice will be used in order to allow for physical distancing during the session
- □ 2-3 coaches will instruct from a distance, with a mask on. Coaches and on-ice helpers will not physically help child (ie. pick up)
- any on-ice helpers on ice will not be on another hockey team/bubble and will be on the OAAA volunteer roster
- Session 1 will run October through December while session 2 will run from January through March. Payment for session 1 is due by September 25th, 2020 while payment for session 2 is not due until January, 2021.

U7 Initiation

Tier	Newcastle Teams	Newcastle Players	Orono Teams	Orono Players	Total teams	Bubble
T2	4	37			4	Newcastle 1 bubble of 4 teams

T2			8	68	8	Orono 2 bubbles of 4 teams
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^{**}Orono is requesting to run in-house program for Initiation, Minor Novice and Major Novice. As a result of the bubbling with Newcastle and Durham in the U11 and older divisions, Orono does not have enough ice to put all our teams on the ice for one game and one practice each week if bubbling occurs at the U7, U8 and U9 divisions. Along with ice, Orono board has confirmed with parents/coaches on preference, which is in house for these levels. Newcastle can support this choice.

U8 Minor Novice

Tier	Newcastle Teams	Newcastle Players	Orono Teams	Orono Players	Total teams	Bubble
T2 A	3	37			3	Newcastle 3
T2 B			5	44	5	Orono 5

^{*}see note in Initiation above

U9 Novice

Tier	Newcastle Team	Newcastle Player	Newcastle Goalie	Orono Team	Orono Player	Orono Goalie	Total team	Bubble
T2 A	3	25	2				3	Newcastle 3
T2 B				3	30	0	3	Orono 3

U11 Atom

Legend: Newcastle=N, Durham=D, Orono=O

Tier	N Team	N Player	N Goalie	D Team	D Player	D Goalie	O Team	O Player	O goalie	Total team	Bubble
Total	6	51	5	2*	18	2	4	37	2	4	
T1	2	18	2	1*	9	1	1	9	1	4	2N,1D,1O
T2 A	2	18	2	1*	9	1	1			4	2N, 1D, 1O

T2 B	2	16	1+?		2	28	1 +2*	5	2N. 2O
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*Possible 1-2 more teams for Durham - waiting on Whitby decision. If the new kids do come, it would add 1 more T1 team(total of 5), 1 more T2A team(total of 5)

U13 PeeWee

Legend: Newcastle=N, Durham=D, Orono=O

Tier	N Team	N Player	N Goalie	D Team	D Player	D Goalie	O Team	O Player	O goalie	Total team	Bubble
Total	6	54	6	4	33	6*	5	45	4		
T1	2	18	2	2	17	2	1	9	1	5	2N,2D,1O
T2 A	2	18	2	2	16	3	1	9	1	5	2N,2D,1O
T2 B	2	18	2				3	27	2+1*	5	2N,3O

Waitlist: Orono-3, Newcastle-1

U15 Bantam

Legend: Newcastle=N, Durham=D, Orono=O

Tier	N Team	N Player	N Goalie	D Team	D Player	D Goalie	O Team	O Player	O goalie	Total team	Bubble
Total	4	36	3	4	36	6*	4	35	4	12	
T1	2	18	2	1	9	1	1	9	1	4	2N,1D,1O
T2 A	1	9	1	1	9	1	2	18	2	4	1N,1D,2O
T2 B	1	9	+1*	2	18	2	1	8	1	4	1N,2D,1O

^{*}Newcastle to borrow goalie from Durham as they have extra

U18 Midget

Legend: Newcastle=N, Durham=D, Orono=O

Tier	N Team	N Player	N Goalie	D Team	D Player	D Goalie	O Team	O Player	O goalie	Total team	Bubble
Total	5	40	3	4	31	4	5	41	4	14	
T2 A	2	16	1+?*	2	18	2	1	9	1	5	2N,2D,1O
T2 B	2	16	1+?*	2	17	2	1	9	1	5	2N,2D,1O
T2 C	1	8	1				3	23	2	4	1N,3O

^{*}T2B Orono to borrow goalie from Durham as they have extra (process tbd)

^{*}Possibility to move the 6th Durham goalie to play up to Midget Newcastle team? tbd

- *T2B Newcastle will have to borrow goalie from others in loop (possible Bantam from Durham)
- *Midget will be running as only T2 level, due to lack of T1 players in Durham/Orono

Appendix 'B' Facility

Town of Whitby Arenas

- -Spectators and participants must wear a mask upon entry
- -Specific doors must be used based on which ice pad is being used (see chart below)

Iroquois Park Sports Centre: 500 Victoria Street West, Whitby (905) 668-7765	
Arena Number	Entrance Doors
Arena 1: Scotiabank Arena	Exterior doors on south side (adjacent to main doors)
Arena 2: Whitby Orthodontics Arena	IPSC Main Doors
Arena 3: OWASCO Arena	Exterior East doors adjacent to Boston Pizza
Arena 4: Okanagan Hockey Academy Arena	North Courtyard
Arena 5:	North Courtyard
Arena 6: Desjardins Arena	North Courtyard
McKinney Centre: 222 McKinney Drive, Whitby (905) 655-2203	
Arena Number	Entrance Doors
Arena 1	Main Entrance
Arena 2	North Lobby Entrance Doors

Prior to play:

- → Teams will be permitted to enter the facility, as a group, no earlier than 10 minutes prior to their designated ice time (it is strongly recommended that the coach/manager/organizer assemble the entire team and have them enter together, partially dressed)
- → Parents/Guardians must be prepared to enter the facility with the team; no in and out privileges will be permitted
- → Organizations must keep a record of participants/members attending in person activities for contact tracing purposes
- → Participants should bring a full water bottle (there will be no access to fountains, filling stations, etc.)
- → Change Rooms: Change rooms, will be open for use at arenas and sanitized after each permit day. Users should physically distance as much as possible in change rooms. Participants are strongly encouraged to attend the facility ready to play with limited change requirements. Change rooms should be vacant 10 minutes after the end of activity to ensure that other groups can access the facility on time. The Town will post change room capacity limits outside of the change rooms and permit holders will be required to ensure those limited are followed.

While Participating:

- → Players' benches are available for use during the permitted activity; participants should physically distance as much as possible when utilizing the benches.
- → All non-participants (e.g. coaches, trainers) are required to wear a mask while on the bench.

Spectators: The total number of Parents/Guardian permitted to be in the arena at any one time is limited to the number that can maintain a physical distance of at least two metres from every other person, and in any event, this number cannot exceed 50 (including the number of players/bench staff).

Appendix 'C' Facility

City of Oshawa Arenas

- -Spectators and participants must wear a mask upon entry
- *see chart below for rules/regulations specific to each arena and dressing rooms as well as entry/exit locations

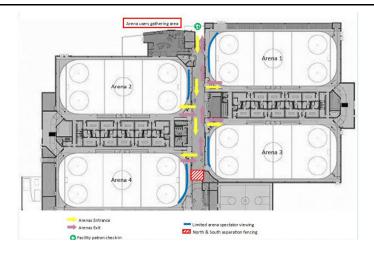
Prior to play:

- → All participants of a rental are to enter the facility at the same time; 15 minutes prior to the start of the rental
- → There are designated areas outside of the arena for participants to line up and wait for City of Oshawa staff. City of Oshawa staff will screen participants outside and then allow them into the facility
- → Users are required to provide a participant list, naming all participants including coaches and their phone number and email address
- → Players are to arrive dressed
- → Players should bring a full water bottle (no access to fountains/filling stations)

Spectators: At this point in time, the total number of people per arena is 25, including players, coaches and spectators. Spectators may not bring in any outside food or drink, will have no in and out privileges and will not have access to common areas (excluding washrooms)

Delpark Homes Centre: 1661 Harmony Road N., Oshawa (905) 436-5455

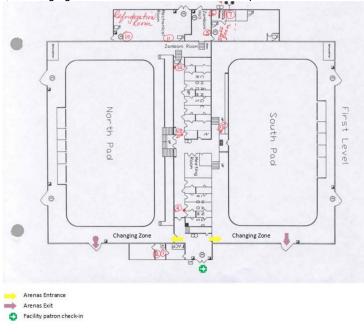
→ Enter and exit through North facility doors



- → 2 dressing rooms available (6 people per room)
- Remaining players and coaches will have access to a chair that is socially distanced within the arena

Harman Park Arena: 829 Douglas Street, Oshawa (905) 725-3536

- → Entry is through the main doors and directly into either the north or south ice pad
- > Exit is from the arena (directly to outside); do not re-enter the lobby
- → No dressing rooms available; 1 changing zone will be created for each ice pad



Appendix 'D' Facility

Canlan Ice Sports:

1401 Phillip Murray Ave., Oshawa (905) 725-6951

Prior to Play/Entry:

- → Masks are mandatory for all people entering the facility
- → Check in at designated lanes outside of the facility 20 minutes prior to the start
- → Entry/exit attendants will be present to control the flow in and out of the arena
- → Participants will be screened prior to entry
- → Everyone will receive hand sanitizer to use prior to entry
- → Facility will be zoned, reducing the participant/spectator capacity significantly
- → Participants must sit in their designated spot in the dressing room, physically distanced
- → Participants should bring a full water bottle; no access to fountains/filling stations will be available

While Participating:

- → Players' benches are available for use during the permitted activity; participants should physically distance as much as possible when utilizing the benches (benches will be lengthened or have chairs added to accommodate physical distancing)
- → All non-participants (e.g. coaches, trainers) are required to wear a mask while on the bench.

Spectators:

- → Spectators will have designated viewing areas for physical distancing
- → Max. 1 spectator (parent/guardian) per participant

Appendix 'E' Facility

Newcastle Arena

Newcastle Minor Hockey home rink is Newcastle Memorial Arena, Municipality of Clarington

Arena Manager: Bryan Wiltshire (<u>newcastlearena@bellnet.ca</u>, 905 987 4860)

Arena Protocols: (as of Sep 22)

Arrival at the Facility

- Do not arrive at the facility more than 20 minutes before your start time to line up outside along wall on the East Side of building
- Groups will be let in 10 minutes prior to the start time for their permit.
- Come dressed in equipment with a face mask on, line up on the designated distanced spots
- Complete the online Health Screening/Contract tracing tool
- Once your complete group has arrived, Arena Staff will open the door to let you in. Do not attempt to enter the facility until all members of your group are present. A team official(manager) will take attendance, and monitor Health Screening completion
- A place in lobby dedicated to each skater (chair) will be made available to put skates on.
- •1 parent/guardian per skater will be allowed in the facility and must sit in the designated area (stands), they must wear a mask at all times, and physically distanced.

While in the Facility

- Face masks can be removed while on ice, but must be put back on to walk through to exit facility.
- Participants will have 10 minutes to enter the facility, put on skates and enter the ice in the designated ice surface door (NE ice entrance).
- All personal belongings (i.e. shoes, coat) should be kept on or under the Participants designated chair
- Participants should remain on the ice, if they need a break they should return to and sit on

their designated chair. Players benches and penalty boxes will be off limits at this time.

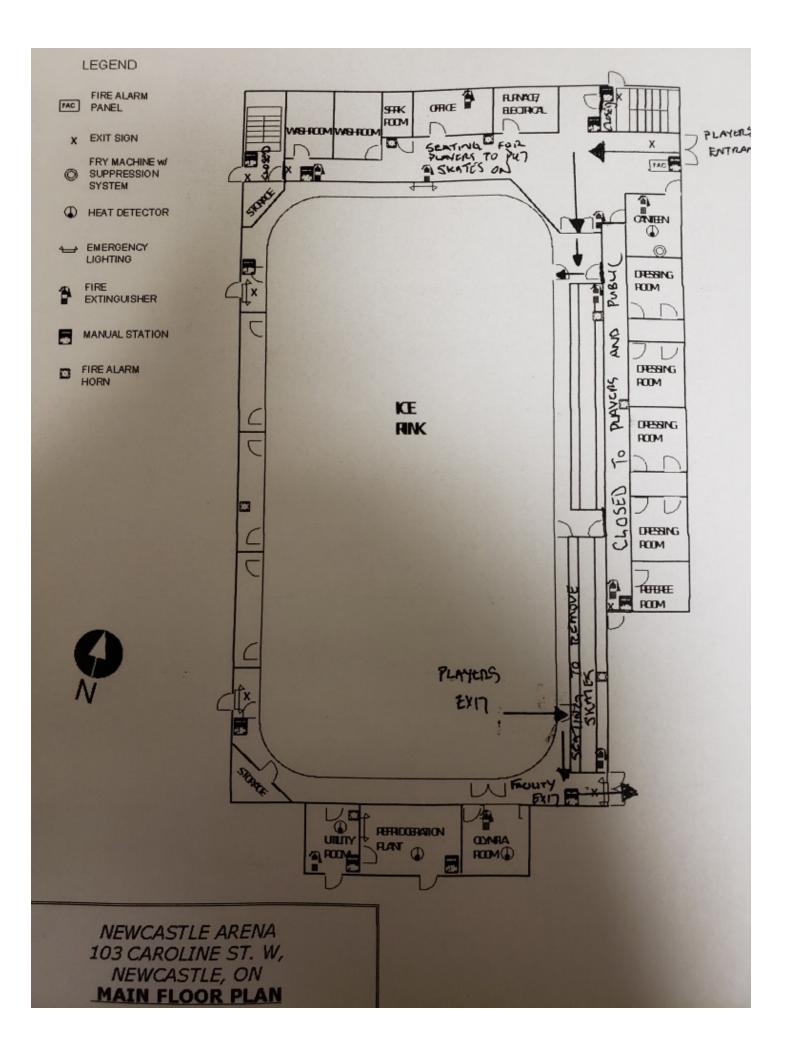
- When practice/game is complete, players exit ice using designated door(SE ice door), and sit on chairs
- Changerooms will remain closed at this time.
- Access to a washroom will be provided and accessible from the arena, no one should enter the lobby for any reason.
- Water fountains are not available at this time, so please bring your own, filled water bottle to the arena with you.

While Exiting the Facility

- Players will have a designated exit off ice surface at SE end of ice pad. They will sit on chairs provided to take skates off
- There will be a designated exit directly from the arena at SE end of building, that door should be the only door used to exit the facility.
- All participants will need to exit the building prior to the next group entering the facility.
- Once participants have cleared the arena, municipal staff will use the remaining 10 minutes between rentals to clean and disinfect high touch points and the areas that have been accessed.

Spectators:

- → Spectators will have designated viewing areas for physical distancing
- → Max. 1 spectator (parent/guardian) per participant, up to a max of 20 people



Appendix 'F' Facility

Orono Arena

Orono Minor Hockey home rink is the Orono Arena & Community Centre, Orono Arena Managers - Elaine Dillon (Administration), Steve Parker (Operations) Arena Protocols (as of September 16th, 2020)

Entry/Exit: Enter through the main doors (North-East corner) and proceed through the lobby. For players and coaches, the exit is the north-west door leading back into the parking lot. For spectators when allowed, they enter the east viewing area from the lobby and exit through the east viewing area doors.

Upon Arrival:

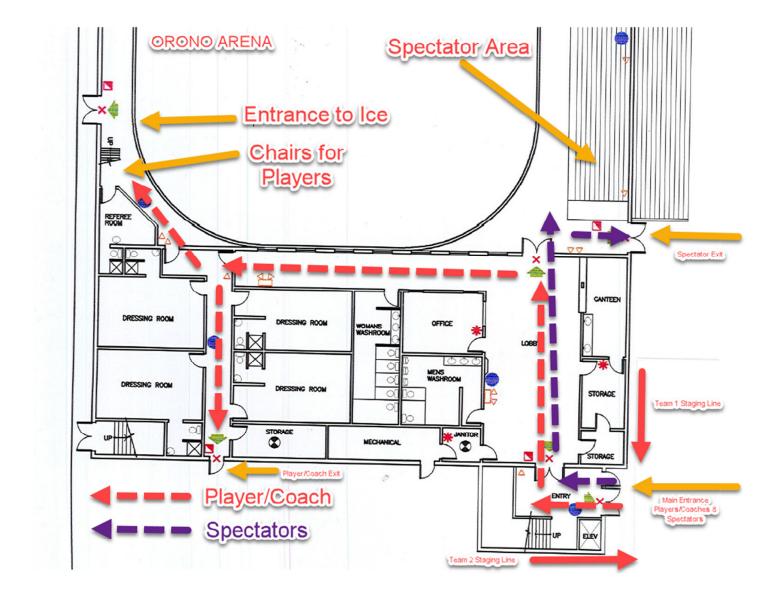
- → Players, parents and bench staff are directed to stage outside the main entrance with one team lining up along the east wall and the second team lining up along the south wall. Areas are designated with ground stickers to ensure physical distancing.
- → Players are asked to come dressed. Chairs will be provided in the arena cold area at the west end of the arena to put skates on.
- → Teams will be permitted to enter the facility 10 minutes prior to the start of their ice time.
- → All persons entering the arena will be required to fill out a health screening questionnaire which will be available at www.oaaa.ca or they can scan a QR code to fill in the form. The QR code will be available at the entrance of the arena. The team manager will be responsible for ensuring compliance with the health screening protocols.
- → Each player must have their own water bottle
- → There is no use of the dressing rooms or the showers at this time.
- → Players and bench staff must proceed directly through the lobby to the cold area where the chairs are located. Spectators when permitted must proceed directly through the lobby to the east viewing area. There is no loitering in the lobby area.

While Participating:

- → Players benches are available for use during games only. For practices, the players may use the boards by the benches to keep their water bottles but may not use the players bench.
- → All bench staff are required to wear masks pursuant to current bylaws for indoor spaces.

Spectators/Parents:

→ At this time, there is one parent/guardian/adult allowed into the facility for each player. The spectator is allowed to watch the game/practice from the stands so long as they are wearing a mask and physically distance themselves from the other spectators. The maximum number of spectators in the arena at one time is twenty in order to keep the arena capacity at or below provincial limits.



Appendix 'G'

Teams Composition

Skill level: The kids will be divided into Tiered skill level. There will be no mass evaluation skate, as it doesn't meet covid guidelines. We will be using the past seasons skills evaluations/past coach input to assist in bu and balancing the teams. T1 teams will consist of kids who played rep/ae past season or who are very strong LL players, T2 teams will consist of kids who are traditional house league. They will be a mix of major/minor where applicable. If a T1/T2 split is not possible due to # of kids/skill, the teams would be evenly distributed in a T2 bubble

Size of teams: will follow OHF/OMHA guidelines. U7, U8 will be 10players / team, U9-U18 will be 9players/1goalie / team. Coaching staff will be a max of 5 on roster, and during games 1 coach/1 trainer on bench.

Practices

Teams will have 1-2 practices during the week. These will be half ice practices, shared with a team that is in their bubble. If a team is the only team from an organization in their bubble, practices may be full ice (there is also the potential to share with a team from the same bubble, but different associations if necessary and if possible). Prior to entry to ice, they will be required to fill out health screening info(see more specific info above). Players and Coaches will have to wear a mask in the facility until on ice. Masks will be worn by the coach staff on bench.

Players will not handle pucks or other training equipment with their hands. Coaches are responsible for bringing pucks and training equipment to and from sessions as well as gathering pucks at the end of sessions. Hands should be sanitized after handling pucks or other training equipment. Coaches will be required to cater to physical distancing in their practice plan.