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On July 16th, 2021, the Province announced Middlesex-London would be moving to Step 3 I in their COVID-19 response framework. Moving to Step 3 means we need to adjust the “arena rules” to ensure that everyone participating in fitness and recreational activities are safe and healthy. As a facility operator, the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc must follow the rules set out by the Province and the Middlesex London Health Unit (MLHU) at our facilities, arenas specifically, in Strathroy-Caradoc. We’ve worked closely with the MLHU and minor sports associations 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.

## **Arena Rules** (as of July 23rd,2021)

### **Entry**

- The access point to the Facility will be through the Main Entrance at the front of the Gemini Sportsplex.
- EVERYONE entering the facility must be screened for COVID 19. Tablets are located inside of the front lobby and QR codes are provided. This is not an option. Failure to ensure every participant screens may result in the immediate cancelation of ice time. (To ensure compliance each group may utilize Parent Volunteers to aide in the process).
- Change rooms are available with a **Maximum** room capacity of **10**. Two rooms will be assigned to each user group. On ice users may arrive 30 Minutes prior to the rental, and vacate no more than 30 minutes after leaving the ice surface.
- Re-entry to the lobby area when exiting the Facility is prohibited. Those leaving the Facility are asked to leave through the side exit doors of each ice pad.

### **Number of Participants**

- **NEW! 50** Participants/skaters will be allowed on the ice at one time. This includes the Players bench areas and the Time Keepers area as these are all considered areas of play.

## Spectators

- Under the Provincial regulations, and to keep our focus on getting participants safely on the ice, 1 spectator per ice user will be allowed for viewing purposes.
- Masks must be worn at all times by all spectators while in the Facility. A 2m distance must be maintained between those not in the same household.
- Please ensure that directional arrows are followed to the allotted viewing areas for the designated ice surface.

## Wearing of Masks

### Figure Skating

- Skaters shall wear a mask when **NOT** on the ice surface. This includes sitting on the bench or walking to or from the ice surface.
- Coaches and instructors shall wear a mask at all times, both on and off the ice.

### Hockey

- Skaters shall wear a mask when **NOT** on the ice surface and their helmet is removed. This includes sitting on the bench or walking to and from the ice surface.
- Coaches and instructors shall wear a mask at all times, both on and off the ice.

## Type of Play

- Games or scrimmages are permitted
- Electronic whistles are encouraged to ensure the mask is not removed or air particles are sprayed into the atmosphere.
- NO contact permitted.

## Respecting Staff

As a reminder, facility 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 don't agree with the rules or have questions about them, please:

- Contact your sporting association (if applicable) to learn about their COVID-19 safety protocols
- Review the policies set by the Province ([covid19.ontario.ca/zones-and-restrictions](https://www.covid19.ontario.ca/zones-and-restrictions)) and the MLHU ([healthunit.com/novel-coronavirus](https://www.healthunit.com/novel-coronavirus))
- Contact Rob Lilbourne, Director of Community Services [rlilbourne@strathroy-caradoc.ca](mailto:rlilbourne@strathroy-caradoc.ca)

<https://www.healthunit.com/uploads/sector-specific-measures-red-control-level-covid-19-response-framework.pdf>