



NEISC RETURN TO RINKS UPDATE

Dear Skaters, Coaches & Parents,

Rinks have officially been added to Phase 2 for reopening. We will be resuming freestyle ice on either Tuesday June 9th or 16th (Re-opening will be for freestyle / moves ice ONLY, given state restrictions. We hope to resume learn to skate classes soon). We will know the official start date this Saturday 6/6 after the Governor's announcement and will send a follow-up notice once we know. For our first 1-2 weeks back, we will be operating using the final weeks of our Winter / Spring ice contract schedule, generally limiting our freestyle ice to contracted skaters and members. A LIMITED number of walk-on spots will be available for members or skaters coming to work with an NEISC coach. All walk-ons MUST be pre-booked through our Entryeeze site. Sessions will be available for purchase after the state's announcement on Saturday.

**** SATURDAY 6/20 has been ADDED to our Winter / Spring ice contract. Skaters contracted may use ice that day if they choose. Walk-ons for non-contracted skaters will also be available through Entryeeze. Both Saturday 6/13 (if allowed) & 6/20 will be held at the HAVERHILL rink.**

**** We will be processing REFUNDS for contracted ice during the shutdown. Please give us a few weeks to complete this.**

SUMMER ICE

We plan to offer summer ice starting June 22nd. Summer ice will be open to members and non-members alike. We hope to have an official schedule posted soon, but for planning purposes it will be very similar to last year.

Tentative Schedule:

Mondays: 8:30 Freestyle / 9:40 Moves / 10:00 Freestyle

Tuesdays 4:50 Freestyle / 5:50 Moves / 6:10 Freestyle

Wednesdays: 8:30 Freestyle / 9:40 Moves / 10:00 Freestyle

Thursdays: 3:30 Freestyle / 4:40 Moves / 5:00 Freestyle

***** ADDITIONAL SESSIONS MAY BE ADDED THROUGH THE SUMMER *****

All ice will need to be pre-booked online through our Entryeze site. Sessions can be purchased “a-la-carte,” meaning you do not have to commit to every Monday for the whole summer; you can pick and choose certain sessions each week and it can vary week to week. We hope this gives members more flexibility as they make their return to the ice and other scheduled activities.

We will have a limited number of spots available on each session due to social distancing restrictions. **Members will be given a “pre-sale” period for booking summer ice, allowing first choice on sessions before it is open to non-members.** A discounted rate will be available during the pre-sale time only, and only for members. Pre-sale will only be limited to a few days. Once the pre-sale ends, non-members will have the ability to book ice as well. **With several rink closings in the area, we do anticipate that our sessions will be busy and may fill up quickly. Do not delay in booking ice and be sure to take advantage of the pre-sale, as it is the only way to guarantee you will get your first-choice sessions.**

RINK / CLUB PROTOCOL / PROCEDURES

We will also be sending new rink protocol to all members once we receive it from the rink office. Stay tuned for those official notices. This is what we have been told to expect for rink procedures as well as club protocol:

This is for the **LAWRENCE RINK (similar plan for Haverhill):**

- Skaters enter through lobby & immediately proceed to bleachers. Skaters are encouraged enter building dressed, skates on & ready to take the ice but they may put their skates on in the bleachers. Spots will be marked where they can sit to ensure social distance. Once a session ends, skaters are encouraged to put their guards on, gather their things & leave the building – remove skates in car, outside etc. However, you may remove skates on the bench if needed (see below for more info).
- 1 parent / guardian may enter building with skater if needed. Parents are encouraged to wait outside / in their cars if possible.
- **LOBBY, LOCKER ROOMS & CLUB ROOM WILL BE CLOSED.**
- Skaters & coaches may dress in the bleachers. Parents may sit socially distanced in bleachers if they choose to stay.
- Everyone **MUST** be wearing a mask at all times. Exception is skaters may remove mask **ONLY** when skating (but are encouraged to keep mask on while skating if they are able to). All other times skaters **MUST** be wearing one (getting ready, waiting in between sessions, leaving building).
- Skaters will remain spread out while entering the ice surface & should utilize both gates to prevent gathering if available.
- Once a session begins skaters will bring all belongings (which should all be able to fit in their skate bag) to the hockey benches. Bags should be spread out. Extra seating & mats will be added on either end of benches. Parents are allowed to assist skaters on the hockey bench at the end of the session if they need help removing their skates (but we encourage skaters to just put guards on & leave the area – remove skates outside or in car).

- Once session ends skaters will either use guards or remove skates & immediately exit the building using either the side door by visitor bench or front door (Lawrence) or emergency exit (Haverhill).
- Skaters, coaches, parents must exit the building IMMEDIATELY after their session ends (within 10 minutes), allowing next group to come in.
- NO congregating in lobby or bathrooms. Skaters will remain socially distant while waiting for ice makes etc.
- ON ICE: Initially we will not allow harness use as there is no easy way to disinfect it. Radio use will be limited. Sanitizing wipes will be used in between contact. We will try to limit it to one or two people playing music each day / session. Coaches will be in charge of this.
- NO BELTS. NO COMMUNITY TISSUES ETC. Bring your own. Sanitizer will be rink side & skaters should use it. Everyone should also have their own sanitizer with them to use in between sessions etc.
- NO In Person Walk-ons will be allowed – PRE BOOKING ONLY through Entryeeze. No exchange of cash or checks – everything has been moved to online only.
- During sessions: NO gathering on boards – KEEP MOVING / SKATING!
- Limit amount of personal belonging brought to ice. Everything should fit & be kept in a skate bag. We cannot clutter the boards with everyone’s belongings. Example: Water, music, tissues, only in small area on wall....everything else is in your skate back on the bench.
- No gathering in hockey bench. For coach use only to social distance (with exception of after session ends). Skaters should return to bleachers if they need to re-tie skates during a session.
- Coaches will teach from own areas on the rink – limit movement. Also refrain from physical contact with students– use verbal or visual cues instead of physical contact to teach. Masks must be worn by coaches at all times.
- We will be forming “training groups” to try to keep skaters & their coaches in separate areas as much as possible. Coaches to stick to their training area...skaters can utilize full ice surface. This will be a challenge for choreography, but we will have to work together to limit as much as possible for the initial return to ice.
- Rink will be posting notices about not entering if sick if you have been in contact with someone who has been sick etc. per CDC / state guidelines.
- Rink will be sanitizing regularly & purchased special disinfecting sprayers etc. to do so more effectively.

We will be sending more information about booking ice once it is open. **Please remember that memberships must be renewed by July 1st at the latest.** If your membership is expired, your Entryeeze account will not allow you to book ice. Membership renewal will be sent out soon!

Please email northeastisc@yahoo.com with questions & we hope to see you all soon!

Sincerely,
Northeast ISC Board of Directors