

Location: 501 Fayetteville St. Raleigh, NC 27601 (There is no real address, but it is across from the downtown Raleigh Marriott and Starbucks)

Jerseys: You will be picking up your jerseys at the downtown rink prior to the game. We have members from 3 different rinks so this has always been the best way to handle this. Please try to check in at least 15 minutes prior to your first game to ensure that you can meet your coach and receive your jersey.

Changing: There are no locker rooms or facilities to change in at the downtown rink. Being that it may be cold that evening I suggest that all participants get mostly dressed at home and only save their helmets and skates to put on after arriving at the rink.

Gear: Double check everything before leaving the house. There is no extra gear at the downtown rink, besides skates. Double socks, long sleeve shirts, and small gloves that fit in the hockey gloves are great options for cold weather. It is better to bring too many clothes than not enough.

Parking: If you can find parking on the street, feel free. Some parking decks do charge even after 6:00 PM. The parking deck on Wilmington Street (Between Cabarrus and E. Davie St.) has been free in the past on weekends and weeknights after 6:00 PM. I would assume it will be the same. It may be easier to drop off the participant with a trusted adult and then go park.

Weather: In the event of severe weather forecasts (rain), I will give a probable decision via email the night before and will be making the day of the event. The final decision will be decided prior to 1.5 hours of the first event. Please do not assume that the event is cancelled. There will be no refunds (Jerseys have been ordered and paid for). You will be notified via email. Hopefully, this is just a precaution, but if any of the levels are cancelled I am waiting on confirmation to move that level to January 25th. We will do everything in our power to make sure that all participants get a chance to play. Of course, we apologize for any inconvenience the weather may have on your plans.

Staying Warm: I suggest packing a blanket and some warm clothes as well as some dry warm clothes for your player for when they finish. Double socks for all isn't a bad idea either. Sometimes the rink sells hot chocolate when it is cold. If not, there are other options available nearby. Just remember, there is no snack bar to keep warm in during the games so come prepared for the real deal 😊

Volunteering: We will need a few volunteers for the beginning of each event to handle check in's, jersey hand outs, and coaches (glorified door holders). If any parent coaches now or have coached in the past please contact me as well as anyone interested in helping out with check ins and jersey hand outs. Thanks!