

## **Markham Pan Am Centre Return to Competition Principles for a safe return to events**

**2021**

The Markham Pan Am Centre is committed to a safe and healthy return to sport event hosting. All sport organizations must follow all current public health guidelines and those set up by their National Sport Organization and Markham Pan Am Centre. These include a commitment to physical distancing at all stages of competition including, equipment cleanliness, hygiene, health monitoring, safe sport and on-going communication between the Pan Am Centre staff and your organization.

A return to sport competition must strictly adhere to the policies and procedures outlined by provincial and municipal governments and public health agencies that have been established to ensure a safe environment for all. The City of Markham has confirmed the 6 principals that will be followed in all facilities.

These principles include:

- Physical Distancing
- Hygiene
- Equipment Cleaning
- Individual Health Monitoring
- Safe Sport Environment
- Planning and Communications

All sport organizations will be required to create and follow a Return to Competition plan as outlined by their Sport Organization. It is recognized that each situation will vary from club to club, and sport to sport but the principles above should be applied when developing a competition plan. Please update all previous return to competition plans with current Sport Specific plans. All return to competition plans must adhere to the local public health information and guidelines, Provincial and National Sport Organization guidelines as well as the Markham Pan Am Centre's Covid-19 facility procedures.

## **Markham Pan Am Centre return to competition facility specific procedures.**

### **Prior to Return to Competition**

- Clubs must submit their sport specific Return to Competition plan to the Sport Development Team for approval
- The Pan Am Centre is currently operating at a 40% capacity for events in the gymnasium. Our full capacity in the main gymnasium, including spectators and athletes is 1900
- Spectators are limited
- There is no food services on site for spectators or athletes
- Timed sessions are encourage to provide a smooth transition between athletes and coaches.
- Submission of names & contact information, email address, and phone number of athletes & coaches attending each scheduled training sessions at least 48 hours in advance of the competition.
- **Please note that all waivers and vaccine status will be kept by the sport organization. The Pan Am Centre will not be keeping individual copies of these 'proof of' documents.**
- Facility usage contracts completed
- Certificate of Insurance submitted
- Payment completed
- Ongoing communication to ensure all current provincial and regional mandates are followed and to discuss the day to day management of the event.

### **Athlete preparation prior to arriving at Markham Pan Am Centre**

- **NEW** – City of Markham COVID Screening
  - o ALL Coaches and athletes will complete The City of Markham online pre-screening form prior to entrance to the facility. This pre-screening can be filled out any time prior to arrival of the facility.
  - o Athletes and Coaches must produce the pre-screening result to MPAC Staff when entering. MPAC staff are looking for a Green Checkmark on phone screen or print out.
  - o <https://www.markham.ca/SimpleTrack>
  - o QR codes and website links are available onsite to complete the assessment.
  - o Those who do not complete the assessment will be given a verbal screening. Please complete screening in advance to avoid entry delays.
  - o We recommend that the screening procedures are included in the registration package to ensure athletes and parents are aware of the entry procedures.

- To ensure the attendance is accurate, for each timed competition session, an event volunteer will check off the names of the athletes and spectators as they enter the facility.
- Athletes are to come dressed in sport attire
- Only bring equipment required for the day
- No food / drink is allowed in the venue. Water bottles only
- Change rooms remain closed

### **Arrival to Facility**

- Parking
  - Park in designated parking areas in the south parking lot. Follow all signage directing you to the Main Lobby.
- Drop off
  - Athletes can be dropped off in a designated location at the South East entrance.
- Only athletes and coaches who are registered to compete and are included in the previously submitted attendance list will be allowed entry.
- Spectators are limited to one parent to one athlete only at all times
- Face masks must be worn at all times by athletes, coaches, volunteers, officials and spectators.
- Athletes must follow their sport organizations protocols regarding masks while on the field of play.
- Athletes must follow the rules of entry times outlines by their sport organization.

### **Entrance to facility**

Clubs will have scheduled access to the facility for their designated competition time and be given an entry time to enter the facility. Athletes who do not arrive within the specified time will not be allowed entry into the facility.

A Markham Pan Am Centre staff member will unlock the front doors and greet the athletes at their scheduled entry time to the facility. The staff members will make contact with the volunteer or club representative to confirm all athletes present are at their correct entry time and have completed the COVID screening. Each athlete must be check in by the event designate to ensure the correct athletes are in the facility. Once confirmed, athletes and coaches will be directed to hand sanitize and follow the green arrows to the gymnasium.

Room capacities will be posted outside of each space used for the sport event.

### **Exit of Facility**

Athletes, guests, coaches and officials will exit the facility via the back west exit. No exiting allowed through the front main entrance.

### **Gymnasium**

Athletes & Coaches will go directly to the main gymnasium for a final check in. Participants are required to obey all signage and floor markings. Once in the gymnasium, athletes will be

directed to the appropriate area on the gymnasium floor. Masks must be worn at all times unless on the field of play competing.

### **Washrooms**

Athletes will not be allowed to shower at the facility. Athletes may use the washroom in the change rooms located down the athlete's hallway.

Coaches, officials, volunteers and event organizers will use the washrooms located in the front lobby. Spectators will use the washrooms located on the second floor at the east and west end of the facility.

### **Spectator Seating**

Limited spectator seating is available. One parent / guardian may escort one athlete into the facility for their timed competition session. Social distancing must be maintained in the seating area. Available seats are easily identified by green stickers located on the backs of the bleacher chairs. Spectator capacity is set at 250 guests for the September 18 – 19, 2021 event. City of Markham staff will be playing a larger role in bleacher seating placements and reminding guests to wear their face masks at all times.

### **Spectators**

Spectators remain limited to one parent per household to accompany athletes 12 years old and under into the Pan Am Centre during each timed competition session. Spectators are required to sit in the bleachers seating, socially distanced and may not bring any food or drink into the facility. Face masks must be kept on at all times.

### **Masks**

Masks must be worn in all indoor & outdoor settings. Athletes can remove their mask just prior to entering the field of play and put them on immediately following their competition. It is the responsibility of the event organizers to manage where face masks are stored while athletes are competing and how they will receive their mask back following their competition.

Coaches and officials must wear their masks at all times in the facility.

### **Equipment**

Athletes and coaches must bring their own equipment. Markham Pan Am Centre will not lend equipment, such as sport balls for event use. Equipment should not be shared between competitors. The sport organization must clean their Field of Play following each timed competition using approved disinfectant approved by the Ministry of Health.

### **Portable Radio**

The event organizer will be given a portable radio, set to channel 1, to communicate with the Pan Am Event lead.

### **Competition Numbers**

The Markham Pan Am Centre is currently operating at a 40% capacity. We will allow 250 athletes on the floor at one time and 250 spectators. These numbers cannot be increased at this time due to Public Health restrictions.

### **Physical Distancing in the gymnasium**

Athlete physical distancing will be the responsibility of the Event organizer. It is essential that social distancing is considered when organizing timed sessions. Athletes are encouraged to leave personal bags at home or leave them with a parent.

### **Warm Up Hall**

If the Warm up Hall is being used, social distancing must be adhered to and volunteers must be in the Warm up Hall to oversee the athletes. Capacity in the Warm up Hall is 100 people.

### **Completion of Competition**

Athletes shall exit the facility immediately following their event. Athletes and coaches must leave the venue to avoid overcrowding and exit through the back west exterior doors.

### **First Aid**

It is the responsibility of the coaches to ensure that they have a stocked first aid kit at each sport event and medical support. If EMS is required, the coach will call 911 and ensure that a Markham Pan Am Staff person is informed of the call.

### **Food Services**

Currently there are no food services allowed in the bleachers at the Pan Am Centre. No food or drink, including coffee can be brought into the venue. Athletes may bring in a water bottle.

If meeting rooms have been booked for the event, food can be brought in for volunteers and judges. The current capacity for Room 3 – 4 is 33 people in total and they must be socially distanced. If lunch tables are set up, 3 people may sit at each 6' table.

**Effective Friday October 1, all athletes and coaches participating in training or competitions, in York Region must be fully vaccinated and show proof of vaccination and ID.**

