



**EAST ELGIN**  
Community Complex

## Return to Recreation: COVID-19 Response – Safety Guidelines

### Physical Distancing

- Maintain physical distance of at least 2 meters (6ft) from any person within the facility
- Stage 3: no more than 50 spectators permitted on a per room basis.
- 20 participants on ice surface to maintain social distancing. – exceptions may be granted (in advance) to users that can demonstrate adequate protocols which ensure distancing is maintained at all times.
- Outside signs placed to indicate physical distancing
- Spaced seating (at least 2 m apart) to encourage physical distancing- with signage
- Follow directional signage to manage flow of traffic.
- Coordinate appointments/game times to avoid crowding and reduce wait times
- Dressing room use restricted- 10 participants maximum- chairs will be available near ice surface for those requiring them.
- Players to meet with family in vehicles to reduce time in facility
- Access is limited to participants, except for a minor who are permitted 1 parent/guardian.
- Limit the use of parking lot for drop-off/pick-ups
- Washroom restrictions- participants only. 2-person limit
- Ensure physical distancing in the bench area.
- Coaching staff must maintain physical distance with players
- Team meetings held in controlled environments. (with approval from staff- based on number of patrons in the building).

### Health & Safety

- Always perform proper hygiene e.g. wash hands often with soap and water, alcohol-based hand sanitizer, coughing into tissue or the bend of the arm, avoid touching the eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands
- Washrooms will be cleaned every 2 hours.
- Hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, sanitary tissues and waste basket always made available.
- Hand sanitizer stations available throughout the facility.
- All patrons entering the facility must wear a face covering except for children under 2 years of age. By-Law 40-20 Face Covering by-law
- Face coverings are not to be worn on the ice surface. Helmet off- mask on. Helmet on- Mask off
- Limit contact with people that have a higher risk of contracting COVID-19
- Avoid contact with anyone who is sick
- Avoid common greetings e.g. no physical contact.
- Absolutely no sharing of drinks or food
- Cleaning and disinfecting after each rental
- Minimize going in/out of facility doors (facility doors are a high-risk touchpoint)

### Facility Guidelines

- Remind players and parents to follow signage stating physical-distancing and hygiene requirements.
- Individuals will be screened and required to sign in on-site upon entry daily before any activity. (required every time individual enters the facility)
- Use highly visible posters around the facility to encourage hygiene and social distancing.
- Ice rentals will not be processed in person. Must be booked over the phone or email.
- Payment will be made over the phone.
- Forgotten items will not be stored – direct to refuse containers
- Rental schedules are adjusted for cleaning and disinfecting
- Players/participants are not permitted to shower in the facility
- Dressing rooms will be strictly controlled by the facility
- Only team personnel, on-ice officials, medical staff and essential facility staff should have access to dressing rooms if used – no visitors
- Media interviews are not permitted in the facility at this time.
- No spectators allowed in the facility at this time
- Community or sponsor appearances are not permitted at this time.
- Participants are to remain on the lower level of the facility.
- No outside food or beverages are permitted in the facility.

### Players/ Participants

- All players and officials must come dressed ready to play except for skates and helmet.
- Hockey bags are not permitted in the facility at this time. Small/medium bags are allowed
- No warm-up routine in groups – warm-up individually only
- Physical distancing reinforced on/off ice (2 m (6ft) apart)
- Strict hand hygiene for before and after training
- Players/participants must have their own water bottle with personalized labels on them
- Coaches should use verbal cues where possible
- **Spitting, blowing the nose or release of any bodily fluids without tissue is strictly forbidden and the patron will be asked to leave.**
- Towels should only be on the bench under guidance of safety person/trainer and for emergency use
- Pre-game/post-game handshakes are to be eliminated – verbal greetings only
- Teams exiting facility must do so within 15 mins after their session
- If participant does not feel well, or have any identified respiratory symptoms, should not attend.

## **Additional Provisions:**

### **Force Majeure Provision**

In this section, an “**Event of Force Majeure**” means an event beyond the control of the Town of Aylmer or the East Elgin Community Complex (“**Aylmer**”) which prevents Aylmer from complying with its obligations under any Agreement relating to Return to Hockey or relating to any other use of the East Elgin Community Complex (the “**Agreement**”). An Event of Force Majeure includes, but is not limited to, the COVID-19 pandemic. For greater clarity, the parties hereto agree and acknowledge that (1) Aylmer shall have the sole discretion to determine whether an Event of Force Majeure has arisen, and (2) that such a determination may be made by Aylmer notwithstanding federal, provincial or municipal directives or orders to the contrary.

Should Aylmer determine that an Event of Force Majeure has occurred, Aylmer shall not be considered to be in breach of the Agreement to the extent the performance of Aylmer’s obligations is prevented or inhibited by the Event of Force Majeure. In such a case, Aylmer shall give written notice to the other party hereto of an Event of Force Majeure upon same being reasonably foreseeable, or being known, to Aylmer.

If and to the extent that Aylmer is prevented from performance of its obligations pursuant to the Agreement by an Event Of Force Majeure, Aylmer shall be relieved of its obligations thereunder and may, but need not, elect to offer the other party hereto an alternative accommodation arrangement or date if Aylmer deems same reasonable and safe. In the event Aylmer does not elect to offer the other party hereto an alternative accommodation arrangement or date, Aylmer may forthwith cancel the Agreement upon written notice to the other party hereto and, in such a case, the Agreement shall be at an end and neither party shall have any liability or obligation to the other party. The parties acknowledge and agree that in the event of conflict between the terms and provisions of this section and any other section contained in the Agreement, the terms and provisions of this section shall govern and apply.

### **Covenant to Comply Clause**

The undersigned covenants with Aylmer that the undersigned, its employees, contractors, agents, invitees and any other persons attending the undersigned’s event or the undersigned’s premises will strictly observe and comply with all applicable federal, provincial, municipal and public health orders, policies, and directives relating to the COVID-19 pandemic including, without limitation, all prevailing and prescribed indoor and outdoor gathering limits, social and/ or physical distancing limits, face covering requirements or recommendations, the safety guidelines noted above and any other applicable policies, directives and orders (the “**Policies, Orders and Directives**”).

The undersigned confirms that the prevailing Policies, Orders and Directives may be subject to change. As such, the undersigned covenants with Aylmer that the undersigned shall remain fully apprised of, and any event or shall be run in full compliance with the prevailing Policies, Orders and Directives as may be in force at the date and time of the event. In the event the undersigned, or an attendee of the undersigned’s event, does not comply with the foregoing obligations, Aylmer may, at its discretion, immediately exercise its termination rights relating to the Agreement.

### **Termination Clause for Non-Compliance**

In the event Aylmer determines, in Aylmer’s sole discretion, that the undersigned, its employees, contractors, agents, invitees and any other persons attending the undersigned’s event has not complied with the prevailing Policies, Orders and Directives as of the date of the event, Aylmer may forthwith terminate the event by providing the undersigned with written notice of termination and such termination shall be effective forthwith. If this occurs, the undersigned will forfeit all deposit, fees and any other funds payable to Aylmer under the Agreement, and Aylmer shall have no further liability towards or obligation to accommodate the undersigned. For greater clarity, the foregoing termination right of Aylmer shall be in addition to, and not in place of, such other penalties and fines as may be levied by other governmental officials and entities (e.g. provincial offences). It is explicitly agreed by the parties hereto that Aylmer’s termination right hereunder may be exercised by Aylmer without advance written notice to the undersigned, and while the undersigned’s event is being held. In the event of conflict between the terms and provisions of this section and any other section contained in the Agreement, the terms and provisions of this section shall govern and apply.

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