

CITY OF SOLDOTNA
RESOLUTION 2021-009

A RESOLUTION UPDATING THE SOLDOTNA REGIONAL SPORTS COMPLEX COVID-19 PROTOCOLS TO INCREASE SPECTATOR CAPACITY TO 750 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE KENAI RIVER BROWN BEARS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2020-2021 HOCKEY SEASON

WHEREAS, the Administration and Soldotna City Council have implemented various COVID-19 protocols at the Soldotna Regional Sports Complex (SRSC), in response to the public health emergency over the past ten months; and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2021, the Council adopted Resolution 2021-001, establishing the current set of facility rules which include the requirement that all spectators wear masks while in the facility, and that attendance for spectators at ice events shall be limited to 250 persons; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai River Brown Bears (KRBB) junior hockey team has been playing all of its games for the 2020-2021 season out of state, due to challenges associated with travel during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the KRBB desires to schedule games on their home ice at SRSC in Soldotna for five weekends beginning March 26, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the KRBB, through its General Manager, has requested the Council amend its current protocols, to allow a minimum of 750 fans to attend games at SRSC; and

WHEREAS, the KRBB requests approval to operate a beer garden during games; and

WHEREAS, KRBB requests the opportunity to work with the Mayor and Council to jointly build a plan of preparedness to match community needs for health and safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLDOTNA, ALASKA:

Section 1. The Soldotna Regional Sports Center is open to all regular ice activities, according to the COVID-19 protocols outlined in this resolution.

Section 2. Spectators: Effective March 24, 2021, if the average daily case rate of COVID-19 cases in the Central Kenai Peninsula remains at or below the threshold established in Section 6 of this resolution, 750 spectators shall be allowed in the building during any ice event.

Section 3. Masks: All persons entering the building are required to wear masks at all times, except athletes and officials when they are on the ice. Coaches must wear masks at all times, even when on the ice. By definition, on the ice includes penalty benches and team benches.

Section 4. Agreement: The City Manager is authorized to execute an agreement with the KRBB for the remainder of the 2020-2021 hockey season, according to the same terms and conditions as the previous agreement, unless otherwise indicated in this resolution.

Section 5. Social Distancing: Spectators shall practice social distancing while in the SRSC, maintaining a physical distance of at least 6 feet from other people who are not from their household.

Section 6. Community Risk Level: Should the number of COVID-19 cases in the Central Kenai Peninsula exceed an average daily case rate of 10 per 100,000 population over a 14-day period, the spectator capacity allowed at any ice event at SRSC shall automatically reduce to 250 people and the Council will re-evaluate the SRSC COVID-19 protocols.

Section 7. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021.

Paul J. Whitney, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michelle M. Saner, MMC, City Clerk

Yes:
No:
Absent: