

BREAKAWAY ICE CENTER - TEWKSBURY

Parents and Players,

We are excited to welcome everyone back for the 2020-2021 season. As parity approaches, we wanted to send out a message to detail some important policies that have been implemented at our facility in accordance with guidelines from State Government and Massachusetts hockey. These measures have been put in place to help keep our players safe and allow our teams to return to play. It is paramount that our coaches, players, and parents adhere to these policies to help prevent any interruptions to the upcoming season amid the COVID19 pandemic. We will have posters, signage & visual aides throughout the facility to help make the return to play as smooth as possible.

RETURN TO PLAY MANDATORY POLICIES- Jr. Rangers & Breakaway Ice Center

- I. **Facemasks must be on and covering your nose and mouth to enter the facility. They must always remain on inside the building, no exceptions!** This includes players and coaches on the ice. Players may lower their masks if advised by a coach during drills that guarantee adequate social distancing and have no risk for incidental contact.
- II. No Spectators allowed in the building. Players and up to 4 coaches are permitted.
- III. At Breakaway Ice Center, each team will be assigned two locker rooms for players to get dressed. When they are dressed, they must pack their clothes, personal items, etc. into their hockey bag and bring their bags to the bench. Players will get undressed in designated areas at the conclusion of games and practices. This will allow BIC staff to sanitize the locker rooms between each usage.
 - When attending rinks other than BIC, our teams will have to adhere to the rink's individual policies. This may mean having staggered times for players on a team to get dressed, players getting dressed before entering the rink, etc.
- IV. You must exit the facility through the designated exit for each rink (follow maps and arrows). BIC has implemented a strict enter only policy through the main lobby doors and access to the parking lot will **NOT** be permitted through this entrance.
- V. If you are sick, stay home (parents included). We ask families to check their skater's temperature before coming to a team event. If they have a temperature, they should not come to the rink.
- VI. As mandated by Massachusetts Hockey, team benches will need to utilize "extended benches" to provide proper social distancing between players and coaches. We have marked off proper spacing on the player benches and will be utilizing the area to the side of each bench as extended space. Each extended bench area has been equipped with rubber matting and seating for players utilizing this space.
- VII. Players must bring their own water bottles. Coaches are not allowed to provide bottles for general team use at this time. Use of the water fountain, filling station and vending machines are permitted.

We know that these policies may not be convenient at times, and we hope that with your cooperation adhering to these policies that they are only temporary. We are excited for another great season and look forward to seeing everyone in the coming days.