

# GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL RECREATION COMMITTEE

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## Grande Prairie Regional Recreation Committee Introducing New Arena User Behaviour Guidelines

The Grande Prairie Regional Recreation Committee (GPRRC) is introducing new arena user behaviour guidelines at all participating regional facilities, effective October 1, 2020.

The new guidelines are being implemented to create consistent standards for user groups and individuals regardless of what arena they are attending, while also creating a safe and respectful environment for all arena attendees.

Each facility renter is responsible for the conduct of participants and spectators during their rental period. Non-compliance of these guidelines may result in loss of booking privileges and/or removal from the facility.

The guidelines were created by GPRRC in consultation with regional ice managers and arena users.

The Regional Arena User Behaviour Guidelines are as follows:

- **Controlled Substances (Alcohol and Cannabis)**
  - Consumption or presence of controlled substances of any kind by participants and/or spectators in the facility is prohibited.
  - Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the facility unless specifically approved in writing and subject to compliance with applicable municipal, provincial or federal regulations.
  - Smoking tobacco products, vaping or consumption of cannabis is not permitted in the facility.
- **User Conduct**
  - Profanity, aggressive and disrespectful behaviour from players, coaches or spectators is prohibited.
  - Spitting is prohibited anywhere in the facility.
  - Users must vacate ice and dressing rooms in accordance with the facility's policy
  - All guidelines provided by Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health, must be adhered to at all times.
- **Banners, Signs and Clothing**
  - Signs, posters, clothing or messages with explicit language, profanity or derogatory characterization directed toward any person or groups are prohibited.
  - Signs cannot be posted in or attached to the facility without prior approval.
- **Food and Beverage**
  - Food is not permitted on any playing surface.
  - Glass containers are prohibited.
  - All users must honour food service contractual arrangements specific to the facility.

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More information about the guidelines are available at [www.gprrc.ca/ice-surfaces.html](http://www.gprrc.ca/ice-surfaces.html).

The GPRRC thanks all users for their understanding and co-operation and looks forward to these continuous efforts to increase the opportunity to enjoy sports for participants and spectators alike.

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