



Dear Participant:

The Austin Figure Skating Club welcomes you to the 2021 Skate Austin Bluebonnet Open. All events will be April 22-25, 2021 at the brand-new Crossover in Cedar Park. We are excited to show-off our new facility!

The Bluebonnet Open and The Crossover will be complying with all Local regulations and any additional public health notices in place at the time of the Bluebonnet Open, including requirements from US Figure Skating. Masks will be required for entry to The Crossover. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Below is our health and safety plan for the event with specific instructions for athletes, coaches, chaperones, officials and volunteers. You will only be allowed to enter the facility approximately 30-45 minutes before your scheduled practice and/or competition times. The time is listed on the detailed schedule under the column "enter arena". From there, everyone will go to their specific waiting area as directed by our ushers or ambassadors.

No one will be allowed in the facility after your event is completed. If you have 2 events, you will re-enter at your next start time. This is all explained below.

We have also attached the Crossover's own health and safety plan for your convenience.

We look forward to a fun and safe event!

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# 2021 Bluebonnet Open Operations & Safety Plan

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## Overall Event

- Waivers must be signed before participating in the Event.
- Masks must always be worn covering mouth and nose. No one will be allowed in the arena without a mask; no exceptions per US Figure Skating Policy.
- Skaters must wear masks during practice ice and warm up's but can remove them for the actual performances.
- Temperature will be checked & screening will be administered daily. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 or higher will not be permitted into the arena. No exceptions.
- General registration for Athletes, Chaperones, and Coaches will be located at front desk area.
- Athletes will check-in at a separate Event Check-in Table located in main hallway at time designated on schedule.
- You may only enter the arena at specific times based on when your practice ice/competition time is (see detailed scheduled)
- There will be NO spectators allowed at the events, other than the Chaperone(s).
- Two (2) chaperones per registered athlete will be admitted for the athlete's actual competition time (no access to practice ice). The chaperone must be over the age of 18 and an immediate family member as defined in U.S. Figure Skating's SafeSport Handbook. Chaperones will not be permitted at ice level in the arena. They are to go upstairs to the viewing and maintain 6 feet social distancing at all times (outside of family unit). Once your skater's group is done skating, please leave the viewing area and meet your athlete in the long hallway outside the arena area.
- \*Exception is made to allow one Chaperone to accompany 12 year and younger Athlete after event check-in to assist with skates but are not allowed to enter the arena area.
- Skate Orders and Results will only be posted online at [link to be added later]
- Medals will be given for 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Place for Compete USA events and 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> for all other events. Awards will be presented immediately after the event as soon as results are published. Awards will be handed to athletes in plastic bags. No gathering or photos permitted inside the building
- Locker Rooms will NOT be available
- Come dressed and ready to skate. No dressing or make-up in restrooms.
- There will be a Zoom orientation session held for participants at [TBD]

## Schedule

A Detailed Schedule for the competition is available on Entryze. Athletes and coaches have designated arrival times (Event Check-in) for both competition and practice ice. No individual will have access to the building without appropriate supervision. Ushers will lead athletes to the appropriate locations for off-ice warm up, access to the ice and out of the building.

## Building Access and Layout

- Pathways have been established within the arena to minimize footprint and socialization between groups. You will not be permitted access to arena until your designated time per the detailed schedule. Athletes who miss their arrival time will be escorted to the appropriate area in accordance with their schedule – cannot 'redo' warm up.
- Detailed layouts and pathways are shown for Athletes, Chaperones, Coaches and Officials are in the appendix of this document.

- Social distancing of all persons in the building is encouraged and will be demonstrated by clearly marked areas at registration tables, within the officials' panels, designated ready areas which includes marks for individual skaters, designated rink-side coaching slots on the boards during warm-ups.
- Easy access/availability of hand sanitizer throughout the facility.

## Athletes

- Temperature will be checked & screening will be administered each time you enter the building. No one will be permitted in the building with a temperature of 100.4degrees or higher.
- Masks must always be worn (covering mouth and nose – no exceptions) as described above.
- Athletes may only bring what they can carry, as they must carry items with them as they move from station to station.
- Once checked in with Event Check-in at the designated time (see detailed schedule) please proceed to your assigned usher/ambassador. This is also listed on the detailed schedule. Athletes will be escorted to the off-ice warm-up area and then to the “ready room” where skaters will leave their belongings and put their skates on. If skaters are not able to put their own skates on, please put them on in the warm-area.
- After event check-in Chaperones will be diverted away from the athlete flow into designated observation areas in the arena.
- For athletes that are 12 years old and under one designated chaperone may, only if necessary, accompany the athlete to assist with putting on skates in the warm-up area as shown in Figure 1 for Gold Rink and Figure 2 for Silver Rink, but exit to Chaperone area before the athlete progresses to the Ready Rooms.
- After prior group is finished the current event group will then enter the ice for their warmup.
- Athletes will enter and exit the ice through designated gates that will be clearly signed.
- There will be chairs available for them to sit on while the group is skating. Please clean off chairs/benches, etc. when leaving your chair (disinfectant wipes will be available but we recommend you bring your own).
- Once an Athlete has completed their program for the event, they must remove their skates, gather their belongings, and exit the rink side to the lobby and please go to the awards table.
- Athletes and chaperones must leave the facility until online results are live and may only return to collect medals at the scheduled awards time. If they are in multiple events that with start times very within 30 minutes, they may stay in their pod.
- See Figure 1 details of the Athlete flow for events on the Gold Rink and Figure 2 for events on the Silver Rink.

Figure 1- Event Flow for Athletes on Gold Rink

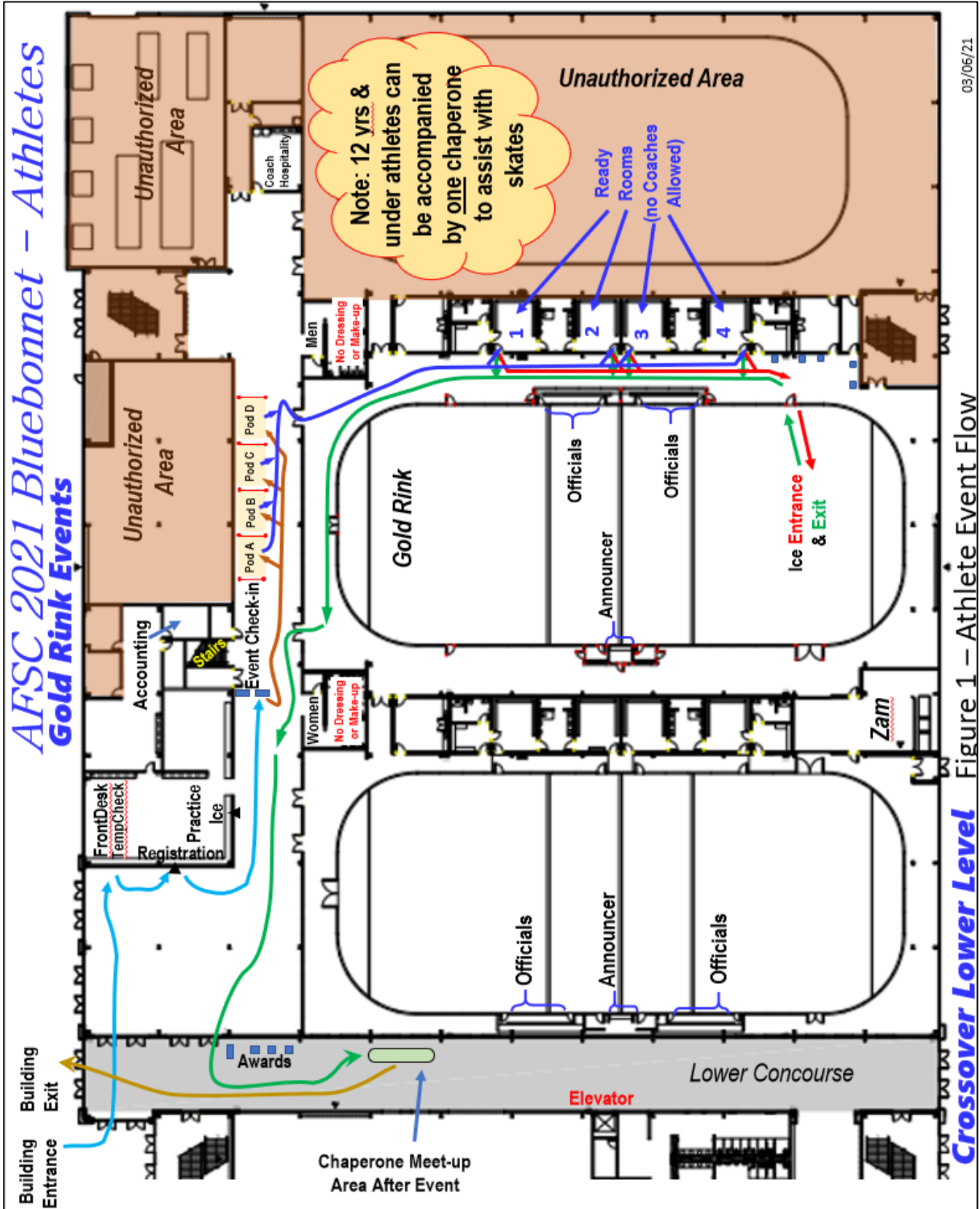
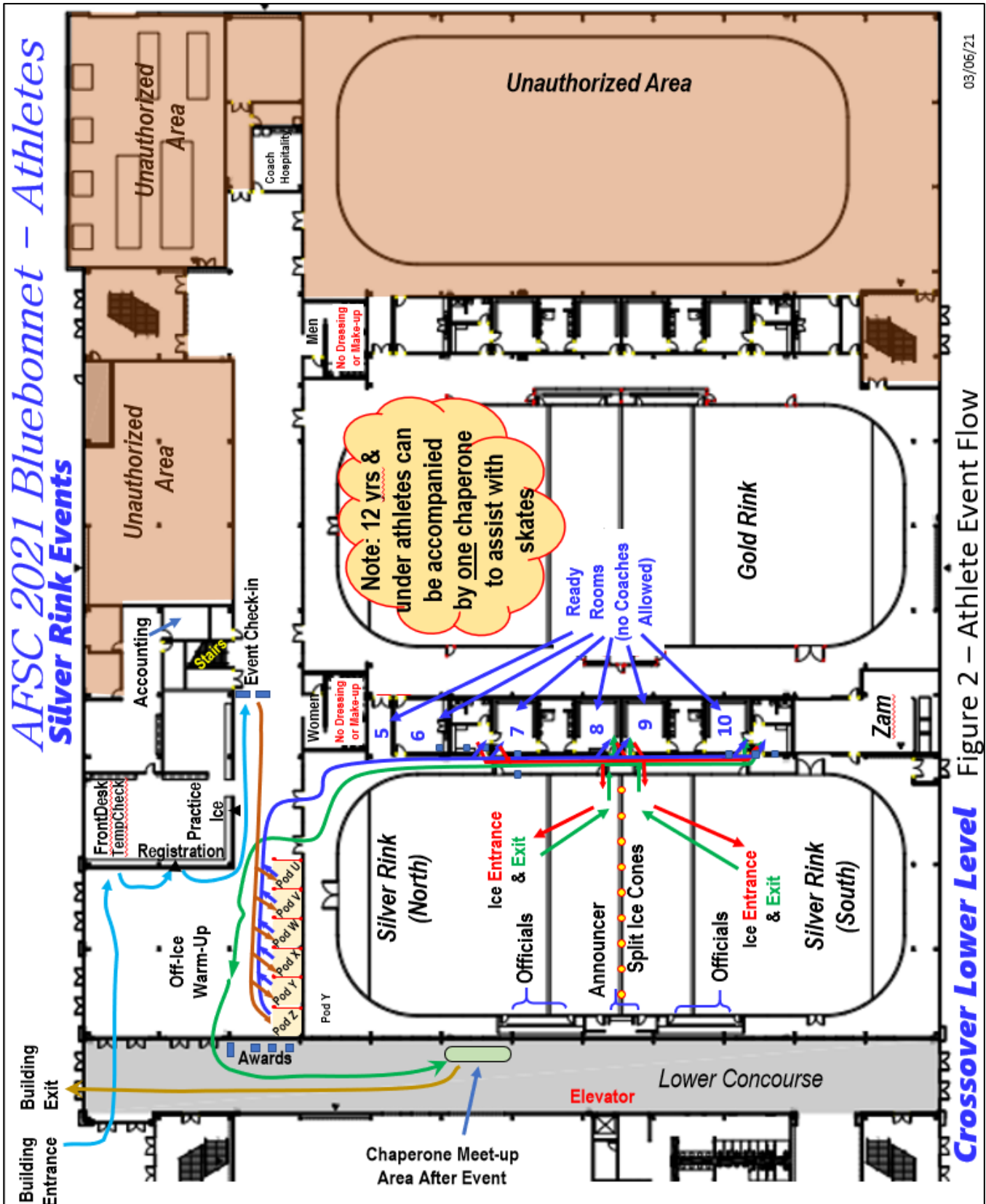


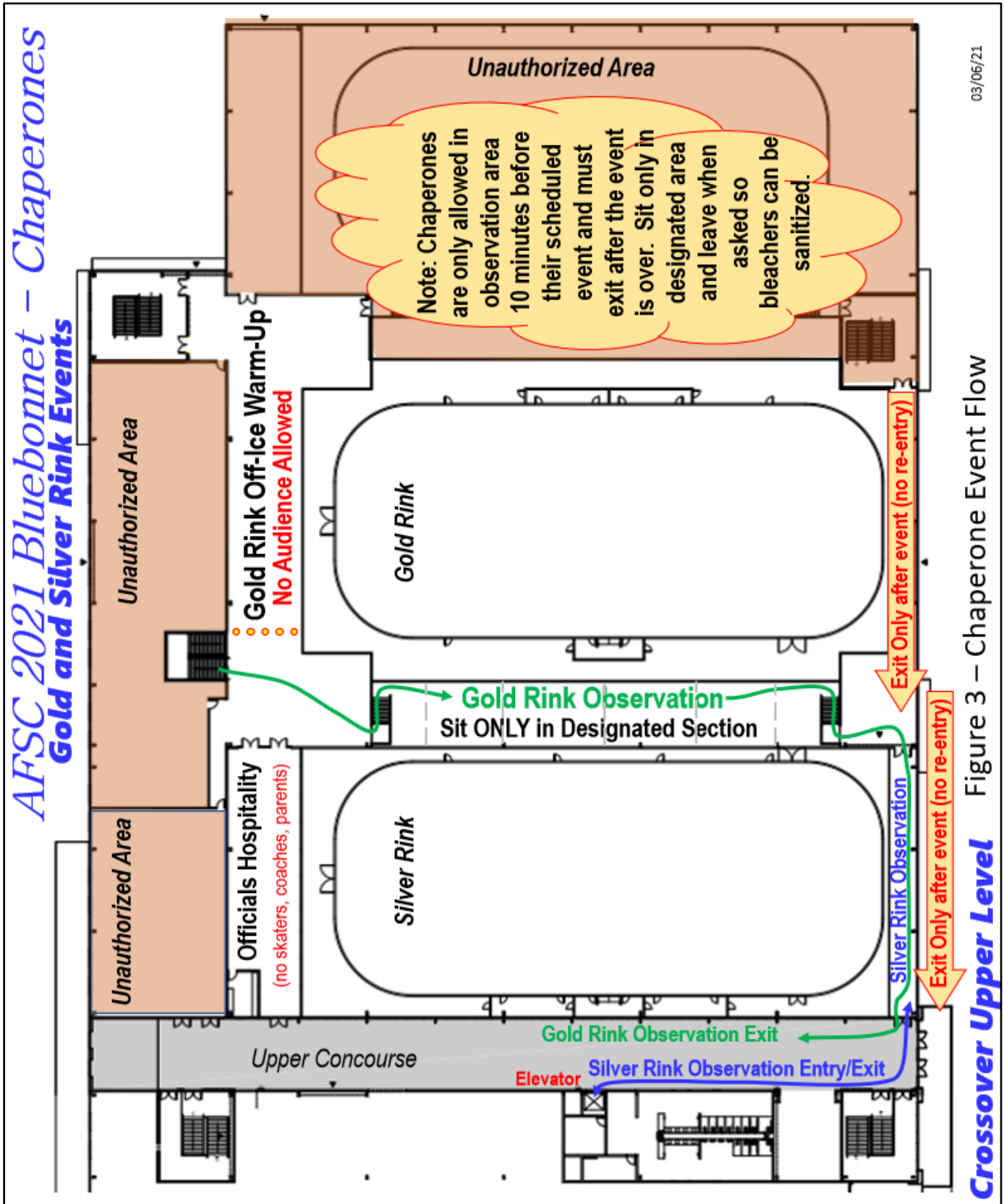
Figure 2 -Event Flow for Athletes on Silver Rink



## Chaperones

- Temperature will be checked & screening will be administered each time you enter the arena. No one will be permitted in the building with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher.
- Masks must always be worn (covering mouth and nose – no exceptions)
- Two (2) chaperones per registered athlete will be admitted to the observation area for the athlete's actual competition time (no access to practice rink). The chaperone must be over the age of 18 and an immediate family member as defined in U.S. Figure Skating's SafeSport Handbook.
- Exception will be made to allow young children that don't have alternate child care provisions to accompany their parent Chaperone in the Observation Areas but must under supervision of parent at all times.
- For athletes that are 12 years old and under, one designated chaperone may, only if necessary, accompany the athlete to assist with putting on skates in the warm-up area as shown in Figure 1 for Gold Rink and Figure 2 for Silver Rink, but exit to Chaperone area before the athlete progresses to the Ready Rooms.
- Chaperones will be diverted to observation area immediately after Event Check-in
- Chaperones for the Gold Rink events can enter the bleacher area on the Upper Level 10 minutes before scheduled skate start time for their skater and sit only in the designated section of the bleachers for that Event/Warmup Group. When that event/warmup event is over all Chaperones for that group will exit through the far end of the bleachers so that section of the bleachers can be sanitized.
- Chaperones for the Silver Rink can enter the catwalk at the south end of the upper-level concourse of the Silver Rink 10 minutes before start time for their skater and exit as soon as their event/warm-up group is over.
- Once the Athlete has skated their program, Chaperones must leave the observation area and meet their athletes in the outside concourse on the lobby level and leave the facility. **ATHLETES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE STANDS/ARENA SEATING.**
- Athletes and chaperones must leave the facility until online results are live and may only return to collect medals at the scheduled awards time.
- Figure 3 shows the event flow for Chaperones.

Figure 3 -Event Flow for Chaperones





## Coaches

- Temperature will be checked & screening will be administered each time you enter the arena. No one will be permitted in the building with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher.
- Masks must always be worn (covering mouth and nose – no exceptions)  
Coaches should not stay in the building between events, unless they have another skater already in the building.
- Two (2) coaches will be allowed per skater in the building.
- Ice monitors will assign coaches a location to coach from during Practice Ice / Event warm-up. Please honor that location.
- Remote coaching via a communication device - A coach may communicate with a skater during practice ice and events as long as all SafeSport criteria and competition policies are met, including:
  - The skater's personal phone may not be used for communications.
  - The phone may not be brought on the ice, or propped up so that it could fall on the ice.
  - Two deep leadership must be adhered to while the communications are taking place. Event volunteers will not be able to fulfill the role.
  - Parents and other skaters are not allowed rink side during practice ice or events. Two deep leadership for such times would need to be fulfilled by another credentialed PSA compliant coach with appropriate access.
  - There are no exceptions to these policies, and violations may be reported to PSA and SafeSport.
- Coaches are not permitted in the awards area or ready rooms.
- The event flow for Coaches is shown in Figure 4.
- Hospitality for Coaches and Volunteers is located on the Lower Level as shown in Figure 4.

## Officials

- Temperature will be checked & screening will be administered each time you enter the arena. No one will be permitted in the building with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher.
- Masks must always be worn (covering mouth and nose – no exceptions)
- Snacks and meals will be available from Official's hospitality which is located on the Upper Level.
- Hospitality items can only be consumed in the designated eating area.
- The event flow for Officials is shown in Figure 5.

Figure 4 -Event Flow for Coaches

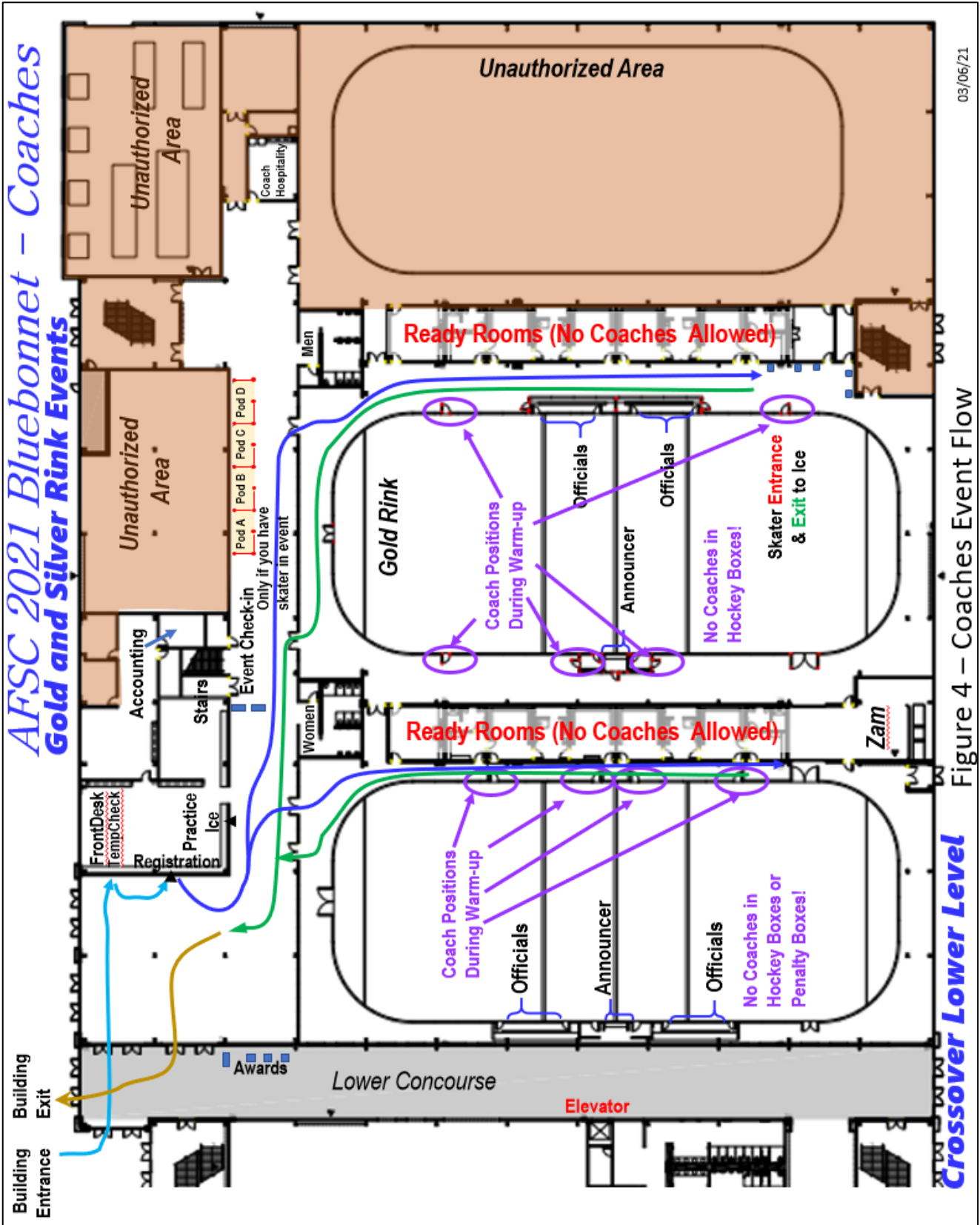


Figure 5 -Event Flow for Officials

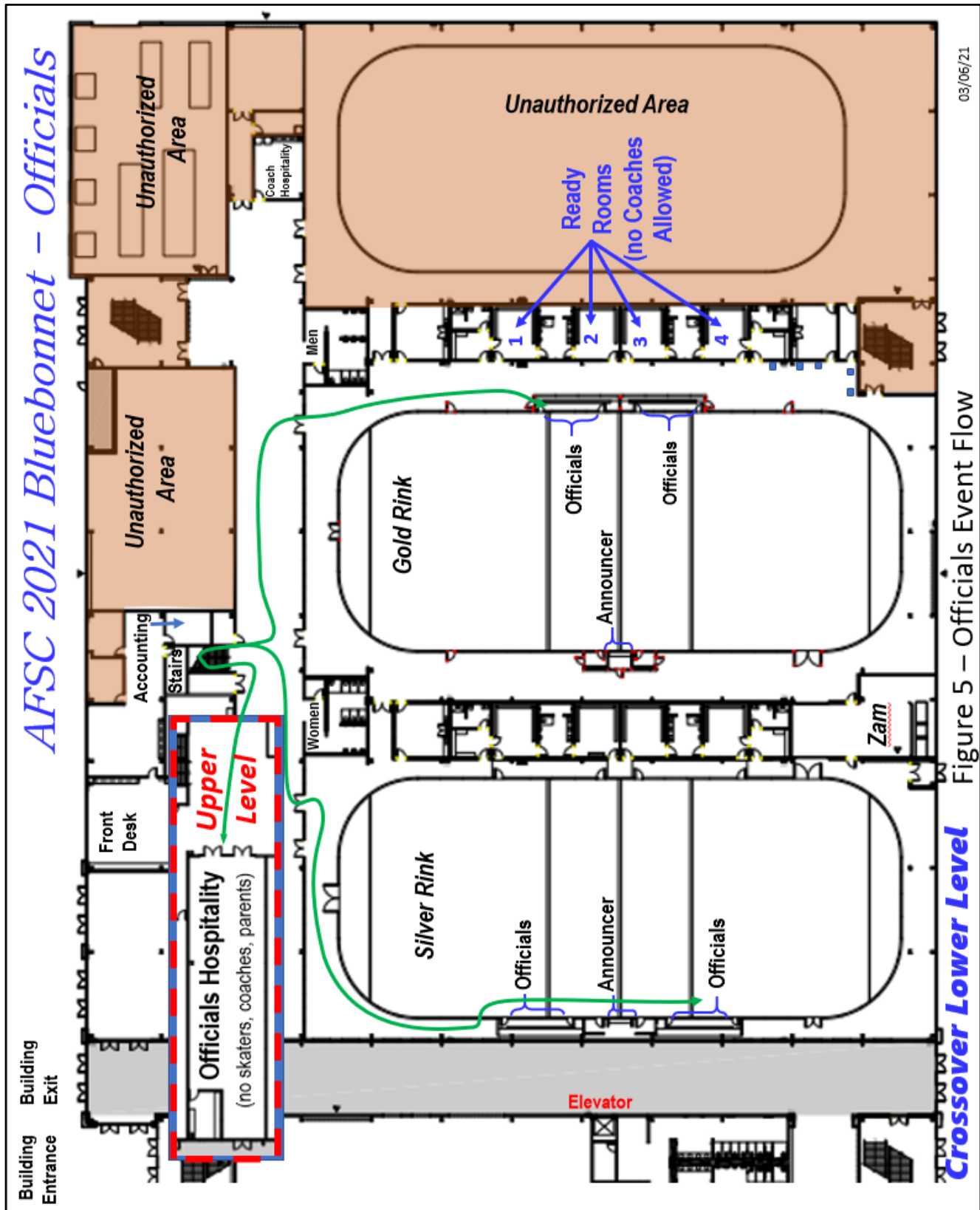


Figure 5 – Officials Event Flow

## Volunteers

- Temperature will be checked & screening will be administered each time you enter the arena. No one will be permitted in the building with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher.
- Masks must always be worn (covering mouth and nose – no exceptions)
- After you check-in, you will receive your assignments and instructions
- There will be a mandatory virtual training session (date and time to be announced)

## Disinfecting Process

- Warm up areas will be disinfected after each pod has exited
- After each event Segment, Chairs and areas that have been touched by the skaters/coaches will be disinfected.
- The bleacher section the Chaperones and Chaperones used will be disinfected per rotation schedule.
- Practice Ice areas will be disinfected at scheduled times throughout the day, in line with ice cuts.
- Officials staging area will be disinfected at scheduled times throughout the day, in line with ice cuts.

## COVID Considerations

- Must not be exposed to known positive covid-19 individuals without proper droplet plus universal precautions (gloves, gown, mask, shield).
- Must not have a cluster of the CDC signs/symptoms of Covid-19
- Temperature not to exceed 100.4 degrees
- Any individuals unable to pass temperature screen to not be permitted into the event.