

# Sainte Anne Minor Hockey

## RETURN TO PLAY POLICIES



**\*\* The following policies were drafted and provided to SAMH by the Town of Sainte Anne as part of the 2020/2021 arena usage contract for SAMH. The policies have been updated by SAMH to read as it pertains to SAMH players and families. \*\***

## GENERAL POLICIES

1. All Visitors to the Ste. Anne Arena (including players) are required to use the Shared Health Manitoba Self Screening tool before coming to the facility each day. Should any visitor have any flu- or cold-like symptoms, or are ill, they are not allowed entry into the Arena. Here is a link to the self-screening tool:  
<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening tool/> . **Players are required to complete the online assessment via their teams Team Snap account. This must be completed in order for the player to participate in the practice or game. [Click here to see the TS assessment tool info](#)**
2. Sainte-Anne Minor Hockey has provided this document to the Team Manager, Communications Officer and/or coach. It is a requirement and responsibility of the Team Manager, Communications officer and/or Coach to provide the policies to their team players, coaches, instructors and spectators, and, to ensure that each member of their user group is adhering to the policies set out. Any user group found not adhering to the policies can result in loss of ice bookings for the remainder of the season.
3. A maximum of 2 dressing rooms per user group will be available, however each user group will be assigned 1 dressing room and a second one will be available upon request or availability. A maximum group size permitted in each dressing room will be indicated at the entrance to the dressing room. A Coach or Instructor **must** be in the dressing rooms with the players at all times. The Coach or Instructor is to ensure physical distancing of 6 feet (2 meters) is being adhered to by all players in the room. Only the washroom facilities within the assigned dressing rooms may be used. No showers are to be used at this time.
4. Spectators (i.e. Parents and Guardians) are not permitted to enter the dressing rooms, unless the user group requires a parent's aid for tying skates. A maximum of 2 parents are permitted entry (1 per dressing room) at a time.  
**Exception: U7 and U9, 1 parent may accompany their child(ren) into the dressing room to assist with tying skates. Posted dressing room capacity must be adhered to, dressing room occupants must wear a face covering at all times. Once the child is ready parents must immediately leave the dressing room area.**
5. Spectators are required to sit in the designated seating area to watch their child(ren) play or practice unless otherwise posted by SAMH or the Town of Sainte-Anne. Physical Distancing measures and signs are in place and must be adhered to by the spectators in attendance. The Coach/Instructor of each user group is responsible to provide the proper information to parents regarding these policies. **Spectators are restricted to the following entry window: 5 minutes PRIOR to the start of ice time and 15 minutes AFTER the start of ice time (ex: Ice starts at 5:00, spectators must enter between 4:55 & 5:15 doors will be**

**locked outside of the entry window).**

6. Coaches/Instructors are responsible to ensure the players and spectators are adhering to the policies and enforce said policies.
7. No outside food or beverages will be allowed into the Arena. Exception to this is a Player's pre filled water bottle labeled with his or her name. Water fountains and drink vending machines will not be available. Sharing of a Player's water bottle among teammates is strictly prohibited.
8. The washrooms in the main lobby are open to the Spectators only. These will be cleaned on an increased daily basis as well as the washrooms in the dressing rooms for the Players, Coaches and Instructors.
9. There is zero tolerance for spitting. Coaches/Instructors are responsible to ensure Players do not spit in the dressing rooms and on the ice surface.
10. The Timekeepers box is restricted to 2 persons only during games; however, SAMH & the Town strongly encourage only 1 person in the Timekeepers box. Masks are required to be used as physical distancing measures cannot be met. Coaches are to sign in and assign 1 to 2 people to the timekeeper's box prior to the game. The Timekeepers must enter the timekeeper's box prior to the players, and will be the last to exit the ice surface area.

## ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

1. Each user group will not be permitted entry to the Arena through any entrances until 20 minutes prior to their booked ice slot. Players and spectators are to enter the Main Entrance of the Arena. Once signed in, spectators are to follow arrows to the seating area. Players shall follow the arrows to the dressing room assigned. For U7 and U9 players that need help with tying skates, 1 parent may accompany the player to the dressing room and help with tying skates of their child(ren) on that team. No parents should be loitering in the dressing rooms or the dressing room hallways.

When visitors are leaving the arena, they must follow the arrows to the exit, ensuring to follow proper physical distancing measures. Exits will be indicated on the interior and exterior side of the door

All Visitors. Coaches, or their designate, must sign in each all visitors of their user groups entering the facility. A Sign In/Out sheet will be provided to the teams. SAMH & the Town of Sainte-Anne asks and encourages all players come to the Arena dressed in their on-ice equipment. Skates and helmets can be put on in the dressing room. If coming to the Arena with skates on, skate guards must be used.

2. Referees are to enter the facility within the same time frame as the user group. They are to sign in with the Coach, or the Coach's designate, and use their assigned

dressing room. Referees should come dressed in their on-ice equipment minus skates and helmets. They shall enter the ice surface through the Away Entrance prior to the Away Team, and shall only exit through the Away Entrance after the Away Team has left.

3. Where physical distancing can not be maintained, face masks shall be worn.
4. Each Visitor entering the facility is required to use hand sanitizer provided near the entrance. Once signed in, the Player shall be directed to their assigned dressing room. Spectators are to be reminded of the Arena Policies and are to follow the designated path to the Spectator seating area.
5. When the booked ice slot is to start for a team practice, the Home Bench Entry will be the only entrance and exit point to the ice surface from dressing rooms 1 and 2, and the Away Bench Entry will be the only entrance and exit point from the ice surface from dressing rooms 3 and 4.
6. Once the booked ice slot comes to an end, the user group is to immediately exit the ice surface and return to their dressing room. Spectators are to immediately exit the facility by following the arrows to the exit, ensuring to follow proper physical distancing measures. Exits will be indicated on the interior and exterior side of the door. The user group is to leave no more than 20 minutes after the end of their ice booking. Players in dressing rooms 1 to 6 are to exit the facility using the Southeast exit (Players Entrance) as indicated by signage. Teams using the dressing rooms in the lower level are to follow signage and exit via spectators exit. Arrows and maps will be placed to show the entrances and exits.
7. A copy of each Sign In/Out Sheet must be kept by the user group for the season, and 21 days after the March 31<sup>st</sup> and must be available to give to the Town of Sainte-Anne upon request by the Town Ice Scheduler.

## ICE RENTALS – GAMES

1. Under the Province of Manitoba's Public Health Orders, games (upon approval of Phase 3) and scrimmages are allowed, requiring a few changes to the game of hockey itself. All Visitors are to maintain physical distancing of 6 feet (2 metres) excluding the Players while actively engaged in a sporting activity.
2. No more than 19 players per team are allowed during games unless otherwise indicated. This includes a maximum of 13 players on the bench and 6 players on the ice surface.
3. Users will be required to be creative when it comes to penalties being served in the penalty box as a maximum of 1 player should be in the box at a time.
4. Team Celebrations are strongly discouraged, including hugging and high-fiving.

There will be no handshakes at the conclusion of the game.

5. The Coach/Instructors of the team renting the ice are required and responsible to notify the away team to of the policies and procedures of SAMH & the Sainte-Anne  
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