**Health and Safety Procedures**

In the effort to provide an opportunity for skaters to engage in competition while maintaining the health and safety of skaters, coaches, families, volunteers, and rink staff, White Rose Figure Skating Club has created a health and safety plan for the 2021 White Rose Invitational Competition. We understand that these procedures are very different from what most skaters have come to expect as “normal” in a competition setting, but we as a club are committed to offering an opportunity for skaters to showcase their skills while still adhering to state and local protocols and maintaining the safest possible environment for skaters, officials, coaches, spectators, volunteers, and rink staff. Please note that these procedures have been created based on state and local guidance and may be subject to change if new guidance emerges throughout the months leading up to the event. In the event of any changes, this announcement will be updated on our website and all registered participants will be notified via email.

**Face Coverings:** All persons present must wear a face covering at all times while inside the facility, except where medical exemptions apply. Spectators, coaches, officials and volunteers must wear a face covering at all times. Skaters should wear a face covering at all times except while on the ice.

**Social Distancing:**  Once our skaters, coaches, and spectators are registered and temperature checked, they will follow the appropriate arrows and signs to get to their designated areas. Officials and coaches will be guided to their designated “hospitality rooms.” We will have an additional room if needed to allow for social distancing. Spectators will be guided into the rink and will be reminded to sit 6 feet apart. There will be signs as reminders and volunteers walking throughout the rink to enforce the social distancing guidelines. Those that do not practice social distancing will be escorted out of the building.

**Warm up Areas**: There will be areas throughout the facility designated for skaters to warm up.

**Hospitality Rooms**: Individually wrapped foods, snacks and beverages will be available and main entrees will be made to order for the judges/officials in the café or ordered from an outside vendor on the day of the event. Coaches will also have prepackaged foods, snacks and beverages available. The rooms provided will follow the social distancing guidelines. The hospitality room will allow for social distancing. The officials, judges and coaches will sit 6 feet apart.

**Cleaning procedures**: In addition to our hand sanitizing areas, we will have volunteers clean frequently touched areas throughout the facility on the day of the event.

**Official Stand:** The platforms will allow the officials to sit 6 feet apart while judging the skaters.

**Parents/Spectators:** We understand that many skaters require adult assistance with costume changes, tying of skates, transportation and assembly of props, and other tasks throughout a competition. However, in an effort to limit the number of people in the facility at any given time, as well as to limit the potential for large gatherings within the facility, we ask that each skater be accompanied by spectators into the rink only when their skater’s event is scheduled to begin, remain in the spectator viewing area to watch the event, maintain appropriate social distance from other spectators, and exit to the lobby or outside immediately after the event concludes. Doors will be clearly labeled as “Enter” or “Exit” to ensure a safe flow of traffic in and out of the rink area and spectator viewing area.

**Arrival and Departure:** Please arrive to the York City Ice Arena no more than one hour prior to your first scheduled event. Please arrive dressed and ready for your first event, including hair and make-up, in order to minimize the need for changing areas. York Ice Arena cannot open locker rooms at this time. After the posting of results from your final event of the day, we ask that you obtain your awards from the registration area and then exit the facility immediately in order to minimize the likelihood of large gatherings. The doors to enter and exit the York City Ice Arena are clearly marked with “entrance” and “exit.” We ask that all guests please follow the flow of traffic indicated by the posted signage and avoid congregating in large groups while inside the facility.

**Registration:** Upon arrival at the York City Ice Arena, all guests including skaters, coaches, officials, volunteers, and spectators should report immediately to the registration desk. Each skater, official, coach, spectator, and volunteer will need to complete a COVID self-screener and liability waiver, either on-line or in person on the day of the event. No one who presents with COVID symptoms will be permitted in the facility. Please arrive no more than one hour prior to your first event.

**Locker Rooms:** We cannot guarantee the locker rooms will be open on the day of the event. This is subject to change based on the lifting of restrictions. Please arrive to the facility dressed and ready for your first event, including hair and make-up. We will try to have areas safely set up for makeup prep and bag storage for the competition. Bathrooms will also be open on the day of the event.

**Awards:** Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee an awards ceremony for this competition due to social distancing requirements. Weather permitting, we may conduct the awards ceremonies outside the rink on the front lawn. Awards will still be given for 1st-3rd place in each event, but should be picked up from the registration area once the results for an event are finalized. Once a skater has received the results and awards from their final event of the day, we respectfully ask that they leave the facility to keep the total number of people as low as possible.

**Lost and Found**: Unfortunately, we cannot hold items at the rink at this time. Please bring only what you will need for the event and make certain that you keep track of your belongings at all times.

Please remember that these are our procedures based on state and local guidance at this time. These ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE if necessary as new guidance is emerging constantly. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility, and we hope you will join us for the 2021 White Rose Invitational Competition! If you have any questions, please contact the competition co-chairs:

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