

Waltham Recreation Department

Veterans Memorial Skating Rink
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Reopening Plan

Phase 3 Step 1
August 17, 2020

These protocols are subject to change, based on data provided by the State of Massachusetts Reopening Committee.

In Phase 3 Step 1, effective August 17, 2020, ice hockey, considered a high-risk sport, can resume competitive play as long as the following State of Massachusetts mandated conditions are met.

- Eliminate deliberate contact, no checking.
- Minimize intermittent contact. (example: face off protocol)
- Staggered start times (Rink personnel will establish schedule to limit overlapping of groups.)

**Please Note: Any group in violation of these conditions will be removed from the ice, immediately.*

The updated minimum standards for all moderate and high-risk sports included:

1. No check, minimize contact.
2. No more than 25 participants on the ice surface at any time during a game or scrimmage (not including officials).
3. Practice can continue using up to (2) cohorts of 25 participants spaced at least 14 feet apart and social distanced within the cohort.
4. Face coverings for coaches and officials, at all times.
5. Face coverings for players on the bench and when taking a face off.
6. Social distancing on the bench.
7. Contact tracing for every person in the building, including spectators and officials.
8. Spectators are limited to one person per participant, up to 40% of the building capacity, only if socially distanced.
9. No spectators for anyone 21 years old or older.

10. Face coverings for everyone within the building, except for participants engaged in aerobic activity.
11. Locker Rooms remain at 50% capacity.
12. No showers.
13. Restrooms are limited to social distanced capacity.
14. Maintain sanitation requirements.
15. Separate entrance and exit paths.
16. No use of conference rooms.
17. Prevent social gatherings throughout the facility and parking lot.
18. Six feet social distancing for all visitors.
19. Groups must arrive no sooner than 15 minutes prior to the start of scheduled ice time.
20. Groups may not enter the building any sooner than 5 minutes prior to the start of scheduled ice time.
21. Front door of the rink will be the dedicated entry point for all groups. Locker room hallway exit will be dedicated to leaving the building only.
22. All athletes, coaches, spectators are required to provide their own water/water bottles. Drinking fountains will not be available for use.
23. All youth athletes are required to arrive dressed, with the exception of skates and helmets.
24. Any valuables, or personal belongings (i.e. smart phones, wallets) should not be brought into the rink by athletes as there will be no access to locker rooms. City of Waltham is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged belongings.
25. All athletes are responsible for providing their own equipment for every session.
26. A maximum of 50 individuals, two groups of 25, will be allowed on the ice surface at one time during practices.
27. Groups of 25 must be separated at all times by at least 14 feet. The rink staff will have the no play area (neutral zone) marked.

28. Individuals (participants, coaches, instructors, spectators, staff) who are in the high-risk categories (as defined by the CDC) should not come to the Rink.
29. Skate Shop will not be open, during this time.
30. Concession Stand will not be open, during this time.
31. Offices and all private areas will be off-limits to all but staff including meeting/activity rooms.

Spectators:

No spectators for ice rentals for all adult programs (age 21 and older).

Each youth participant is allowed one adult to assist with putting on skates, during practice session. Adults may stay for the session as long as social distancing can be met.

Definition:

“All visitors to recreation facilities, parks and open space should comply with COVID - 19 Order 31: Order Requiring face Coverings in Public Places Where Social Distancing is Not Possible.”

Social Distancing: Individuals should maintain social distancing and remain at least six feet apart. Wear face coverings when social distancing cannot be met.

Sanitizing & Cleaning Protocols: Please wash your hands. High Touch areas will be sanitized, using State of Massachusetts approved cleaners. Hand sanitizing stations will be made available throughout the rink.

Thank you for your help and cooperation as we get back on the ice!