



Tweed Hungerford Community Centre (Tweed Arena)

COVID-19 Guidelines – Updated October 15, 2020

To open the arena, we must have a guarantee of 30 hours per week from User Groups. If we can get guaranteed hours, we hope to open the arena on October 19th, 2020.

The continued health and well-being of residents and staff remains our priority. The following guidelines are implemented to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. As COVID-19 measures change, guidelines will be reviewed User Groups will be updated as needed. The Municipality of Tweed has a zero-tolerance policy at all municipal facilities. Those using the arena must adhere to all federal, provincial, and municipal guidelines. Those that do not follow COVID-19 guidelines will be asked to leave and may be removed for the remainder of the season.

Information Specific to Team Sports

Under the Provincial Framework for Stage 3 and Municipality of Tweed guidelines, the following restrictions on team sports are in place:

- Team sports may only be practiced or played within the arena if they do not allow for physical contact between players or if they have been modified to avoid physical contact between the players; and do not exceed gathering limits of 50 people excluding staff of the arena.
- Organized team sports that are practiced or played by players in a league may only be practiced or played within the facility if the league either:
 - Contains no more than 50 players and **does not permit** its teams to play against teams outside of the league, or
 - Divides its teams into groups of 50 or fewer players and does not permit teams in different groups to play against one another or against teams outside of the league.
- Every person who engages in sports at the arena, other than a team sport, must always maintain a physical distance of at least 2 metres from every other person during the activity, unless they share a household, during the activity.
 - The Tweed Arena will allow 20 athletes on the ice – 10 players (9 players and 1 goalie) per team. The athletes are to maintain at least 2 meters from other players when on the bench. The benches are 18 feet long and therefore can accommodate 4 players while the other 5 players are on the ice.
 - Only 1 player in the penalty box.
 - The maximum number of coaches and trainers permitted on the ice is 4.

- Each athlete may be accompanied by one Companion. (see Companion section)
- Prolonged or deliberate contact while playing sports is not permitted.
- The athlete must wear a mask when they enter and exit the building.
- Before entering the building, individuals must self-assess by asking the questions posted on the main door. If you are sick you must stay home. If you have travelled outside of the country and have not self-quarantined for two weeks you must stay home.
- User Groups will enter through the main entrance door. User Groups will go directly to their assigned change room and stay there until notified by staff. The same will apply after the ice rental to ensure that different User Groups do not encounter each other in the halls.
- Athletes will arrive no sooner than 15 minutes prior to their scheduled ice time.
- Athletes have 15 minutes to vacate the arena after their scheduled ice time. Congregating before or after the ice time is strictly prohibited.
- Players are asked to arrive at the venue already dressed in their equipment and use the dressing rooms to put on their skates, helmets, and gloves.
- It is recommended that all players bring their own equipment to avoid sharing equipment.
- The use of rink dividers will not be permitted.
- Once an individual exits the arena, re-entry is not permitted.

Tweed Minor Hockey

- For hockey players/leagues, please also review the Hockey Canada [Return to Hockey COVID-19 Response](#).

Figure Skating

- For figure skaters, please review the Skate Canada [Return To Skate COVID-19 Response](#).

Public Skating

- Public skating is not permitted at this time.

Individual Bookings

- Individual Bookings are being permitted. One adult must be on the ice at all times to ensure all guidelines are being followed.

Change Rooms

- Each User Group will be given 3 change rooms. Athletes should proceed directly to the assigned change room.
- Individuals must maintain physical distancing.
- Masks Must Be Worn. They may be taken off when going on the ice.

- Dressing rooms will be sanitized between use.
- Use of washrooms within the dressing rooms is permitted.
- Use of showers is not permitted.
- Garbage cans will not be provided in the change room. Individuals must take out their own waste.

Use of Masks:

- Everyone must wear a cloth face covering/mask inside the Tweed Arena in accordance with the Hastings Prince Edward Public Health, other than those who are exempt from this order:
 - Children under two years of age, or children under the age of five years either chronologically or developmentally who refuse to wear a Mask and cannot be persuaded to do so by their caregiver;
 - Individuals with medical conditions rendering them unable to safely wear a Mask, including breathing difficulties or cognitive difficulties;
 - Individuals who are unable to apply or remove a Mask without assistance, including those who are accommodated under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) or who have protections under the Ontario Human Rights Code, R.S.O. 1990, c.H.19, as amended;
 - Employed staff of the Tweed Arena who may be in an area of the arena that is not designated for public access.
- Team leaders must ensure that everyone entering the facility is wearing a face covering/mask according to the Health Unit's Instruction.
- Masks must be worn until participants helmet is put on immediately before exiting dressing rooms and on to the ice.

Hand Hygiene

- The Tweed Arena will provide hand sanitizer at all entrance/exit points.
- All individuals must sanitize their hands when entering the Arena.

Washrooms

- The Municipality of Tweed will be responsible for ensuring washrooms are sanitized at a minimum every of 2 hours and that proper signage is posted to promote physic distancing of at least of 2 metres.
- Hand washing signage must be posted in all washrooms.

Companions

- At this time, spectators are limited to one companion (parent/adult/guardian). Companions may assist with athletes 13 and under with putting on their skates. After assisting a skater with putting on their skates, companions must locate in the designated spectator area. Companions must vacate the arena immediately following the rental unless they are assisting a player with removing their skates. Companions must always maintain social distancing in the facility and may only

come within 6 feet of each other if they are in the same household. Face masks must always be worn. There is no congregating in the lobby of the Tweed Arena.

Food and Beverages

No food or beverage, other than water, is permitted in the facility during the initial reopening phase. Participants are encouraged to bring a filled water bottle.

Contact Tracing

All teams must implement a method of collecting names and contact details of all those present for the purposes of contact tracing. This includes coaches, athletes, and spectators. Contact tracing forms must be provided to Arena Staff. After 30 days, those documents will be destroyed. Contact tracing forms will be provided to team leaders.

Staffing

- The Municipality will always have 2 staff members working during COVID-19.

Schedule

- A proposed schedule is attached for ice times. Please note that we are to have no gaps in between user groups. Schedule is subject to change at any time. It will be also continuously evaluated.
- Please note that times will be adjusted to accommodate staff scheduling as some user groups will not be using ice this year.

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- I have read and agree to follow all Public Health and Municipality of Tweed Guidelines.
- I agree to have my name in a database so staff can cross-reference to see if this document has been signed.

Print Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____