

## CMHA Back to Hockey FAQ's 25 August 2020



### Q&A's: REGISTRATION

#### Q. Can my child be involved in multiple sports cohorts?

Provincial guidelines state that "an individual is only to be part of one Sport Cohort at any time." This means that players can only be involved in a single sport cohort. Physically Distanced activities are not considered a cohort.

#### Q. What if an athlete is moving from one cohort to another?

For an individual to join a new Cohort, s/he should not participate in activity in the new Cohort for 14 days.

#### Q. Can associations create tiered cohorts with surrounding communities?

No, not during the Development Season. Cohorts are to be created first and foremost within your MHA boundaries.

#### Q. Would elite releases need to isolate for 14 days prior to participating in community evaluations?

Technically they would be going from a cohort, to physically distanced skills/conditioning, which means they are not entering a new cohort. Players will be required to wait 14 days between moving Cohorts. If the activities are Physically Distanced (skills/conditioning), the players can participate prior to the 14 day wait. If the activities include contact, the player cannot participate (games) until the end of the 14-day waiting period.

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### Q&A'S: RETURN TO PLAY

#### Q. Will parents be allowed in the stands to watch games?

One parent per child is allowed in the facility to support their child. Spectators (excluding parents and guardians where necessary for player support) should be kept out of participant spaces (e.g., fields of play, courts, ice surfaces). Spectator stands will not be disinfected and cleaned in between bookings. Physical distancing of minimum 2 meters (or 6.5 feet) should always be maintained by spectators, unless from the same household or cohort.

#### Q. Do I have to wear a mask as a spectator at the Chestermere Recreation Centre?

No, however, masks are encouraged in the facility's common areas and meeting rooms unless an individual is engaged in physical activities or cannot wear a mask due to medical reasons. Physical distancing should always be maintained while in the facility, unless from the same household or cohort.

#### Q. Can coaches/volunteers/external providers help with multiple teams?

Yes. However, coaches are only to be part of one Cohort. If a Coach wants to help with multiple teams, s/he can be part of one team Cohort but must wear a mask and practice physical distancing when interacting with any other teams. Any volunteers, parents or external providers that will be interacting with a Cohort, but not considered part of it, will be required to wear a mask and practice physical distancing

#### Q. Will teams be permitted to attend tournaments within or outside our province?

Tournaments are not permitted during the Development Phase and Hockey Alberta will be making decisions about tournaments in the Competitive Season / the Regular Season.

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## Q&A'S: Health & Safety

### Q. Is physical distancing mandatory on the bench and in the dressing rooms if they are within their cohort?

As per Hockey Alberta:

- (1) If participating in a Cohort, players and team officials are not required to wear masks in the dressing room, on the player's bench or in the penalty box area, or on the ice. These areas are considered within the "field of play" for the sport.
- (2) If participating with Physical Distancing, players and team officials must maintain two-metre physical distancing, and wear masks within the dressing room. Players and team officials may only remove their mask upon going / coaching on the ice.

### Q. How will CMHA handle contact tracing and symptom screening?

Hockey Alberta has set guidelines to follow to ensure we track all interactions and that symptomatic players do not participate. We are actively looking at ways to make this easy for families and coaches utilizing the TeamLinkt application. However, regardless of the method, this will be a required step prior to participation at any session.

### Q. What happens if a coach notices a player is showing symptoms before or during participation?

Like an injury, coaches will have full authority to deny a player participation if they believe the player is sick. Coaches will be given resources to help assist them. However, if parents and players are honest in their pre-participation symptom screening, we should avoid any situation where a coach must deny participation.

### Q. If someone on my child's team tests positive for COVID-19, will the team be allowed to continue to play hockey?

If someone on your child's team tests positive, public health authority guidelines will determine contact tracing and isolation requirements. It is possible, therefore, that one diagnosis on a team could lead to that team being required to pause hockey activities until the public health authority determines it is safe to return.

### Q. Is COVID-19 coverage included as part of the Hockey Canada Insurance?

Yes. Under Hockey Canada's current General Liability policy, there is a specific definition for the term 'bodily injury' and that definition includes sickness and disease. Many insurance companies are implementing Communicable Disease/COVID-19 exclusions on policies, but Hockey Canada has successfully negotiated to leave that exclusion off until September 1, 2023 at the earliest.

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