



**To:** Ringette Saskatchewan Members  
**From:** Ringette Saskatchewan, Executive Director  
**Date:** October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020  
**RE:** Return to Ringette Update – Mandatory Masks

Ringette Saskatchewan wants to thank our Associations for making the decision to mandate masks to be worn by all ringette participants and spectators. Ringette Saskatchewan is supporting this mandate and adding the below requirements to our Return to Ringette Guidelines.

**Players:**

- Players must be properly wearing a face covering when entering the arenas and continue wearing their face covering until they reach the spot where they will finish getting their skates/equipment on (chair, bleacher, dressing room).
- Players must keep their face covering on until they put their helmet on to head to the ice surface.
- Players should promptly put their face covering back on once they get back to their spot and remove their helmet.
- Players should exercise physical distancing while entering and exiting arenas and while putting on their skates/equipment.

**On-Ice Coaches:**

- On-Ice Coaches must be properly wearing a face covering when entering the arenas and continue wearing their face covering until they reach the spot where they will put their skates on (chair, bleacher, dressing room).
- On-Ice Coaches must keep their face covering on until they put their helmet on to head to the ice surface.
- On-Ice Coaches who are in one mini-league are not required to wear a face covering while on the ice. They should have one on their person for any instances where they will need to be closer than six feet from a player or fellow coach (injury, equipment issue, etc.).
- On-Ice Coaches who are in multiple mini-leagues are required to wear a medical (surgical or procedural) mask while on the ice.
- On-Ice Coaches should promptly put their face covering back on once they get back to their spot and remove their helmet.
- On-Ice Coaches should exercise physical distancing while entering and exiting arenas and while putting on their skates.

**Bench Coaches/Staff:**

- Bench Coaches/Staff must be properly wearing a face covering when entering/exiting the arenas and continue properly wearing their face covering - including while on the bench during games

- The Bench Coaches/Staff who can always maintain 2 metres social distancing wears a non-medical mask.
- Bench Coaches/Staff in multiple mini leagues must wear a medical (surgical or procedural) mask.
- Bench Coaches/Staff should exercise physical distancing while entering and exiting arenas.

**On-Ice Officials:**

- On-Ice Officials must be properly wearing a face covering when entering the arenas and continue wearing their face covering until they reach the spot where they will put their skates on.
- On-Ice Officials who are in one mini league must keep their face covering on until they put their helmet on before heading onto the ice surface.
- On-Ice Officials who are in multiple mini-leagues are required to wear a medical (surgical or procedural) mask while on the ice.
- On-Ice Officials should promptly put their face covering back on once they get back to their spot and remove their helmet.
- On-Ice Officials should exercise physical distancing while entering and exiting arenas and while putting on their skates.

**Off-Ice Officials (timekeepers/scorekeepers/shot clock operators):**

- Off-Ice Officials must be properly wearing a face covering when entering/exiting the arenas and continue properly wearing their face covering at all times - including while working in the timekeeper's box/area.
- Off-Ice Officials physical distancing should be exercised in the timekeeper's box as much as possible.
- Off-Ice Officials should exercise physical distancing while entering and exiting arenas.

**Parents/Spectators:**

- Parents/Spectators must be properly wearing a face covering when entering/exiting the arenas and continue properly wearing their face covering at all times.
- Parents/Spectators should exercise physical distancing while entering and exiting the arenas and while sitting or standing inside the arena.

Please continue to visit our Covid-19 Resource hub that will hold all information and tools related to returning to ringette <http://www.ringettesask.com/covid-19-resource-hub/>.

We are committed to you and your safety.

Sincerely,  
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