



Welcome back **Rattler** families, we are looking forward to the 2023/24 Season!

We are so excited to be back on the ice. There are a few changes to our rink protocols this year and we wanted to make sure everyone is aware of them. **Please help remind your skater and those visiting of the changes below.** Thank you in advance for helping us to remain as responsible guests in this beautiful facility.

General Facility Rules & Reminders:

- No Rattlers are allowed to enter the dining hall area on the East Rink. All spaces on the East side are for the Berkshire School Community Only. This includes the student lounge, Shawn's Place (in the old concession area), and the elevated area around the dining hall.
- If the upstairs heated center hallway is not being utilized by students, families may view practice from this area. (There are some small round tables and chairs available.)
- There is no stick handling or rough play allowed anywhere in the building. We know it can be difficult to wait your turn for practice but please bring a quiet activity.
- Please return any stray pucks you find; we use special non-marking pucks.
- All Rattlers need to be supervised by an adult while in the facility.

Arrival & Parking:

- Please note that we can no longer drive up the right side of the rink by bus parking. Drive in front of the rink and around the left/West side.
- We can park behind the building and on the left/West side of the rink.
- Please enter through the back door behind the rink.
- There is a new one-way traffic pattern in front of the rink. When arriving, drive close to the building, exit through the parking loop in the front of the building. (Diagram below)
- You may pause and drop a skater off in front of the rink, but no car may be left unattended.

Locker rooms & Gear:

- As usual the start of the season is short on space until fall sports end. Please arrive at least partially dressed in your gear, if possible, to save time and space.
- No skaters may dress/undress in the lower lobby area. This is a public entrance for the Berkshire community, please use only assigned spaces/locker rooms.
- Locker room assignments are posted on the big screen TV in the lower lobby.
- Did you outgrow your gear? We are happy to store it for our next equipment swap!

Watching Practice & Games:

- We can watch practice from ice the level or in the bleachers. Please use the back stairs to travel between floors.
- If not being used by students, the upstairs heated center hallway way also be available for families.

Concessions & Events:

- We will be holding a concession stand during home games at ice level in the Northwest corner of the rink.
- Your team parent will send out information to help coordinate home game volunteers for concessions, clock, score, and penalty box. Please remember that all families are expected to participate – this helps to keep our costs low!
- We will be holding our 2 annual home tournaments!
 - o The Mite Jamboree will take place Saturday November 25th
 - o The Jimmy Welch Tournament will take Place February 2nd-4th
 - These are big fundraisers for our program – thanks in advance for volunteering during these home tournaments!

Contacts & Schedules:

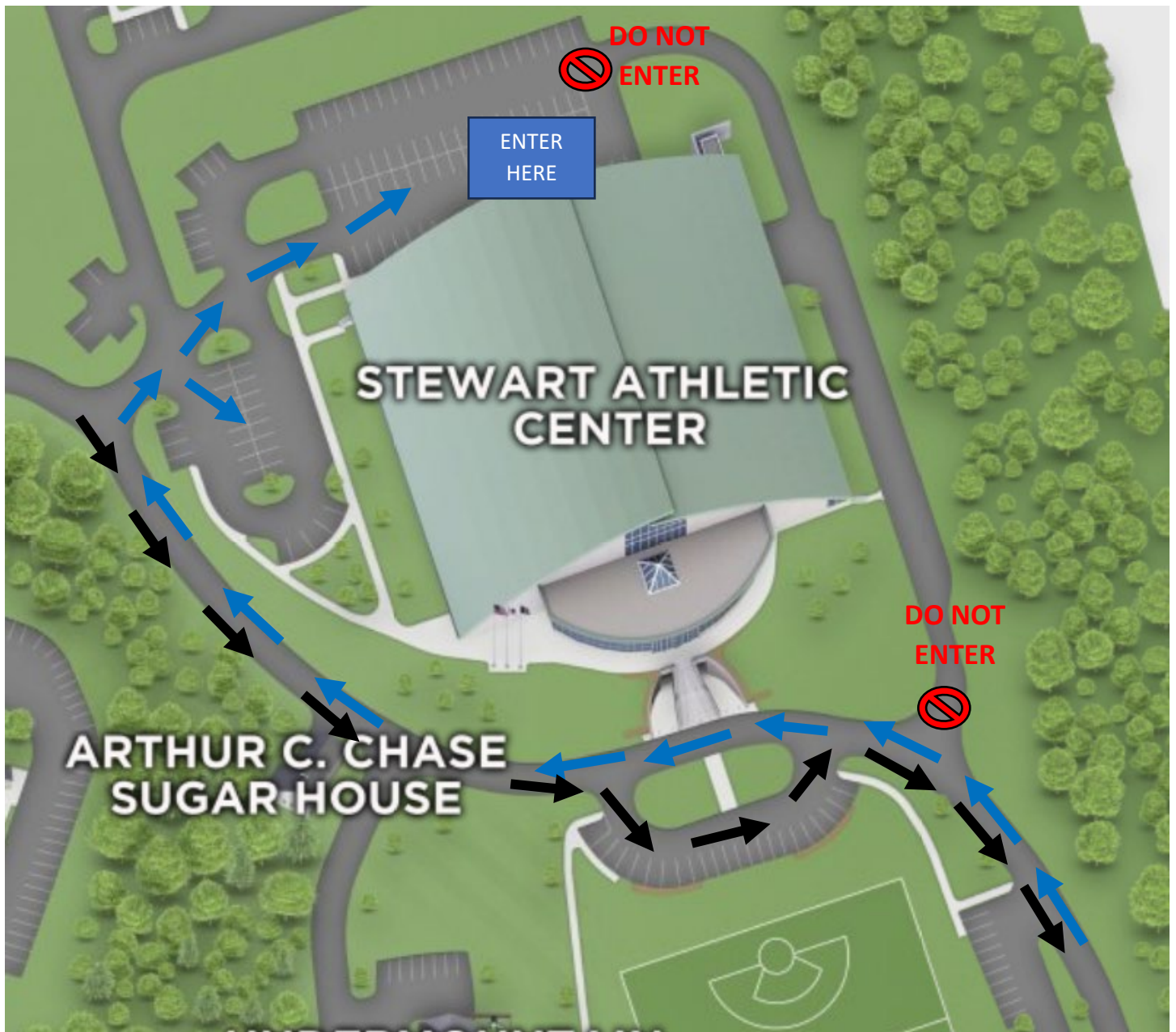
- Please download the Crossbar app. Crossbar is a great way to communicate with your team, coach, and stay up to date on practice times and games! (Please remember to RSVP for practice & games through the app)
- Have a team specific question? Please reach out to your team parent and/or coach.
- Have a question about the organization or league?
 - o Please contact board president Rick Rossano tararick@yahoo.com (c) 518-965-5634
 - o or vice-president Sarah Siket rattlershockeyorg@gmail.com (c) 518-210-5889

Thank you!

- We understand that hockey is a family commitment, and we truly appreciate all you do!
- Thank you in advance for helping to remind your skater(s) and our guests about the new protocols this season.
- Our program survives because of your donations and willingness to volunteer. Thank you for making affordable youth hockey possible.
- Interested in being more involved? Talk to a board member about joining a committee or becoming a team parent!

Thank you!

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