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Coaches/Executive Information

Here are some discussion items I would like to address:

- **Practice end time**

Just a reminder to have pucks and other equipment picked up prior to the practice ending and have the team, as well as coaches, leave the ice immediately at the buzzer so that we can keep other groups following your ice time on schedule.

- **Off-ice Warm-ups**

Realizing that our facility is not ideally designed for off-ice warm-up prior to games and/or practices, it is important to ensure that other users of the facility are not impacted when these are being done. We suggest the following:

- Weather permitting; the outside grounds can be used.
- Your assigned dressing room.
- If the activity does not interrupt the on-ice activity, the far corners on both ice rinks (SE on Gurney; SW on Davis) – this is not to occur when figure skating is on the ice.
- Book one of the meeting rooms for your off-ice warm-up through facility booking.

Upper and lower lobby areas, seating and walk areas in both rinks and/or the dressing corridor are not suitable areas.

- **Coaches Room**

There is one dressing room that we are keeping out of the rotation of the other rooms during normal rental activity as a separate coach's room for practice related activity for all organizations to share, whether you are on at the same time as another organization or alone. It is not posted on the dressing room board and **we still maintain that your team dressing room supervision needs to be priority. So, if you are using this room, please rotate your coaches so that the player room is supervised.** Take your valuables out on the ice with you or don't bring them into the building. We have issued a couple of keys to the front desk so that coaches can let themselves in and re-lock it when they are done – please ensure that the key you take is handed back into the customer service desk. With this dedicated room, at the very least, you will now be assured that if you need a room during your teams practice, there will be one here available for you during normal rental activity.

Tournaments, special events and activities beyond our control may change this access periodically.

- **Child/Player Supervision**

One of the main issues we see is the behaviour and supervision of players and children when they are in the building, generally outside, but related to, team activity. I know that coaches can't control the siblings, but they can, or should be able to, control their players when they are in our building as a team. An arena is not a "free for all" space for children to do as they please and their parents need to pay more attention to their children when they are in here – for their safety and others, as well as peace of mind that they know where their children are when off the ice. If you are having a parents meeting, this is something that could be mentioned and certainly if you do so and encounter resistance, present this information to them and send them my way.

- **Dressing Room Corridor**

The dressing room corridor is for the travel to and from dressing rooms for players, coaches, team officials, and, at times, parents. But it is not a gathering spot for parents and space is limited, so please ask parents that if they are needed for dressing their players, do so and move on to the lobby please.

Thank you,

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