



WISSAHICKON SKATING CLUB COVID-19 PROCEDURES

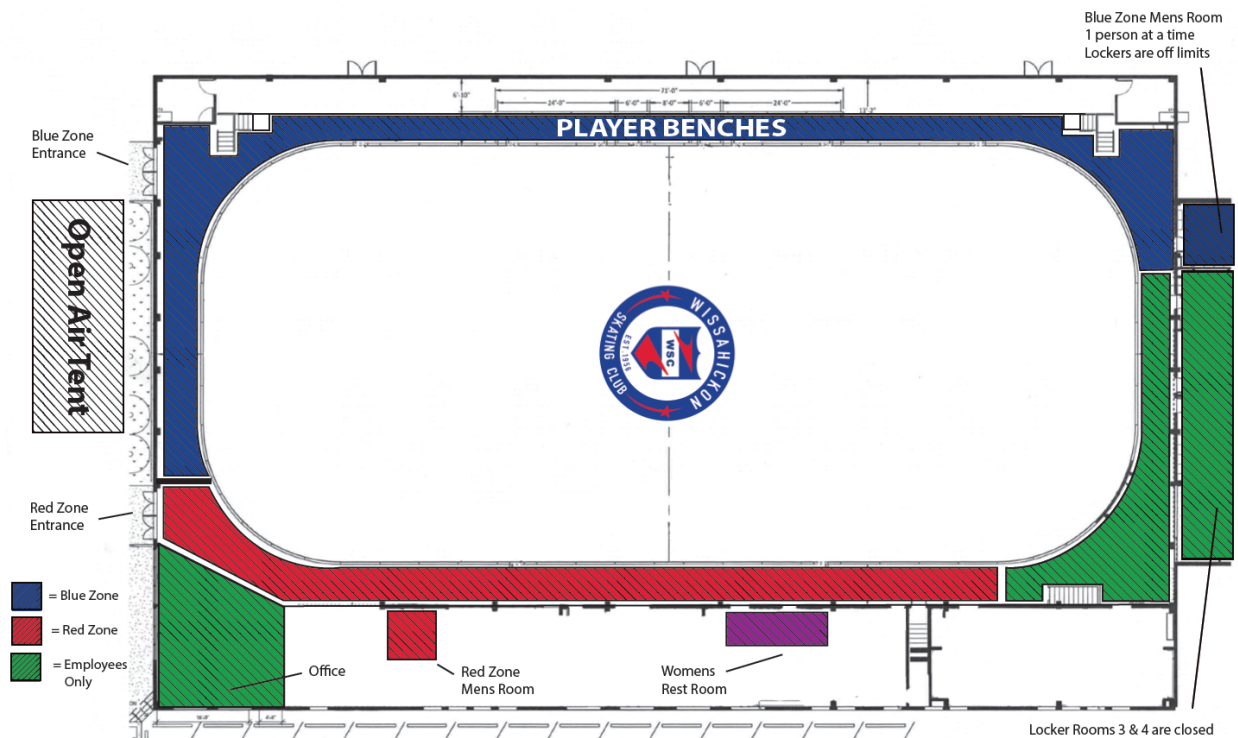
Welcome Back!

Wissahickon Skating Club is pleased to welcome our community back to the best ice in the Philadelphia region. As always, the safety of our community while at WSC is paramount, and the procedures below were developed with that safety in mind.

General Procedures:

- **Acceptance of Inherent Risks:** It is the sole responsibility of each visitor to WSC to determine, for both the visitor and her/his child(ren), whether to accept the risks relating activities at WSC during the COVID-19 pandemic. As recommended by the CDC, those at higher risk for complications from COVID-19 should not attend activities at WSC. [CDC-People at Increased Risk](#). An acknowledgement of risk and waiver is required for all members of WSC. The completed waiver must be attached to an email (electronic signature, scanned, or photo) to lisaa@wisskating.com prior to use of WSC facilities. **HARD COPIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- **Sick Visitors Not Permitted:** People who are sick or showing symptoms of COVID-19, who have tested positive for COVID-19, or who have been in close contact recently with a person diagnosed with COVID-19, must not come to WSC. [CDC-If You Are Sick](#).
- **Informing WSC/Notice:** If a skater has tested positive for COVID-19, WSC must be informed immediately. Participants in that skater's session(s) will be notified that an individual in the group has tested positive, and the identity of the skater will not be revealed.
- **Returning to WSC Activities:** Skaters, coaches, and staff who have had symptoms of COVID-19 may return to WSC after 10 days since symptoms first appeared, only if the individual has had no fever for 3 days and has no cough or shortness of breath. Anyone who has close contact with someone with COVID-19 should stay home for 14 days after exposure based on the time it takes for symptoms to show. [CDC-Returning to Activities](#)
- **Wearing Masks:** Masks covering mouth and nose are mandatory on the entire property (in-building and outside the building) except on-ice and benches where numbers will be limited and spacing will be required. [PA Mask Requirement](#)
- **Physical Distancing:** All individuals in the building (other than on-ice) and on the premises must observe physical distancing of at least 6 feet.
- **Temperature Check:** All entrants to the building must pass a temperature check (below 100.4°F forehead scan).
- **Arrival and Departure:** Skaters arrive maximum 15 minutes prior to their skating session and must depart within 10 minutes of the end of their skating session. This will help with distancing and cleaning issues.

- **Skaters/Essential Volunteers Only:** Only the Skater and volunteers (coaches, managers, timekeepers, DJs) are allowed in the building. Parents, guardians, and guests are not permitted inside the building without Club Manager permission (a rare exception).
- **Change in Health Status or Failure to Comply:** Anyone developing symptoms of illness while at WSC is required to leave. Anyone not complying with mask and distancing requirements will be required to leave the premises. For youth skaters, a parent or guardian will be called, and the skater will be isolated from others until the parent/guardian arrives.
- **Training:** All staff and coaches will be trained on the content of this document (with periodic reinforcement of that training) prior to attending any activities at WSC.
- **Separation Zones:** As shown in the illustration below, the spaces within the building are divided into three color zones: Green, Red, Blue. The Green Zone is for staff only. The Blue and Red Zones are for skaters and coaches and will be used in certain alternating sessions to enhance separation and post-skate cleaning (surface sterilizer spraying between uses). When Zones are mandated, skaters, coaches, and volunteers will remain in their Zone while in the building.
- **Payments:** Given health concerns for both members and staff, we are not accepting in-person payments for any Club activities or programs. Please pay online at www.wisskating.com.



- **Spacing:** Folding chairs are spaced around the perimeter of the rink in marked locations 6 feet apart. Skaters will proceed to a chair and place their equipment bag at that chair. This will be the skater's changing station for that skating session.
- **Skater Benches:** Benches have been extended with additional benches and folding chairs. Skaters will be required to remain spaced when using the benches.
- **New Open-Air Tent:** Youth skaters needing assistance with skates can use the new outdoor open air tent.

Youth Hockey Procedures:

- **Parents will review these procedures (and the above rules) with their skater(s) prior to drop-off.**
- **Payments:** Must be made in advance at www.wissskating.com.
- **Members Only:** Given limited operational parameters due to COVID-19, all programs are for members only.
- **Drop-Off:** Skaters may be dropped-off through the marked “Express Drop Off” lanes at the main entrance or may be dropped-off in the Willow Grove Ave (upper) lot and walk to the entrance.
- **Pick-Up:** Skater pickup is primarily on Cherokee Street with the Willow Grove (upper) lot as an overflow. The lower Lot is to be used for skater/parent parking.
- **Come Dressed:** Locker rooms are closed. Skaters being dropped off at WSC (15 minutes before, maximum) must be dressed in gear on arrival, and may put skates on either in advance (with appropriate skate guards!), in the building, or—for skaters needing assistance from parent or guardian, under the new open air tent. Coaches and staff will not tie skates.
- **Hydration:** Skaters must bring their own bottle(s) with clearly marked last name. Fill bottle at home; water fountains are not in operation. No sharing bottles.
- **Registration and Entry:**
 - Every person (skater, parent/guardian, coach, staff) involved in check-in must be wearing a mask.
 - Check-in will be at the designated entry for that skating session (as directed by Club staff).
 - The skater’s temperature will be checked on entry to the building.
 - Skater will be directed to a spaced folding chair in the building to tie their skates/finish dressing. The skater will remain at their chair until instructed to go on the ice.
- **Orientation:** As part of their initial orientation, skaters will be instructed on the following health and safety precautions:
 - Frequent handwashing, proper distancing and face mask usage.
 - Prohibition of sharing drinks, towels, or pinnies; of chewing gum or spitting; and of unnecessary contact including high-fives, fist bumps, handshakes, hugs.
 - Proper use of Zones, restrooms, benches.
 - Need to inform a coach when feeling sick. Skaters feeling sick will be isolated immediately. Parent/guardian will be informed immediately. If the skater needs to be picked up, they will be isolated until pick-up.
- **Separation Zones:** Youth Hockey skaters and coaches will use the Red and Blue Zones. Skaters/coaches will remain in their Zone while in the building.
- **Spacing:** Youth Hockey skaters, upon entrance to the building, will proceed to a folding chair, place their equipment bag at their chair, and prepare to go on-ice. Skaters will remain at their chair until instructed to go on-ice and will use the same chair throughout the session.
- **Departure from Ice/Building:** At the end of the session the skater will exit the ice to their folding chair, remove and pack skates, gloves and helmet, and prepare to leave through the appropriate exit within 10 minutes. Parents/guardians are expected to be ready for their skater’s exit.

Figure Skating Procedures:

- At the entrance, a WSC employee will perform a temperature check and will check-in the skater.
- **Payments:** Payments must be completed using the WSC online registration system (www.wissskating.com) in advance.
- Skaters use the spaced folding chairs to tie their skates, etc.

- Skaters should not enter the player benches as this is a session transition area; access to the music box is allowed only via the penalty boxes.

General Notes:

- **Hand Sanitizer Stations:** Additional hand sanitizer stations have been installed in the building. They are clearly marked.
- **Additional Masks:** WSC will have a very limited number of disposable masks for a skater who misplaces a mask during a session. We hope to have WSC-logo masks available very soon.
- **Restrooms:** Each Zone has a men's restroom. There is only one women's restroom; it is in the Red Zone. Skaters in the Blue Zone may enter the Red Zone to use the women's restroom.
- **Facilities Closed:** The Locker Rooms, Café, and Members Lounge, are closed. Water fountains are not operational.
- **Pro Shop:** The Pro Shop will be closed to members, but operational. Instructions for Pro Shop services such as skate sharpening and purchases will be posted at WSC.
- **LiveBarn:** LiveBarn is available for viewing skating sessions. www.livebarn.com

WSC COVID-19 Support and Resources:

This document was prepared by the WSC Board and Management with guidance from the WSC Ad-Hoc COVID-19 Medical Committee and WSC Staff. Creation of this document was directly informed by the following, which we encourage members to review:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Considerations for Youth Sports: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/youth-sports.html>
- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Return to Youth Sports after COVID-19 Shutdown: Reference Guides <https://www.chop.edu/return-youth-sports-after-covid-19-shutdown-reference-guides>
- The Office of PA Governor Tom Wolf, Sports Guidance: <https://www.governor.pa.gov/covid-19/sports-guidance/>
- USA Hockey Player Safety: <https://www.usahockey.com/playersafety>
- US Figure Skating: <https://www.usfigureskating.org/coronavirus>
- US Ice Rink Association: Returning To The Rinks https://www.usicerinks.com/application/files/4915/8870/1711/Returning_to_the_Rinks_05-05-2020.pdf
- **Updates/Changes:** Knowledge regarding COVID-19 is constantly changing as new information becomes available. These Procedures will be adjusted, as needed, as new information becomes available and as scheduling changes.

Thank You,

Wissahickon Skating Club Board of Directors, Management, and Staff