

Glacier Hockey Association COVID-19 Phase 2 Protocol

Safety is GHA's top priority. GHA will continue to work with the Stumptown Ice Den, the City of Whitefish, and USA Hockey partners to implement steps to provide a safe environment to take care of yourself and help protect others in our community. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will continue to work diligently to follow national, state, and local healthcare recommendations.

GHA encourages families and players to use the following resources available through USA Hockey, the State of Montana, and CDC to encourage best practices and help answer any questions regarding the novel coronavirus:

- [On-Ice Activities](#)
- [USA Hockey Safety Updates](#)
- [Facemask Guideline](#)
- [State of Montana Coronavirus Resources](#)
- [CDC Coronavirus Resources](#)

We know everyone is excited to reunite with their hockey family. Together, we will ensure that you feel confident and safe in your return to the rink. During Phase 2 restrictions, the following health and safety measures will be administered at all GHA youth hockey events:

- We strongly encourage spectators to wear masks when social distancing can not be maintained. For more information, please visit: [Whitefish Mask Wearing Resolution](#)
- Spectating is discouraged in the lobby viewing area. We encourage spectators to use the stands and maintain adequate social distancing at all times.
- Locker room assignments will be posted on the whiteboard.
- Locker rooms will be sanitized after each user group. Please remind your player to vacate the locker room as quickly as possible following each session to allow for staff to clean.
- Benches will be marked with blue tape to ensure adequate spacing between users.
- Showers are closed.
- No spitting, including on the ice.
- No sharing of water bottles. Remove water bottles after the session.
- No handshakes or player contact after play.
- Hand sanitizer is available at the front desk. Please wash your hands and keep clean. Avoid face touching.
- Concessions are closed (skate sharpening is available).
- If your session is done, please leave the facility to make room for the next user group.
- No more than 50 people are allowed in the rink at the same time.

Please do not come to a GHA Hockey event/practice/camp/etc. if you have had contact with a positive exposure or if you have these symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

GHA is offering hockey opportunities for those who are interested in youth sporting activities and is not to be held responsible for anyone who contracts COVID-19 while participating at these events. The user assumes the risk of exposure to all infectious diseases while participating in GHA activities. The user assumes full responsibility for participation in GHA activities and will adhere to the above conditions in the attempt to protect themselves and others against the spread of infectious diseases. If at any time, the user feels threatened or unsafe, they shall remove themselves and report any misconduct to the appropriate authorities.

Thank you for your diligence and cooperation to maintain a safe and healthy environment for all our players, family, and staff.

******Addendum October 28, 2020:**

New Covid policy for practices and games at the Stumptown Ice Den, Whitefish:

1. No spectators in lobby
2. All spectators required to wear masks and maintain social distancing
3. Two (2) spectators per player allowed entry~for both home and visitor teams.
4. Players are to be dressed in hockey gear (for the exception of skates and helmets) upon entry to the rink.
5. Please arrive no earlier than 15 minutes prior to practice/game start time.

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