



Simons Valley Hockey Association COVID-19 Safety Protocols

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While we are all excited for this season, I think we also all understand that this year is going to look different than previous years due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. That doesn't mean it won't be awesome, but it will require some additional attention to details and safety protocols for all of us.

Simons Valley Hockey Association takes the health and safety of our participants very seriously. With this in mind, SVHA continues to work closely with Hockey Calgary and our facilities to understand each organizations' specific rules regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and how they will affect our membership. Each facility will have rules specific to their location due to their size, staffing, layout and other activities taking place in the facility.

THE PROTOCOLS & THE SEASON

SVHA must adhere first to the rules of the facility as per Hockey Calgary. As you have seen through this first month of the season, we continue to adapt as the landscape changes.

It is important to note that very few of the rules and regulation were developed by SVHA. We are, however, responsible for managing the adherence to the rules by members of our association and we will do so diligently, to ensure our reputation remains solid with our partners.

We have no doubt that our membership will understand and respect both the rules and the facility staff and SVHA representatives who are put in place to enforce them, as the consequences of not doing so, puts the entire association at risk of being shut down by a partnering facility or Hockey Calgary. We have already seen an example of this in another jurisdiction and want our kids to have as wonderful a season, as unusual as it may be, as possible. There will be a zero-tolerance policy for anyone who demonstrates anything to contrary.

First and foremost, SVHA families are a part of the greater Hockey Calgary hockey family. This means we adhere to the protocols and format outlined by the Return-To-Play document created by them. We strongly encourage you to review this document, if you haven't already. It will answer the majority of the questions you'll have about the format of the upcoming season including how the league will operate, team cohorts, phases of the play, symptom screens, what to do if a player becomes ill, etc.

NEW Hockey Calgary Return-to-Play: (Oct 29th, 2020)

https://www.hockeycalgary.ca/assets/file/Operations/covid/Return_to_Play_-_Oct_29_UPDATE.pdf

Hockey Calgary CHEAT SHEET FOR PARENTS: (October 7, 2020)

https://www.hockeycalgary.ca/assets/file/Operations/covid/COVID-19_Isolation_Requirements_Cheat_Sheet_Parents.pdf

Hockey Calgary Protocols: (October 5 Update)

https://www.hockeycalgary.ca/assets/file/Bulletins/2020/Bulletin_HC_2007_Symptom_Screening.pdf

OUR ARENA PARTNERS

For this 2020/2021 Season, these are the facilities Simons Valley will be using the following facilities:

- VIVO for Healthier Generations – this is our primary facility
- Don Hartman Northeast Sportsplex (NESS)
- City of Calgary Rinks, specifically:
 - Henry Viney
 - Max Bell
 - Murray Copot
 - Stew Hendry
 - Village Square
- Rocky View YMCA

These are general guidelines that apply to ALL rinks listed:

- **MASKS** must be worn inside a facility and must remain on at all times unless you are on the ice participating in the on-ice activity. Players may remove their masks only to put on their helmets prior to stepping on the ice. Once their ice time is over, they must put their masks back on to exit the dressing room and when leaving the facility.
- **UPDATED** Players should arrive as fully dressed as possible and do not enter into the facility any earlier than stipulated by the facility – please refer to the Facility Guideline chart on the next page or check [Hockey Calgary Facility Protocols](#).
- Teamsnap Healthcheck must be completed for all players, coaches, manager(s) and Health & Safety Officer(s) prior to every ice time, practice or game. Please also ensure your player availability is marked off accurately in Teamsnap for contact tracing purposes.
- If a parent is accompanying a player into a facility, they must complete the [Online SVHA Covid Declaration Form](#) prior to entering the facility. The questions on this form are the exact same Health questions as what is shown in the updated Teamsnap Health Check.
- Physical distancing (2 metres) must be maintained at all time within the facility. The only exception to this is during gameplay on-ice. This includes, for example, dressing rooms, hallways, player benches, on-ice line-ups during practice, etc. Please follow the arrows, markers and signage within a facility.

UPDATED Below is a quick overview of facility guidelines:

FACILITY <i>Click on the facility name below to be directed to their website for the most up-to-date information</i>	ON-ICE MAXIMUM	SPECTATOR	BOARDS OR BUMPERS	ENTRY INTO FACILITY
<u>VIVO</u>	35	1 per player	Both	15 mins prior to scheduled ice time
<u>NESS</u>	50	1 per player	Both	30 mins prior to scheduled ice time
<u>City of Calgary Henry Viney</u>	50	Yes (maximum 100)	None	30 mins prior to scheduled ice time
<u>City of Calgary Max Bell</u>	50	Yes (maximum 100)	Bumpers (Arena #2)	30 mins prior to scheduled ice time
<u>City of Calgary Murray Copot</u>	50	Yes (maximum 100)	None	30 mins prior to scheduled ice time
<u>City of Calgary Stew Hendry</u>	50	Yes (maximum 100)	None	30 mins prior to scheduled ice time
<u>City of Calgary Village Square</u>	50	Yes (maximum 100)	None	30 mins prior to scheduled ice time
<u>Rocky View YMCA</u>	50	1 per player (maximum 50)	None	15 mins prior to scheduled ice time

A complete list of Calgary Arena guidelines can be found on the Hockey Calgary website here:
<https://www.hockeycalgary.ca/page/index/id/590/>

SVHA GUIDELINES FOR ARENAS THAT ALLOW SPECTATORS

For the arenas that allow spectators:

- **UPDATED** Teams must abide by the individual facility guidelines regarding the number of spectators allowed. **ALL** spectators (this includes parents of players) must complete must complete the [Online SVHA Covid Declaration Form](#) prior to entering the facility.
- **UPDATED** For arenas that allow only (1) spectator per player - each player will be allowed (1) spectator/guardian that can sit in the stands and tend to the player in the event there is an injury. Any volunteers that are NOT on the ice are counted as the (1) spectator/guardian for their player
- Teamsnap Healthcheck must be completed for all players, coaches, manager(s) and Health & Safety Officer(s) prior to every ice time, practice or game. Please also ensure your player availability is marked off accurately in Teamsnap for contact tracing purposes.
- Physical distancing (2 metres) must be maintained at all time within the facility. Please follow the arrows, markers and signage within a facility.
- At times, a Board Member or Board Members(s) may be required to attend a practice or game on official business. A Board Member will not be in attendance at a game or practice for their own child - at that time, they are there as a parent and not representing the Board. Spectator rules would apply accordingly. Board Members are also required to complete the VIVO "Health Prescreen" prior to entry into the facility.

CONCLUSION

I know this is a lot of information to digest, but we want you to have as much information as possible.

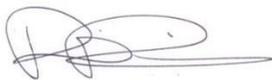
We appreciate your cooperation, support and understanding as we work together with our member families, the players, the coaches and our partner venues to make the most of this unusual season and one to remember - not just for its peculiarity!

This document is subject to change at anytime with new direction provided by Hockey Calgary, and/or partnering facilities, under the Alberta Health Services and the Government of Alberta.

Let's remember, we are all on the same team – GO STORM!

Please let me know if you have any questions about the information contained within this document. I'm available all season long to answer any questions you may have.

Let's have a safe and fun season!



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