

## Bishop Stang Plan for Hosting Home Ice Hockey Games 2020-2021

Home games are at Hetland Arena, 310 Hathaway Blvd, New Bedford, MA 02740

### Spectators

We have a one spectator (parent or guardian) policy per player, per game. You can only attend the game under your own player's name. You cannot use another player even if they do not have a parent coming.

- Spectators must register ahead of time here: [Stang Athletics Home Event Spectator Registration Form](#)
- Spectators must wait until the previous game has cleared out, and the arena has been cleaned before entering.
- Spectators will also enter through the backside of Hetland Arena. This is directly on the opposite from the regular front entrance. We will set up a Spectator Registration Desk, and spectators will give their names & their child's name when checking in. We will direct spectators to the home side & the visitors side of the rink, where they can view the game with at least 6' of social distance between them.
- We will open up Hetland Rink to Spectators roughly 15 minutes before each game.
- Spectators sit or stand in the bleachers, and not at the glass along the boards, or behind the goalies.
- Spectators will wear face coverings (masks) at all times. Face covering must cover the nose & the mouth.
- Spectators will leave through the side entrances of the building, closest to them.

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### Teams Entering Hetland Rink:

- All athletes must come dressed. No Locker Rooms will be available.
- **Home Team members** will enter through the front entrance, and then go to the right side, where your bench area will be. Players can put on their skates and organize their gear once they are in the rink. Players can use the bleachers behind the bench to put on their skates & to get ready for the game. All players & coaches must stay socially distant during this time. Players & coaches may enter the building 25 minutes before game time.
- **Visiting Team members** will enter through the front entrance, and then go to the left side, where your bench area will be. Players can put on their skates and organize their gear once they are in the rink. Players can use the bleachers behind the bench to put on their skates & to get ready for the game. All players &

coaches must stay socially distant during this time. Players & coaches may enter the building 25 minutes before game time.

### **Masks & PPE**

- Face coverings (masks) will be worn at all times, unless a player or a coach is taking a break in the designated mask break areas. Masks will cover the mouth and nose of all coaches, players, game administrators, workers, and all in attendance.
- It is recommended that all athletes bring a total of six (6) masks to use during each practice & each contest.
- Mask breaks may be taken when drinking, and when needed for breathing comfort. Players may take mask breaks only when a distance of 6' or more can be maintained.
- We will have extra masks on hand if individuals need them.
- All athletes & coaches must have hand sanitizer & wipes in their gym bag that they bring into the rink.
- We will also provide hand sanitizer & wipes if needed.

### **Team Seating**

- Team seating will be on the team benches, beside the team benches, along the boards, in the bleachers, and behind the team bench areas.
- Five players & three coaches are allowed in the bench area. We recommend, due to space availability, that teams modify to five players and two coaches. Additional coaches can be with the team outside of the bench area.

### **EEA & MIAA Modifications**

- Massachusetts EEA Workplace Safety and Reopening Standards for Youth and Adult Amateur Sports Activities Phase III, Step 1 (Updated on 2.8.21) [EEA Reopening Standards](#)
- MIAA Ice Hockey Rules Modifications for 2020-2021 here: [MIAA Ice Hockey Rules Modifications 2020-21](#)
- There are no locker rooms available at the rinks and arenas this year.
- Only one player at a time is allowed in the penalty box.
- Space out before face offs & come together when referee signals players to come in
- Scrums along the boards are limited to two players (one from each team) and there will be quick whistles when a third player enters. No scrum lasts longer than five seconds.

## **Water**

- Student-athletes & coaches must bring their own water in their own water bottles. There is absolutely no sharing of water bottles.

## **COVID 19 Information**

- As they do with attending school, each student-athlete and their parents must ensure that they are following the COVID-19 Regulations. Families and students have an affirmative responsibility to monitor their students' health, and likely exposure to COVID-19 on a daily basis prior to all sports events, be they practices or games.
- All Bishop Stang student-athletes will fill out the COVID 19 Daily Questionnaire prior to participation in any athletic endeavor. The student must be symptom free in order to participate.
- If a student is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 or has had direct contact with an individual who is likely to have contracted the illness, the family shall not send the student to school or a sports event.
- Symptoms to monitor for include:
  - § Fever (100.4° Fahrenheit or higher), chills or shaking chills
  - § Cough (not due to other known cause, such as a chronic cough)
  - § Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
  - § New loss of taste or smell
  - § Sore throat
  - § Headache when in combination with other symptoms
  - § Muscle aches or body aches
  - § Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
  - § Fatigue, when in combination with other symptoms
  - § Nasal congestion or runny nose (not due to other known causes)

*If a student - athlete becomes symptomatic while at the rink, then he or she will be removed from the group, and placed in a "COVID 19 Room". There, the student will wait to be picked up by a parent or a guardian.*

Thank you.