



Southwest 9 States Figure Skating Championships Operations & Safety Plan

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LOC Chair: Rose Varner

Chief Referee: Keith Yingling

Overall Event

- Waivers must be signed before participating in the Event.
- Masks must always be worn except for Skaters that are on the Ice
- Temperature will be checked & screening will be administered daily.
- There will be NO spectators allowed at this Event, other than the Chaperone(s).
- Two (2) chaperones per registered athlete will be admitted for the athlete's actual competition time (no access to practice rink). The chaperone must be over the age of 18 and an immediate family member as defined in U.S. Figure Skating's SafeSport Handbook.
- Skate Orders and Results will only be posted Online at https://ijs.usfigureskating.org/leaderboard/nonqual_results/2020/29642/index.html
- Medals will be given for 1st – 4th Place and presented at awards during scheduled awards times. No gathering or photos permitted at the official awards area. Photos may be purchased from MK Photography.
- Locker Rooms will NOT be available
- Come dressed and ready to skate
- Young Athletes or Athletes requiring special assistance, will be allowed one Chaperone to accompany them into the facility for Practice Ice.
- Young Athletes or Athletes requiring special assistance, will be allowed one Chaperone to accompany them into the Warmup Zone at event time to help get skates on. Then the Chaperone must immediately exit the area and move to the designated arena seating.

Schedule

A Detailed Schedule for the competition is available [here](#) or by using the QR code below. Athletes and coaches have designated times for arrival for both competition and practice ice. No individual will have access to the building without appropriate supervision. Ushers will lead athletes to the appropriate locations for off-ice warm up, access to the ice and out of the building.

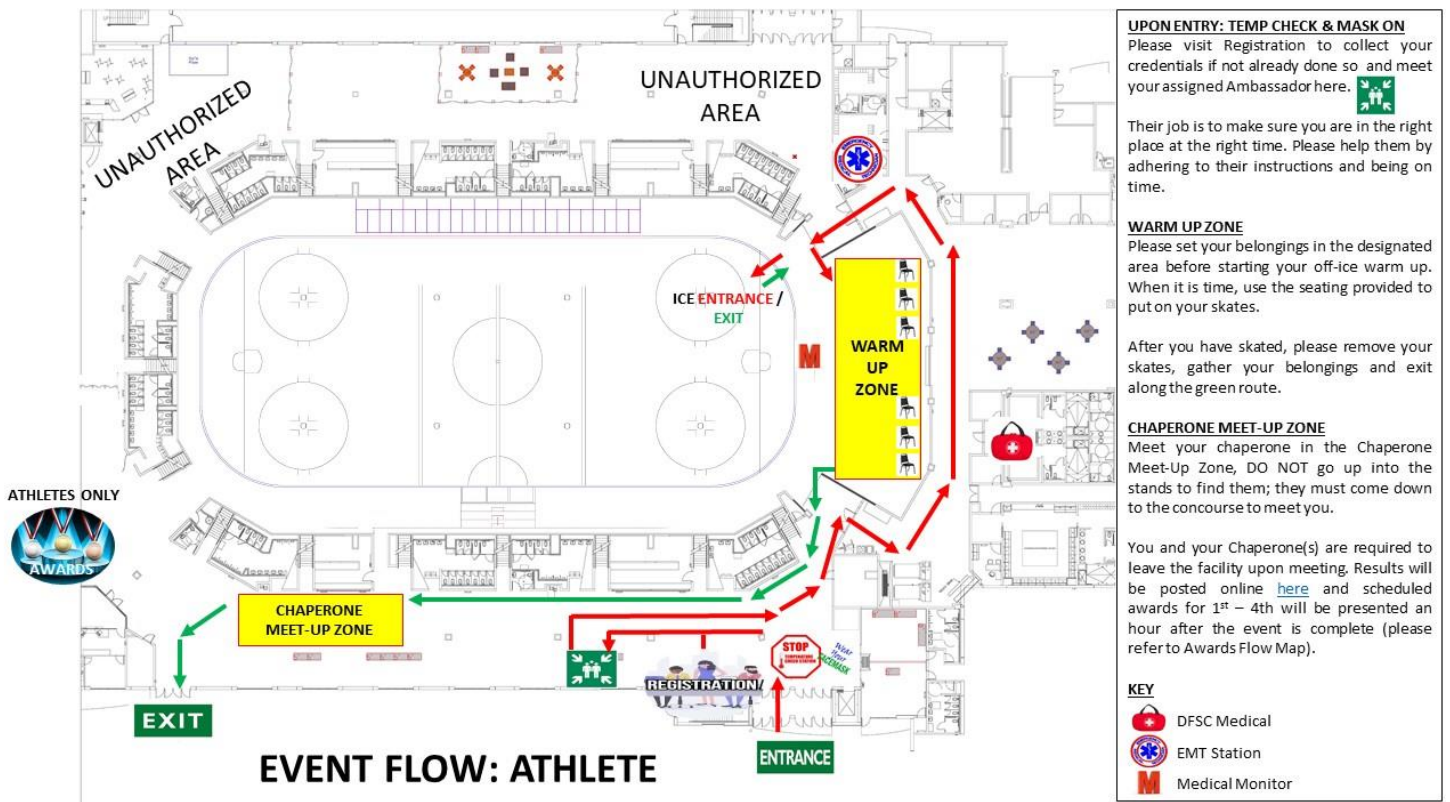


Building Access and Layout

Pathways have been established within the building to minimize footprint and socialization between groups. You will not be permitted access to the building until your designated time per the detailed schedule. Athletes who miss their arrival time will be escorted to the appropriate area in accordance with their schedule – cannot 'redo' warm up. Detailed layouts and pathways are shown for Athletes, Chaperones, Coaches and Officials under the respective sub-headings on pages 3-7.

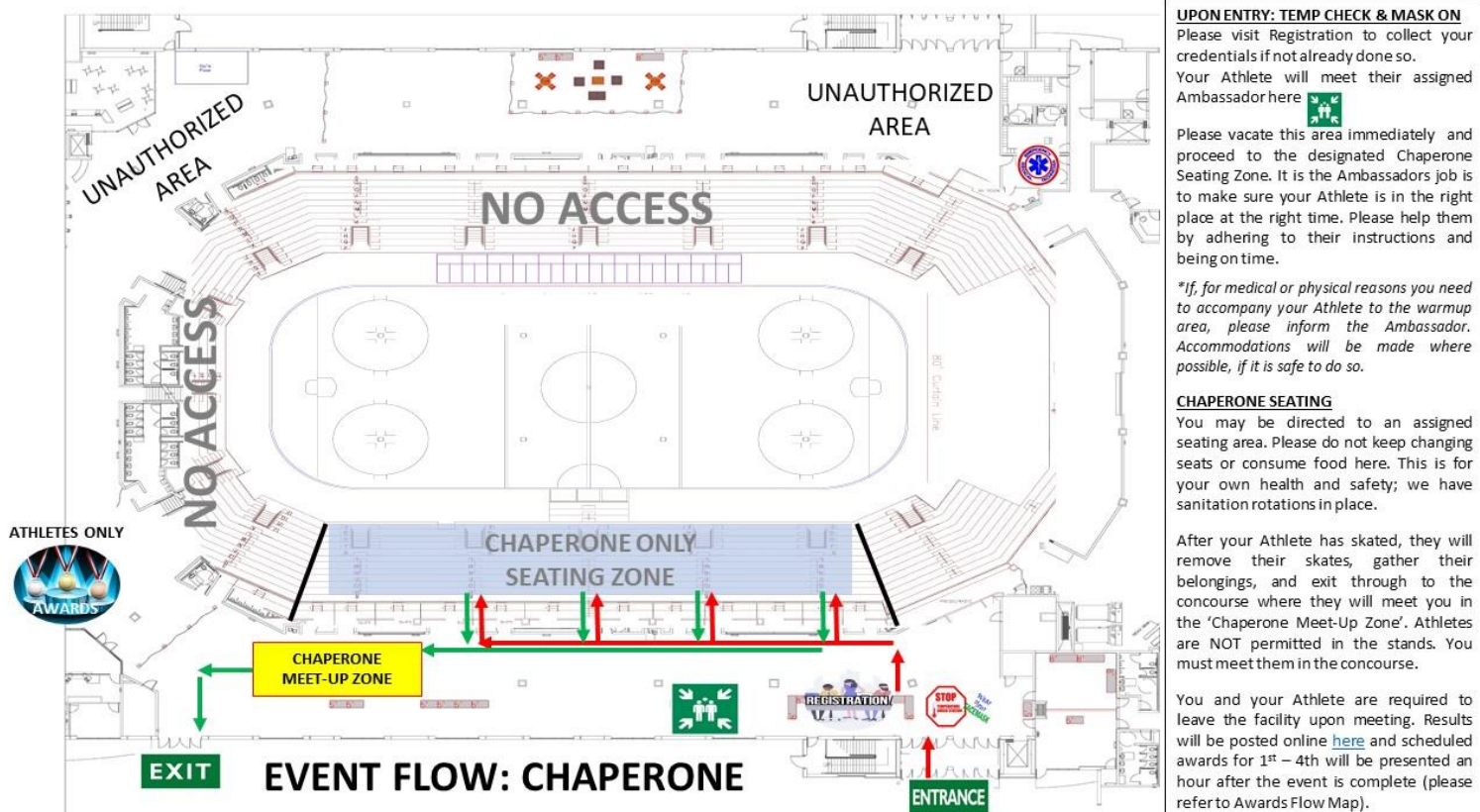
Athletes

- Temperature will be checked & screening will be administered daily.
- Masks must always be worn except for Skaters that are on the Ice
- Athletes may only bring what they can carry, as they must carry items with them as they move from station to station.
- Athletes may collect their credentials from Registration either 20 minutes before Practice Ice or 45 minutes before event.
- Chaperones will be diverted away from the athlete flow into designated seating areas in the arena.
- Ambassadors will escort each group of athletes to the area designated for off-ice warm up.
- 30 minutes is allocated for off-Ice warmup and getting skates on.
- After prior group is finished the current event group will then enter the ice for their warmup.
- Athletes will enter and exit the ice through designated gates that will be clearly signed.
- There will be chairs available for them to sit on while the group is skating.
- Once an Athlete has completed their program for the event, they must remove their skates, gather their belongings, and exit the rink side to the concourse.
- Results will be posted online approximately 45 minutes after the event is complete.
- Awards are scheduled for 1 hour after the event is complete.
- Athletes and chaperones must leave the facility until online results are live and may only return to collect medals at the scheduled awards time.
- Chaperones are not permitted in the awards area and must wait in the Chaperone Meet-Up Zone. Athletes will meet their chaperones once awards are complete and promptly leave the facility.



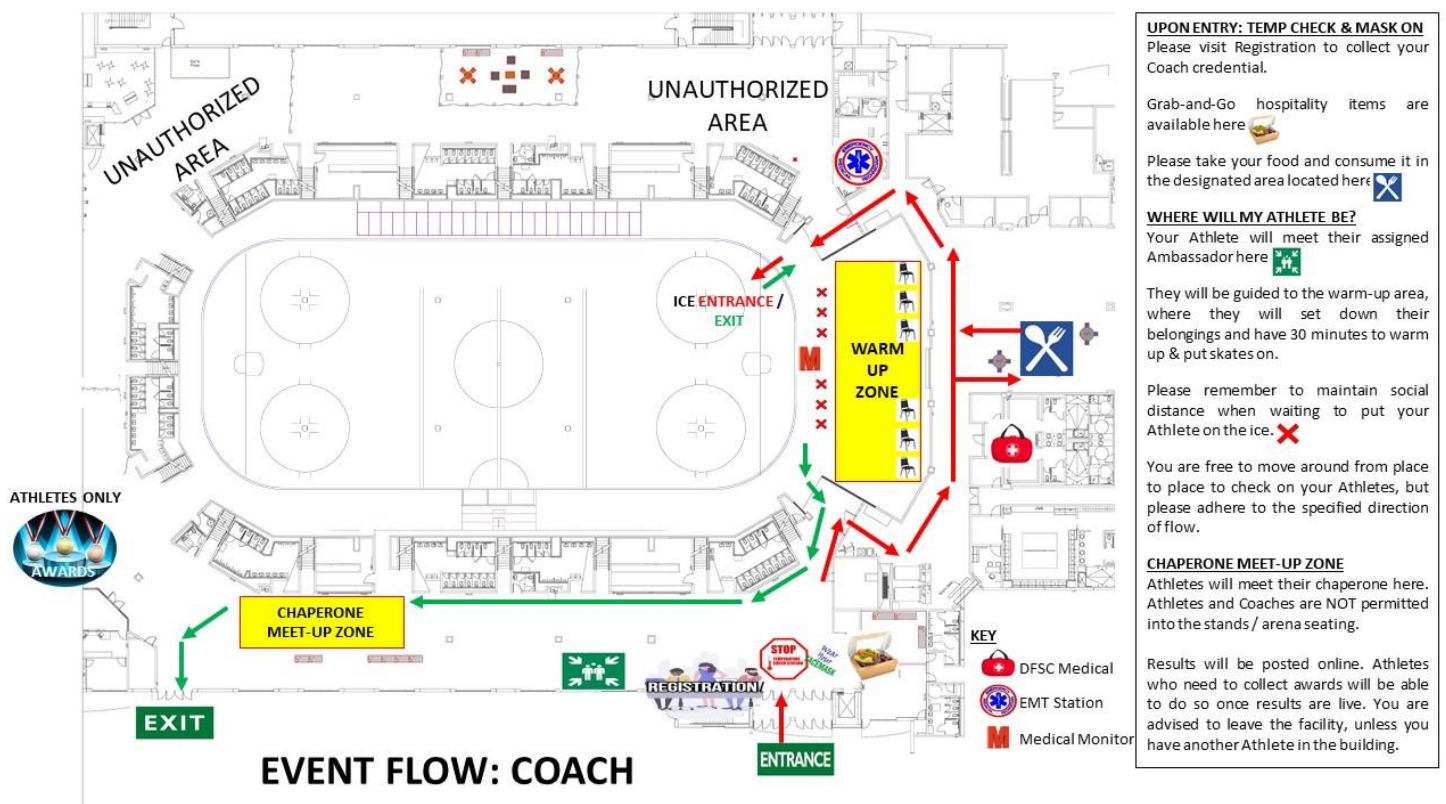
Chaperones

- Temperature will be checked & screening will be administered daily.
- Masks must always be worn while in the facility
- Two (2) chaperone per registered athlete will be admitted for the athlete's actual competition time (no access to practice rink). The chaperone must be over the age of 18 and an immediate family member as defined in U.S. Figure Skating's SafeSport Handbook.
- Chaperones will be diverted to arena seating immediately after entering the facility (special considerations will be made for young Athletes or Athletes requiring special assistance)
- Arena seating will be available in the designated sections only and rotated for sanitation purposes.
- Once the Athlete has skated their program, Chaperones must leave the seating area and meet their athletes in the concourse in the Chaperone Meet-Up Zone and leave the facility. **ATHLETES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE STANDS/ARENA SEATING.**
- Results will be posted online approximately 45 minutes after the event is complete.
- Awards are scheduled for 1 hour after the event is complete.
- Athletes and chaperones must leave the facility until online results are live and may only return to collect medals at the scheduled awards time.
- Chaperones are not permitted in the awards area and must wait in the Chaperone Meet-Up Zone. Athletes will meet their chaperones once awards are complete and promptly leave the facility.



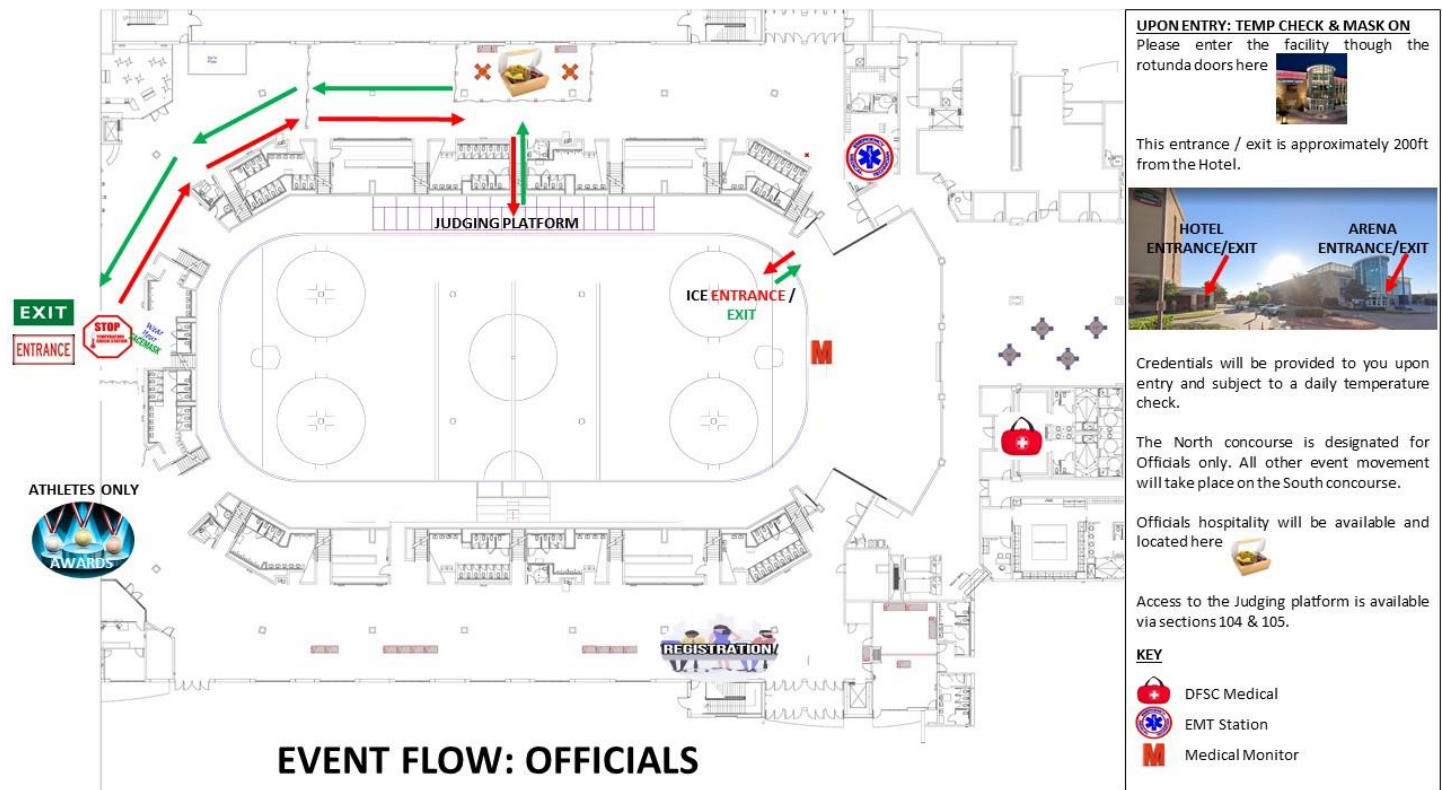
Coaches

- Temperature will be checked & screening will be administered daily.
- Masks must always be worn while in the facility
- Grab-and-Go snacks will be available from hospitality, located directly outside Meeting room 1 & 2.
- Hospitality items can only be consumed in the designated eating area in back of house.
- Coaches should not stay in the building between events, unless they have another skater already in the building.
- Two (2) coaches will be allowed per skater in the building.
- Ice monitors will assign coaches a location to coach from during Practice Ice / Event warm-up. Please honor that location.
- Remote coaching via a communication device - A coach may communicate with a skater during practice ice and events as long as all SafeSport criteria and competition policies are met, including:
 - The skaters personal phone may not be used for communications.
 - The phone may not be brought on the ice, or propped up so that it could fall on the ice.
 - Two deep leadership must be adhered to while the communications are taking place. Event volunteers will not be able to fulfill the role.
 - Parents and other skaters are not allowed rink side during practice ice or events. Two deep leadership for such times would need to be fulfilled by another credentialed PSA compliant coach with appropriate access.
 - There are no exceptions to these policies, and violations may be reported to PSA and SafeSport.
- Results will be posted online approximately 45 minutes after the event is complete.
- Awards are scheduled for 1 hour after the event is complete.
- Coaches are not permitted in the awards area.



Officials

- Temperature will be checked & screening will be administered daily.
- Masks must always be worn while in the facility.
- Snacks and meals will be available from Official's hospitality, located in the North concourse.
- Face shields will be provided for Officials to use.
- Hospitality items can only be consumed in the designated eating area.



Awards

- Awards will be scheduled or 1 hour after each event is complete.
- Awards cannot be given until results are live online.
- Athletes and chaperones may re-enter the facility in time for their scheduled awards IF results have been posted online.
- Chaperones and coaches are not allowed in the awards area, athletes only.
- Medals will be presented to 1st – 4th place.
- The podium positions will be staggered so each athlete is 6ft away from the other. In the event there is a tie, the tied athlete will rotate with the other on the podium. They will not be allowed to share a block at the same time.
- Athletes will be allowed to remove their masks for the photo only, if they wish.
- Medals will be given to each athlete (4th – 1st) on a tray. The recipient must remove the medal from the tray and place it on themselves.
- Once awards have been received and the photo has been taken, Athletes must locate their Chaperone in the meet-up area and immediately leave the facility.

Practice Ice Flow

- Masks are required in all buildings except while you are skating on the ice.
- One way paths will be clearly marked and ice monitors will provide directions to ensure the safest space for all participants. Keep social distancing in mind at all times.
- Locker rooms are NOT available. Athletes are encouraged to come in with skates & guards on. There is no guarantee seating will be available rink side for lacing skates.
- Athletes must enter through the Event Center for temp check and screening EVEN IF your practice is on the Community Ice. You will be routed to the correct rink accordingly.
- Indoor Off Ice Warmup area will NOT be available during practice sessions.
- Skaters and Coaches should arrive for temp check 20 min prior to session start time and will then be directed to ice monitor rink side.
- Skating Order for Official Music will be listed online, and with ice monitor. Official music will be played only on your assigned official session. No additional music will be played.
- Event Day Official Warmup sessions are available and limited to attendance by only the assigned skaters within each competition group, therefore we have pre-assigned each athlete with the correct warmup. Balance due for these sessions can be paid online or upon arrival at registration.
- Number of skaters allowed on each practice session is reduced/limited for safety.
- Each skater may have only one (1) Chaperone in the PI rink with them during practice sessions to limit indoor occupancy. Chaperones attending are not allowed in rink side coaching areas and will be directed to designated seating.
- Coaches will be directed by the ice monitor to separated individual door or window coaching locations to ensure social distancing. If you are coaching on consecutive Practice Ice Sessions, please notify the Ice Monitor.
- The Ice Monitor will direct the skaters to the door they will use to enter / exit the ice.
- All Skaters and Coaches will be required to exit the ice and leave the building promptly once the Practice Ice Session is complete, unless you are on the next session.
- There is no pathway to cut through from rink to rink inside, you must exit and re-enter from outside.

Disinfecting Process

- Warm up areas will be disinfected after each pod has exited using hand held foggers
- After each event Segment, Chairs and areas that have been touched by the skaters/coaches will be disinfected.
- The bleacher section the Chaperones used will be disinfected per rotation schedule.
- Practice Ice areas will be disinfected at scheduled times throughout the day, in line with ice cuts.
- Officials staging area will be disinfected at scheduled times through out the day, in line with ice cuts.

COVID Considerations

- Must not be exposed to known positive covid-19 individuals without proper droplet plus universal precautions (gloves, gown, mask, shield).
- Must not have a cluster of the CDC signs/symptoms of Covid-19
- Temperature not to exceed 100.4 degrees
- Any individuals unable to pass temperature screen to not be permitted into the event.

In the event a temperature screen is failed:

ATHLETES & COACHES: will be informed to wait outside for Medical. The screener will put in a radio call for Medical to evaluate Athletes and Coaches. Medical will make the final call and they will notify Registration & Debra Dryburgh (Accounting) the Athlete or Coach has been withdrawn.

VOLUNTEERS & CHAPERONES: Will be informed to leave the facility. Medical re-check is NOT required. Screeners will notify Registration if a Volunteer has been denied access so they can begin to find cover.

OFFICIALS: will be informed to wait outside for Medical. The screener will put in a radio call for Medical to evaluate. Medical will make the final call and notify Keith Yingling (Chief Referee) the Official has been withdrawn.

- Social distancing of all persons in the building encouraged and to be demonstrated by social distancing of registration tables, social distancing of officials panels, designated ready areas that are clearly marked for individual skaters, designated coaching slots for coaches/coaching teams rink side on the boards during warm-ups.
- Easy access/ Availability of hand sanitizer throughout the facility.