

COVID Guidelines for HRM Arenas

June 15, 2021

- Contact tracing for players, coaches and officials is required. The renter of the facility is responsible for collecting and maintaining this information.
- Each renter must have an individual assigned to be responsible for ensuring the maximum number of participants and spectators is not exceeded.
- Renters are expected to follow all Public Health Guidelines and any return to play plans specific to your sport.
- If spectators or participants don't abide by facility and public health rules, they will be asked to leave the facility and the renter may lose their booked time.
- Public washrooms are considered a public space and masks are mandatory.
- Spectators will be permitted to enter the arena 5 minutes prior to the scheduled ice time.
- Spectators must wear a mask and physically distance.
- Spectators will not be permitted anywhere in the facility except to walk to the viewing area, they will not be permitted in dressing rooms and must exit the arena as soon as the scheduled ice time ends as the next group will not be permitted to enter the facility until the spectator area is completely vacant.
- No food or drink will be permitted.
- Each ice renter will be required to have an individual assigned to ensure these guidelines are followed for the duration of the rental.
- Players and coaches will only be permitted to enter the arena 15 minutes before their scheduled ice time.
- Players are expected to come dressed.
- Masks are mandatory in dressing rooms at all times. A limit of 10 per dressing room.
- Players and coaches must stay in dressing rooms until ice time, no hanging out to watch before or after scheduled time slot.
- Any warm-ups must be done in the dressing room. Warm-ups in hallways and outside areas are not permitted.
- Players and coaches must be out of the facility 15 minutes after their scheduled ice time ends.
- All groups and organizations are encouraged to make their coaches, players and parents aware of these facility guidelines.

Gathering Limits

Participants: The current NS Sport Guidelines have a limit of **10** participants indoors.

The 10 includes all participants and staff, and the groups must remain consistent from practice to practice.

Where practicable, an organization can split a Field of Play (FOP) e.g. arena/gym and have groups of 10 each within their own designated FOP. It is critical that boundaries are clearly marked, i.e. pylons/dividers and there is no alternating between the participant groups at any time. The areas must be clearly defined and monitored. To aid with this, we recommend separate entry and exit points for each group.

Spectators: are permitted for sports hosted by an organization that have an Event Plan. Spectators are included in the event gathering limits and need to follow social distancing guidelines.