



General Guidelines for City of Thunder Bay Arena Users (Effective July 16, 2021)

Reopening Guidelines for Step 3 – Current River Arena

Updated July 15, 2021

Participants:

The total number of members of the public permitted at any one time must not exceed 50 per cent of the facility capacity.

Spectators:

Indoor sport facilities with spectators permitted at 50 per cent capacity. Maximum spectator capacity is **27** in bleachers and spectators must wear masks and follow physical distancing guidelines.

Team Sports/League Play: Team sports including practices and games are allowed. Each group/league must provide a Safety Plan that must be approved before the rental time. Each organization must complete the Safety Plan document that will be provided by the Facility Booking Coordinator at least **48 hours prior to the rental.**

Organized sports leagues must submit their safety plan prior to being approved to practise or play the sport in the facility. The safety plan shall:

- Describe how the following will occur:
 - screening
 - physical distancing
 - masks or face coverings
 - cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces and objects
 - the wearing of personal protective equipment
 - preventing and controlling crowding
- Describe how the league will:
 - prevent gatherings and crowds
 - ensure that participants/spectators do not line up or congregate unless they are maintaining physical distance of at least two metres from other groups of persons
 - ensure that participants/spectators do not line up inside the indoor portions of the stadium unless they are:
 - maintaining a physical distance of at least two metres from other groups of persons; and
 - wearing a mask or face covering in a manner that covers their mouth, nose and chin, unless they are entitled to any of the exceptions set out in the regulations.
 - mitigate the risk of any interactive activities, exhibits or games that may be included

Patron Screening:

Active screening is required for all sport participants and spectators in order to comply with requirements to collect contact tracing information for all individuals that enter the facility.

General Information

1. All safety plans must be submitted to the Facility Booking Coordinator at least 48 hours to the rental. Rentals will not be approved until the safety plan has been approved.
2. All participants are required to follow all safety measures in place while using the facility.
3. Active screening will be completed by trained City staff upon entering the facility
4. Masks worn indoors for use of public washroom facilities.
5. Renters are required to provide a designate from their organization/group to assist participants during their rentals. A designate could be a coach, volunteer, parent or instructor.
6. The user group designate must provide an attendance roster with names of all user group participants including players, coaches, officials that were in the facility during the rental time.
7. Two metre physical distancing is to be practiced on benches and for all activities other than team sports.
8. Spectators' entry and exit must take place promptly within 15 minutes prior to and following the rental time.
9. Equipment bags are not permitted into the arena with the exception of goalie equipment and must be kept in the designated area. Dressing rooms are not available at this time.
10. Please bring your own filled water bottle to the session with your name on it. Water fountains will not be available.

Active Screening Measures

All individuals will be screened prior to entering the facility in accordance with current Public Health guidelines. Individuals must not enter the facility if they do not pass screening and must leave the facility if they become ill or develop symptoms while at the facility.

Use of the City's online screening tool is strongly encouraged. Screening must be completed on the day of access, prior to attending the facility. Screening result (STOP/GO) must be shown to facility staff at the entrance.

Please access the online screening tool at www.thunderbay.ca/rfst

Anyone who does not show proof of completed online screening will be screened at the entrance by facility staff.

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to start time to allow for screening to be completed, be patient and practice social distancing while waiting to enter.

The entrance will be locked once screening is complete and the rental starts. Please arrive on time.

Health and Safety Protocol

- Stay home if you are sick
- Follow the health and safety information posted throughout the facility
- All individuals will be screened upon entry to the facility in accordance with current public health guidelines
- Masks are required in all enclosed public spaces, with the exception of those actively participating in physical activities. Masks are to be worn by participants in enclosed spaces when not actively participating in physical activities, i.e. to enter facility, or access washrooms.
- Maintain physical distancing of 2 metres in the facility at all times
- Hand sanitizing is required upon entering the facility
- Players/Coaches/Participants must abstain from spitting in any area of the arena
- Providing PPE for participants and group staff, volunteers and officials will be the responsibility of the user group as per the provincial and Thunder Bay District Health Unit guidelines at <https://www.tbdhu.com/>

Facility Information

- Dressing rooms and showers are unavailable at this time
- Premises must be vacated within 15 minutes of leaving the facility to allow cleaning for the next user group
- Maintaining social distancing on player benches will be the responsibility of the user group

Personal Items, Storage & Equipment

- Hockey bags are not permitted except for goalies with their equipment. Each player will put skates on in the designated seating area
- Participants are asked to come dressed for their activity

Drop off and Pick Up

- Arrive no earlier than 15 minutes before your rental time
- Enter the facility at the designated entrance only
- No gatherings are permitted outside facility, parking lot or lobby
- Physical distancing must be practiced while waiting to enter the facility
- Exit at designated doors within 15 minutes of leaving the facility