



April 2021: Iceland is following guidelines for Restore Illinois Phase 4. We will be allowed to host competitive hockey games at IceLand with restrictions and capacity limits. This is a list of rules to be followed by players, coaches, referees and spectators.

Facility: All players, coaches, parents, and staff must self-check for any COVID-19 symptoms prior to arriving at IceLand. Anyone feeling ill or experiencing symptoms should stay home.

Everyone must wear a face covering over the nose and mouth at all times while in the building. This includes while on the ice in competition, entering and exiting the building.

Social distancing of 6 feet or more must be always practiced.

Teams: Coaches, players and scorekeepers must wear a face covering over the nose and mouth at all times. If a player must remove their face covering for any reason, including water consumption, they must leave the bench area and be behind the rink glass practicing social distancing. The player must put the face covering back on as soon as possible, and before returning to the bench.

Only approved teams are allowed to play at IceLand. No out of state teams allowed.

Maximum of 3 rostered coaches on the bench during games.

Maximum of 2 people in the score box. No team staff allowed in penalty boxes. Home team will supply one scorekeeper and one person to work the penalty box doors. These parents will count as the 1 spectator per player allowed inside the rink. These 2 volunteers for the game will also be responsible for checking out and returning the electronic whistles (which the referees will use) before and after each game. The whistles can be checked out at the IceLand front desk and should be given to the refs before the game. After the game, the volunteers are responsible for collecting the whistles and returning them to the front desk.

No pre-game warmups allowed inside IceLand.

There are no locker rooms or water fill stations available. Players should come dressed ready to play. Areas will be assigned to put on and tie skates. Goalies have an area under the scoreboard to get dressed and can enter building 20 minutes before game.

There are no hockey bags allowed inside the rink (goalie bags are the exception to this rule).

The players and coaches will be allowed into the building 12 minutes before game time to put on their skates. They must exit the building within 12 minutes after the game. Home team exits via the door next to home bench, towards the back parking lot. Visiting team exits via the door next to visitor bench and towards the back parking lot. No loitering or wandering around or watching other games. Once you are in the building, you must stay inside. If you leave, you will not be allowed to re-enter.

Referees

Referees are to wear face coverings while at the Niles Ice Rink, including on the ice.

The Niles Ice Rink will utilize electronic whistles for the games so that the referees can keep their face covering on for the duration of the game. Electronic whistles will be provided to the referees at the scorebox before each game.

Referees will enter through the main entrance and will exit through the doors that lead to our back parking lot.

Spectators: Only one spectator (parent) per player is allowed inside Iceland to watch a game. No siblings are allowed. Entry to the building for spectators is at game time via the front entrance, no earlier. The spectators must exit the building immediately after the game using the assigned exits. Home exit is the Northeast doors on the scoreboard end. Visitors exit in the Southeast exit on the Zamboni end. Players will not be allowed off the bench and into the bleachers until the parents have exited the area.

All spectators must wear a face covering while entering, exiting and while inside the building. Spectators are encouraged to use the washroom prior to coming to Iceland. Washroom occupancy is limited to only one person at a time, and only one washroom will be available (which is inside the rink area). There will be no loitering in the lobby area. Once inside the rink there is no entry back into the lobby.

All spectators must be seated in the bleachers keeping 6 feet of social distancing. Seating is from the top row down, keeping as much space between spectators and the playing area. Home team parents will sit on the home side of the bleachers and visiting parents will sit on visitor side. No mixing of home and visitor parents.

Standing next to the glass is prohibited. No removing masks to yell or scream.

No food or drink allowed in the building, including water and coffee.

For practices, intra team scrimmages and classes, spectators will not be allowed inside the building. LiveBarn is active.

Anyone that violates any of the guidelines will be asked to leave the building, no exceptions.