

## **Bowie Ice Arena Game Day Protocol**

### General Guidelines:

- ✓ Everyone will enter through the front/main doors. Exit is out the side arena hockey doors.
- ✓ Temperature checks and waivers are required for everyone. Anyone having a temperature of 100.4 or higher will not be permitted in the facility. Waivers will be emailed to teams ahead of the scheduled game day to help speed up the entry into the facility.
- ✓ Masks/face coverings must be worn by everyone over the age of 5. Protective masks/face coverings must cover both the nose and mouth completely.
- ✓ PG County is allowing facilities to operate at 25% capacity and these capacity limits will be strictly enforced. No exceptions. When possible please leave siblings at home.
- ✓ Please arrive no more than 10-15 minutes prior to activity. Parents are asked to wait outside until puck drop to ensure the building remains under the 25% capacity limits set by the County.
- ✓ ALL players must enter the facility fully dressed except for helmets, skates, and gloves. No hockey bags will be permitted in the facility. Players are encouraged to arrive with protective skate guards when possible to allow for quick and easy entrance and exit. Players will be permitted to put skates on in the lobby – distancing and mask guidelines must be followed.
- ✓ Goalies should arrive dressed as much as possible and will be permitted to use the meeting rooms to put pads on following mask and distancing guidelines.
- ✓ Only ONE parent will be permitted. Siblings are permitted but encouraged to stay home if possible. All children must be supervised while in the facility and follow all distancing and mask guidelines. Strict capacity limits are in effect.
- ✓ No outside food or drink is permitted in the rink. The café is not open for business during this time.
- ✓ The Pro Shop is open during designated posted hours. Masks and distancing must be followed while in the shop. Call 301-249-8970 for hours of operation or specific pro shop questions.
- ✓ No congregating in groups in the parking lot or in the facility. Please follow all posted distancing and mask guidelines inside and outside the facility.
- ✓ Parents are not permitted to stand around the glass in the arena area. All parents should move to the bleacher area for games and maintain distance from other spectators.
- ✓ Staff will disinfect after every group/game. Please help staff by not congregating in areas.
- ✓ Hand sanitizing stations are located throughout the facility. Visitors are encouraged to wash their hands and/or sanitize frequently.
- ✓ All players must exit the facility immediately after the game is over. Parents are asked to vacate the building immediately following the game and wait outside for their skater. Again, hard protective guards are encouraged for use by players.
- ✓ Any questions or concerns prior to game day please call 301-809-3090.

### Game Day Specifics:

In addition to all USA Hockey rules and CBHL/PVAHA guidelines the following protocols are in place at Bowie Ice Arena during game day. Only USA Hockey sanctioned teams permitted to play at this time.

- ✓ Only games between teams from MD, DC and VA are permitted at this time.
- ✓ Team Managers are required to maintain game day attendance reports of players for contact tracing purposes. A copy of the attendance report should be submitted to the arena staff once completed. Staff will distribute wristbands to parents as they enter (one parent per player).
- ✓ In addition to the rink protocol, Team Managers and Coaches are expected to abide by the CBHL/PVAHA procedures and reporting guidelines as well as all CDC, County and State guidelines.
- ✓ All off ice warmups must take place outside of the facility. Coaches are responsible for ensuring the safety of the players during off-ice warmups. Masks on unless performing strenuous activity.
- ✓ Officials (referees) may use designated changing area, but showers will not be available. Masks and distancing guidelines must be followed.
- ✓ No more than 12 players per team on the ice at any given time. On-ice warm-ups must be adjusted accordingly.
- ✓ Traditional penalty boxes will not be in use due to size constraints. Player doors on the bleacher side of the rink will serve as “PENALTY BOX AREAS”. An off-ice official for the Home and Away team must be identified to monitor/work these doors. Parents are not permitted near the “penalty box” spaces during games.

- ✓ Additional bench space has been added at both the Home and Away bench areas with distancing markers. Please follow distancing guidelines and observe the markers in place. When possible, coaches are asked to stand on the benches to further distance themselves from their players. Extra players may stand behind the glass enclosed player boxes.
- ✓ Face coverings must be worn while in the bench area except when the skater is taking a quick water break. Please do not abuse this. Any player removing a helmet while on the bench may be subject to a penalty per USA Hockey rules. Safety first!
- ✓ Timekeeper will remain in the designated Scorer's Box (behind the protected glass).
- ✓ Scorekeeper will use one of the penalty box areas (behind the protected glass).
- ✓ At this time, no body checking is permitted in PG County.
- ✓ No spitting on the ice or in the team boxes.
- ✓ No sharing water bottles or any other equipment. Coaches please do not share dry-erase boards, etc.
- ✓ No body contact during goal celebrations. No handshakes – elbow bumps and stick taps are acceptable forms of celebration.
- ✓ Coaches and players are expected to clean and dispose of the tape trash, water bottles, etc. from bench area following the games.
- ✓ Live Barn will be installed for remote viewing in the very near future. Please go to their website to sign up <https://www.livebarn.com/>

PLEASE NOTE: All policies, procedures and guidelines are subject to change and will be communicated on the website [www.cityofbowie.org/icearena](http://www.cityofbowie.org/icearena) and with the user groups renting the ice. Please abide by all posted signage to the best of your ability. Revised 11/13/2020 per new City, County and State restrictions.

**Bowie Ice Arena Team Attendance and Waiver Form for Games**

I understand and acknowledge that the USA Hockey sanctioned game (“the Activity”) to be held at Bowie Ice Arena [the property] is presented solely by Bowie Hockey Club, CBHL and USA Hockey, is not an activity of the City of Bowie and is not sponsored or offered by or on behalf of the City. Nor are the individuals presenting, managing, speaking at, guiding or teaching the Activity employed by the City. This release and indemnification covers all harm that may befall my minor child as a consequence of his or her participation in the Activity.

I acknowledge and agree that my child participates in the Activity at his or her sole risk and that the City and its servants, agents, employees and officials, shall not be liable to me or to my minor child for any claims, demands, injuries, damages, actions, or causes of action whatsoever, to his or her person or property arising out of or in connection with his or her participation in the Activity

There currently exists a pandemic as a consequence of the emergence of SARS CoV2, the coronavirus that causes the illness known as COVID-19, a severe acute respiratory syndrome. I acknowledge that participation in the Activity includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including, but not limited to, COVID-19. Bowie Hockey Club, CBHL and USA Hockey [sponsoring entity name] is solely responsible for implementing procedures and safety measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 (and any other illnesses circulating environmentally) for the Activity. I am solely responsible for ensuring that my child takes precautionary measures, including but not limited to wearing a mask and maintaining an appropriate distance from other persons, in order to minimize risk to my child and to others.

I acknowledge that the risk of serious illness and/or death from COVID-19 or from other causes, including illness and injury unrelated to COVID-19, does exist, and I knowingly and freely assume all such risk, both known and unknown.

I hereby forever waive, release and discharge the City, and its servants, agents, employees, and officials, from all claims, demands, liabilities, injuries, damages, actions, or causes of action, by me or my minor child relating to or arising from any infection by any pathogen and from any other causes and from all acts of active or passive negligence on the part of the City, and/or its servants, agents or employees, against me or minor child, arising out of or in connection with the participation of my minor child in the Activity.

I will indemnify and hold the City, and its servants, agents, employees and officials, harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, liabilities, injuries, damages, loss, expense, actions, or causes of action that they may incur, including attorney’s fees, in connection with or as a result of property damage or personal injury to any person or entity relating to or arising from exposure to or infection by any pathogen or as a consequence of the actual or alleged negligence or willful misconduct of my minor child in connection with his or her participation in the Activity.

**PLEASE SUBMIT THIS COMPLETED FORM TO THE ICE ARENA STAFF.**  
**ONE Parent admitted per skater – Staff will distribute wristbands to parents as they enter.**

Player’s Name	Parent’s Name	Parent’s Signature	Checked in?
Coach/Manager	Team Name	Date	Checked in?

Home Team: \_\_\_\_\_ Away Team: \_\_\_\_\_