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NMHA

Return to Hockey

Parents Meeting

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**Agenda**

• Introductions and Overview

• Safety Protocols

• Highlights - OHF Return to Play Framework

•NMHA Program for 2020-21

o Season Structure

o Coaches and Trainers

o Registration

o Fees & Payment

• Questions and Answers

**Introductions & Overview **

• NMHA President o Lynda Carusi

• NMHA Vice President o Melissa Di Gaetano

• HL Alt Junior Division o Joey Wilson

• HL Alt Senior Division o Darren Trussler

• Past President o Murray Taylor (Facilitator)

• Please use the Q&A box for questions. We will take questions at the end of the presentation and do our best to address as many as we can in the time we have.

**Safety Protocols **

• Working with the Town on Safety Protocols

• To start No spectators will be allowed in, will be re-assessed as time progresses according to Ontario Government protocols

• Parents will be able to tie their child’s skates then leave or wait in the car.

• Max. of 6 in a dressing room to start the season and chairs will be placed near the ice surface, come dressed (except for skates/helmet), with filled labelled water bottle, mask and a labelled paper bag to put their mask in when on the ice.

• Must wear mask at all times (except when on ice)

• Allowed access 15 min prior to ice time, no late arrivals

• Must complete a health check 2 hours prior to arriving ePact App. (on-line)

• All safety protocols in the NMHA Return to Hockey document is posted on website.

**Highlights – OHF Return to Play**

• Multi-stage approach to return to hockey safely

• At this time no tryouts, travel, tournaments, championships.

• Stages are expected to progress in 4 week cycles

• Currently Stage 3B

o NMHA Return to Play Plan has been OMHA approved to proceed

• Physical distancing is required on ice

• No prolonged or deliberate contact

• Player bubbles with no more than 50 players

• Players can only belong to one player bubble, no APs

• No affiliation or integration allowed between leagues

• Tiered structure based on category of participation last year

• Players can play with the association they belonged to in 2019/20 or can return to play in their home centre

• No new player movement for 2020/21 season



**NMHA 2020/21 Season Structure**

• All teams internal within NMHA to start

• Focus is on a fun and safe gradual return to play

• Divisions will consist of the following combined age groups

o U7 = U5 & U7 o U8 o U9

o U11 = U10 & U11 o U13 = U12 & U13

o U15 = U14 & U15 o U17 = U16 & U17

oU21 = U18, U19, U19, U20, & U21

• U11 & below structure will follow Hockey Canada/OHF Player Pathways

• U7 – U9 starts Oct 1st to mid-March

• U11 and above start Sept 21st to mid-March

**NMHA 2020/21 Season Structure**

Each bubble will have 4 teams\*

o Teams = 9 players + 1 goalie

• Two Tiers of bubbles in U7 & older divisions

• U7 only 8 players per team

o Tier 1 = 2019/20 A/AA/AAA players

o Tier 2 = 2019/20 HL/LL players (including Select)

• May need to move some players to fill a Tier

• Player movement between tiers and formation of teams to be determined by Rep and House League executives.

• Teams to be decided between Sept 14th and 17th, will be mix of major and minor aged players, coach will notify prior to first ice time

• **No player or coach requests will be considered or than siblings.**

\* Some bubbles may have 5 teams due to fewer players in that division.

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**NMHA 2020/21 Season Structure**

Fees based on 1 practice and 1 game per week o U11 & below may vary due to Player Pathways

o U16 - U21 after development weeks will play 2 games, no practices.

• Practices – 50 minutes on ice

• Games – 50 minutes on ice

o 5 minute warm up, 2 x 22 minute runtime periods

o 4 vs 4 format (sometimes may need to be 3 vs 3)

o no faceoffs, teams change on the fly

* **Penalties** – 2min = 1 penalty shot
* 4min = 2 penalty shots
* Con-incidental penalties - no penalty shot
* Goals – Team that scores must clear the zone till the other team advances the puck past center ice.
* **Offsides** – The team must exit the zone will the other team advances the puck past center.
* **Goaltender Freezes the Puck** – the attacking team (all players) must exit the zone before re-entering.
* **Icing** – Change of possession. The team that iced the puck must allow the other team to advance the puck past center.

**Coaches and Trainers**

• Each team must have a Head Coach & Trainer

o Only Head Coach and Trainer are required to be rostered initially

o Additional bench staff may be rostered to help with practices

o At games only 1 coach and a shared trainer to allow for social distancing

• Safe Return to Hockey on-line course must be completed

• Modified qualification requirements for season

• Coach clinics are now available on the OMHA website

• All qualifications listed are the MINIMUM REQUIREMENT

• All Team Officials (Coach, Trainer & Manager) require Respect in Sport (RIS) - Activity Leader or Speak Out!

• All Team Officials (Coach, Trainer & Manager) require Gender Identity & Expression Course

• New for 2020-2021 - All Team Officials (Coach, Trainer & Manager) require Hockey University – Planning a Safe Return to Hockey

• All qualifications must be registered with the OMHA

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**QUESTIONS**