The Gardens ICE HOUSE

Prince George's County officials have approved the re-opening of The Gardens Ice House.

Per EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 20- 2020 September 3, 2020:
https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3280#:~:text=IT%20IS%20HEREBY%20ORDERED%2C%20on,in%20Prince%20George's%20County%2C%20Maryland.
These guidelines have been created using information from the CDC, USA Hockey and The Prince George's County Board of Health. These guidelines will be updated as new information becomes available and the facility can safely operate in the changing environment. Please visit www.thegardensicehouse.com for the current policies and future updates.

Rink and Skater Regulations:

- If a Skater feels any symptom of illness, the flu or has a fever they should not come to the facility.
- All skaters will be screened for temperature. If a skater shows a temperature over 100.4 degrees, they will not be allowed to enter the facility.
- Require employees and customers to maintain social distancing of greater than 6 feet, whenever possible, as recommended by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Maryland Department of Health (MDH).
- No locker rooms will be open to skaters.
- Water fountains will not be open. Please bring water from home.
- No food can be brought into the facility.
- Public bathrooms will be open with limited facilities.
- Player benches may be used but social distancing is required.
- Only one parent/guardian (must reside in the same household) will be allowed in the building per skater. No siblings allowed. Parent will be allowed in at the start of the slot. They will be temperature checked and must sign a waiver. They must leave immediately after the slot ends. No socializing or congregating in groups. Stand or sit in designated areas only.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers will be placed throughout the facility.
- There will be no lost and found. Articles left in the facility will be disposed of.
- To the extent possible, individuals engaged in on ice activities shall wear a face covering, especially when social distancing is not feasible.

- If you or someone you live with feels sick, please stay home.
- ALL PARTICIPANTS (and PARENTS FOR UNDER-18) MUST SIGN A WAIVER ONLINE WHEN THEY REGISTER.

Coaches Guidelines:

- All coaches will have their temperature taken. If a coach shows a temperature over 100.4 degrees, they will not be allowed to enter the facility.
- All coaches must always wear a face covering on and off the ice.
- Coaches will be responsible for maintaining social distancing of 6 feet when skaters are on the ice and leaving the ice. Coaches will use electric whistles.
- When on the ice, coaches must wear gloves, helmet (hockey), and face covering.
- Coaches must sign a waiver.

Practice/Session Day Procedure – Controlling the number of people in the building and on the ice surface and the movement of people within the facility is critical for compliance with Maryland Strong: Roadmap to recovery and CDC recommended guidelines. Markings and signage to guide employees and customers will be located at the facility. Social distancing must always be maintained. Session day procedures currently are as follows:

- **Limited to one parent per player allowed** (parent may not enter until practice or game has started and must exit immediately after the practice or game has ended)
- Skaters should arrive fully dressed (skates optional). Please purchase skate guards. No bags will be allowed in the rink.
- Skaters can dress in the parking lot or be dropped off at the front doors to the facility. This will be the only entrance to the facility. This entrance will be clearly marked.
- There will be No admittance from any other door to the facility.
- Doors will be opened 15 minutes prior to the start of your session. Do not loiter outside front doors.
- Skater should wait until rink staff opens door then proceed inside practicing social distancing as they head for the door and wait to be admitted. Marks will be placed on the sidewalk and inside the facility for the skaters to line up at to maintain proper distancing. While in line, skaters must remain fully dressed in all equipment and wearing a mask/gaiter. Every skater will be checked in as registered for the session and have their temperature taken via infrared thermometer measured on the forehead. Any skater with a temperature over 100.4 degrees, will not be allowed to remain in the facility.

- If a skater is not on the pre-registered list for that session, they will be turned away. There will be no method to register and pay at the rink.
- Parents dropping off should remain in the parking lot for 10 minutes after the scheduled start time of the session to make sure the skater is good to go.
- **Parents not in the building need to be ready to pick up players promptly as they leave the facility.**
- When a skater's session has ended, the coach will send one skater at a time to designated area to remove their skates or put on their skate guards (player must put on masks as they exit the ice. All other skaters on the ice will remain maintaining social distancing and in full gear until called by the on-ice coach to vacate the rink area.
- Skater must immediately exit the building via the marked exit for each rink. Parents must pick up skaters immediately after their ice slot ends.
- Skater should not take off any equipment until they are well outside the facility door.
- Once outside, skater should proceed immediately to their car to take off any equipment. No loitering will be permitted outside the facility door or in the parking lot.
- No parent will be allowed to enter the facility to get their player. Parents should stay in their car near the designated exit for each rink.

On-Ice Protocol

- On-ice capacity limits are as follows: for hockey practices 36 players and 4 coaches. For freestyle sessions 20 skaters (masks required at all times)
- No sharing water bottles.
- No chalkboard huddles.
- No contact drills.
- On Ice Sessions will operate in a no contact manner.
- Once on the ice skaters cannot remove any equipment.
- Skaters should maintain social distancing. For hockey players an easy way to remember proper social distancing is to hold out your stick out and circle 360 degrees and not touch another player
- Skaters remember:
    - No spitting.
    - No handshakes.
    - No high fives.
    - No hugs.
    - No horseplay or refusal to follow the rules.
    - Skaters violating these rules will be removed from the facility.

Game Play

All players benches have been extended so that social distancing can be maintained during games, between shifts, before and after games. Players must wear face coverings while on the bench, at all times. To the extent possible, individuals engaged in on ice activities shall wear a face covering, especially when social distancing is not feasible. Helmets cannot be removed while on the bench to accommodate a face covering. Helmets must be worn on the bench at all times. Players must have their own water bottle clearly marked with their name, no sharing of water bottles. No sharing of any towels or equipment on the bench. Coaches must wear masks at all times. Coaches must be sure the bench areas are left clean at the end of the game. Any trash and/or empty water bottles must be removed.

Penalized players should not utilize the penalty box, instead they will be removed from the ice for the penalty time out and sit in designated areas at the end of the extended player benches. Players who receive game misconducts, match penalties or game ejections will leave the facility immediately after removing skates. Spitting on the ice and bench area is strictly prohibited. It is highly recommended that one person does the job of both the timekeeper and the scorekeeper. A scorekeeper can be in the penalty box in order to be physically distanced from the timekeeper. Unlike “normal” seasons, the traditional handshake between players, coaches and/or officials will be eliminated. Teams should line up on their respective blue lines after games and tap sticks. Teams will then be dismissed under guidance from the officials and exiting should be through separate entrances. Parents/spectators may be limited in facilities depending on rink facility guidelines. Willful failure to follow governmental and PVAHA guidelines may be construed as conduct unsuitable for the sport of ice hockey and could result in sanctioning for the participant, association, or the facility. These guidelines are subject to change to abide by Federal, State and Local Laws. These guidelines will be reviewed any time there is a change in jurisdictional guidelines or CDC recommendations.

Parents watching practices and games

One parent that resides in the same household will be permitted to enter and watch either practices or games. Parents must enter the building via the corresponding rink. Patrick and Resor (front of the building) Logsdon and Whitey’s Pond (Logsdon entrance). Parents must have a signed waiver on file and will be temperature checked prior to entering. Parents my enter the building to be check in once the players are on the ice. Parents must watch the game/practice from designated areas and maintain social distancing.

Once the game/practice has concluded parent must exit the building immediately via the corresponding exit. Patrick (rear emergency exit), Resor (exit near bathrooms) Logsdons left side of rink entrance and Whitey's pond (Resor exit).

Masks and social distancing are required while in the building. If protocols are not followed you will be asked to leave the facility immediately. Coaches, Managers, and scorekeepers do not count against the one parent per player rule.

Officials

May enter 15 minutes before the game and are required to have a waiver on file and get temperature checked before entering. They must show up dressed but can utilize ref room to tie their skates. Official must wears masks at all time when not on the ice. To the extent possible, individuals engaged in on ice activities shall wear a face covering, especially when social distancing is not feasible. Only electronic whistle will be used. There are no showers or locker rooms available before or after games. Please notify us if you have multiple games in the facility that require you to move from rink to rink.

Café

Café is open and available for limited in person eating and take away. If you purchase items from the café it must be consumed in the café of taken outside. At no point will food or drink be permitted in any area of the rinks outside of the café. Once the capacity of the dining area is met customers must take their food outside.

Parking Lot

Parent and players must maintain social distancing guidelines in the parking lot. Players can change into their gear outside but must not fully disrobe in public. Parents please limit gatherings and wear masks when social distancing is not possible.

Registration for On Ice activities

- Registration for all on-ice sessions will be done on-line via the rink website or a third-party website.
- No registering or payment at rink.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

- The facility will be cleaned and disinfected in accordance with CDC guidelines and CDC approved disinfecting products.
- All high touch areas and bathrooms will be disinfected at least once every 2 hours.
- Adequate amounts of soap and hand sanitizer will be available for customers and employees.
- Bathrooms will be outfitted with automatic soap dispensers as well as hot and cold-water faucets.
- Employees:
    - Employees will be instructed to stay home if not feeling well.
    - All employees will wear proper PPE.
    - Employees will receive COVID awareness training to protect themselves and our customers.
    - Temperature readings will be taken daily of all employees.
    - Employees will regularly wash their hands or use the hand sanitizers.

BE SAFE. WEAR A MASK. SOCIAL DISTANCE. WE CAN DO THIS.