

Summary of Applicable MIAA Guidance for 2020-2021 Winter Ice Hockey Season

This document does not replace reading and understanding all of the requirements/guidelines set forth by the MIAA for the 2020-2021 Winter Ice Hockey Season, it does provide what we feel are the most important and applicable modifications. Please review this document and the official document provided by the MIAA.

- Pre-Contest Screening
 - Should conduct pre-screening to ensure you do not have a temperature of 100 degrees or above.
 - Conduct symptom check to ensure you do not have any other COVID Symptoms
 - Officials may not work games if they are isolated for illness or quarantined for exposure to infection.
- Face Masks:
 - Must cover the nose and mouth at all times in the facility and when playing.
 - Gaiters are permissible however they must be multi-ply
- Electronic Whistles are required
- Officials should plan arrive at the rink fully dressed
 - If available, dressing facilities for game officials must be large enough for them to use social-distancing protocols and must be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized prior to arrival
- Gloves are permissible
- Do not share anything (including equipment, water bottles, etc.)
- You are encouraged to bring your own hand sanitizer and/or sanitizing wipes and use them frequently
- You should utilize hand sanitizer whenever possible including prior to taking the ice and whenever possible during the game
- It is emphasized that you refrain from touching your face during the game
- Recommended that you have multiple back-up face coverings
- Game Modifications:
 - Limit of 20 players per team (can be less if rink design does not allow for proper social distancing)
 - Captains must maintain social distancing of 6 feet when talking or conferring with a game official
 - Game officials will maintain social distancing of 6 feet during the pre-game meeting with captains and head coaches.
 - During warm-up, all players must always maintain appropriate social distancing of 6 feet; no team/group gathering prior to, during or after warm-up
 - Players must remain on the half of the ice they will be defending
 - National Anthem may be performed before a game, however it cannot be sung, and proper social distancing must be observed
 - Handshakes have been suspended (during introductions, pre-game meeting, and post game)
 - Players lined up opposing each other must be 6 feet apart and face in the direction of the faceoff location

- Players preparing for the faceoff must setup 6 feet apart; referees will call-in participants for the puck drop
- Bench Personnel should be limited to 3 Coaches and an Athletic Trainer must maintain social distancing
- Penalty Boxes:
 - One person in the penalty box at a time, if another player must be in a designated “auxiliary box/location”, they must be social distanced either outside the penalty box or in the bench area as close to the penalty box as possible; when possible the second and or subsequent penalized players must move to the penalty box upon the exit of the previously penalized player
 - In the case that the penalty box is on the opposite side of the rink from the bench, the second and subsequent players penalized will serve it in a designated “auxiliary box/location” on the team bench/bench area and CANNOT come off the bench until the penalty is over
- Scrums
 - Only one defensive and one offensive player are permitted in any scrum along the boards; a third participant in any scrum will cause an immediate stoppage of play (whistle) by the official
 - Officials will have the authority to stop play (whistle) if a scrum (in any area of the ice) is prolonged greater than 5 seconds