

SHELBURNE MINOR HOCKEY WAIVER AND STATEMENT REGARDING CORONAVIRUS

Shelburne Minor Hockey (the “SMHA”) is dedicated to doing its part to stop the spread of COVID-19.

SMHA requires all league participants and/or players acknowledge their respective roles in doing their part to stop the spread of COVID-19.

I acknowledge, as part of this registration of myself and/or my child or the minor under my supervision that will play and/or participate in SMHA games, practices and associated activities, my understanding of the importance to take steps to actively stay well in order to protect myself and others while promoting a safe playing environment for all participants involved.

I acknowledge in signing this document that I have taken responsibility for my own health, and the health of the minor within my care, and to help stop the spread of COVID-19 by completing all necessary steps prior to and while attending any SMHA games, practices and associated activities. These requirements include, but are not limited to:

- Agreeing to testing for COVID-19 and potential subsequent self-quarantining if I am identified as a contact of anyone who has been determined to be positive for COVID-19, as further outlined in the SMHA Policies and Procedures for 2020/2021;
- Agreeing to self-quarantine in a designated location if I test positive for COVID-19 until:
 - o My symptoms have resolved;
 - o It has been at least 14 days since the start of my symptoms; and
 - o I have obtained a negative COVID-19 test result.
- Establishing and maintaining a monitoring system for any, or any combination, of the following symptoms:
 - o A fever of 38 degrees Celsius (100.4 degrees Fahrenheit) or higher;
 - o Respiratory symptoms, such as dry cough or shortness of breath;
 - o Sore throat;
 - o Headache;
 - o Body ache(s);
 - o Chills;
 - o Loss of taste or smell.

- Staying at home if I am feeling sick;
- Wearing a mask and all appropriate PPE in all public spaces including, but not limited to, locker/change rooms;
- Practicing physical distancing as much as possible at all times before, during and after all SMHA games, practices and associated activities;
- Frequently washing and/or sanitizing my hands;
- Keeping my personal space, shared common space, and my belongings clean; and
- Understanding that the symptoms currently associated with COVID-19 are ever changing and agreeing to keep informed of additional and related symptoms as they become available through Health Canada, local health department(s), and others.

I understand COVID-19 is a highly contagious virus and that it is possible to develop and contract the COVID-19 disease, even if I follow all of the safety precautions above and those recommended by Health Canada, Hockey Canada, the OHF, OMHA, SMHA, CDRC and the local health department(s), and others. I understand that I can never be completely shielded from all risk of illness caused by COVID-19 or other infections.

I understand that I may further reduce the risk of illness caused by COVID-19 or other infections by wearing a full face mask or shield and keeping hockey gloves on during all SMHA games, practices and associated activities. I voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19 if I choose not to wear a full face mask or shield at any time during my participation or attendance at any SMHA game, practice or associated activities. I understand that a wire cage or similar protection device will not provide the same, or any protection, afforded by a full face mask or shield.

By registering below, I acknowledge that an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. By attending any SMHA practice, game or associated activities, I, and any of my guests, voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19 and agree not to hold SMHA or any of its affiliates, directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors, or volunteers liable for any illness or injury.

By checking the "I accept" box below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to comply with the

requirements above. I acknowledge that these requirements are a condition of my ongoing participation in SMHA practices, games and other, or any, associated activities. I further acknowledge that anything contained within this statement and waiver as it relates to the Coronavirus is made in addition to any other waiver(s) previously or currently agreed to with respect of participation in any SMHA, practice game or associated activities.

Policy and Procedures Agreement & Season Structure

Purpose

To establish, clear, fair, specific rules and procedures to ensure the safe implementation of Shelburne Minor Hockey during the 2020/2021 Hockey Season. This season will be administered in accordance with Occupational Health & Safety, Ontario government emergency orders and current WellingtonDufferin-Guelph Public Health guidelines, Hockey Canada Guidelines, Ontario Hockey Federation Guidelines and OMHA Guidelines (referred to collectively as “Guidelines”).

Scope

This years policies and season structures will be implemented until such time as the CDRC and Wellington Dufferin-Guelph Public Health and Shelburne Minor Hockey Association (the “SMHA”) procedures necessitate. The SMHA reserves the right to modify or change these procedures, including the elimination or addition of requirements, as guidelines change over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Prerequisites for Play in the 2020/2021 Season;

All members of SMHA must adhere to the following guidelines before a players can participate;

1. Each player and/or parent or guardian who will be present in the arena at any games or practices, must sign a waiver. Admission into the CDRC for SMHA event, shall not be granted without signed waiver prior or upon entry.
2. Each player and/or parent or guardian who will be present in the arena at any games or practices, must sign a Policies and Procedures Agreement. Admission into the CDRC for SMHA event, shall not be granted without signed Policies and Procedures Agreement prior or upon entry
3. Must have paid Registrations Fee’s in full prior to participation in an SMHA, unless otherwise agreed to in writing with SMHA. At any point in time the SMHA reserves the right to suspend play for

any

registration for the 2020/2021 season for any registrant where payments are due to the SMHA.

Season Structure

Considering the current pandemic, SMHA has worked with CDRC to provide this hockey season in two

parts which shall run from October 14th to mid-end of December & January 4th – Mid to End of February.

The purpose of providing the season in 2 parts was as follows;

1. Flexibility in commitment level (since hockey is being provided in a modified format)
2. Ability for registrants to reduce costs by electing to play only a part season
3. Provide SMHA the ability to modify format/teams for the second half in the event regular play is permitted

First Half Information

Starting: October 14th – December 18th

Minimum Number of Times on the Ice: 16

Player Development: Up to 13 skaters on the ice for player development.

3 on 3 Team Sizes – 9 players + 1 goalie (could vary depending on numbers of kids in each age division)

Season Format

It is the objective of SMHA to provide a 3 on 3 format to our registrants, if and when we are able to do so

during the season. Please refer to Appendix “E” and Appendix “F” from Return To Hockey Framework

dated July 29, 2020 (as provided on the SMHA website) herein for reference to specific format of play.

The below are the best case and worst scenarios for the season in terms of number of games and practices;

Scenario # 1: Best Case

Format: 2 Weeks Player Development/Practices – 6 Weeks Games & Practices

Initiation: 8 Practices, 8 Games (Half Ice Practices and Games)

Novice: 8 Practices, 8 Games (Half Ice Practices and Games)

Atom: 8 Practices, 8 Games

Pee Wee: 6 Practices, 10 Games

Bantam: 4 Practices, 12 Games

Midget: 4 Practices, 12 Games

Note: In the event SMHA is able to run 3 on 3 for the entire first half of the season, the SMHA may elect

to provide additional ice to teams, increasing the number of ice times above.

Scenario # 2 – Worst Case

Initiation: 16 Practices (Half Ice)

Novice: 16 Practices (Half Ice)
Atom: 16 Practices
Pee Wee: 16 Practices
Bantam: 16 Practices
Midget: 16 Practices

SMHA will make best efforts to provide a season that reflect Scenario #1, as outlined above, provided they are able to do so within the required protocols. SMHA may elect to move certain players into other age divisions, provided it is of an appropriate skill level, in order to maximize roster sizes or division sizes,

Special Note:

Basic Player Requirements for Registration:

- i) To provide their own equipment, equipment cannot be provided by SMHA & traded amongst players due to COVID-19 risks (ie. Shared goalie equipment)**
- ii) Players are required to be at a 'care free' skating level, which is defined as the ability to skate and get up off the ice without assistance from a coach.**

IMPORTANT NOTE on REFUND POLICY:

Due to restriction caused by COVID-19, OHF, OMHA and Public Health Unit may elect to regress to more restrictive levels of play than what we are currently able to provide. In the event that SMHA cannot provide for 3 on 3 Hockey, but can still provide for Player Development, there will be no refunds provided. If OHF, OMHA, CDRC and Public Health elects to shut down the CDRC or hockey operations due to COVID, where no player development can provided SMHA will terminate hockey operations and refunds based on Registration Costs (excluding cost of Insurance) will be provided based on the number of ice times remaining that could not be provided.

COVID-19 Responsibilities

During the COVID-19 pandemic, all persons who enter the CDRC must comply with the requirements set out in this procedure. This procedure applies not just to the member of SMHA, but all persons present at CDRC, including but not limited to members of the public including contract workers, couriers, renters, organized sports leagues, spectators, and visitors.

The SMHA is committed to providing a safe environment for all users. Measures that will be adopted if determined are:

- i. Signage posted at entrances to clearly indicate that no one shall enter the facility if they are unwell, are isolating or in quarantine (self-isolating).
- ii. Establishment of a system of medical screening checkpoints at the designated entrance to the CDRC for temperature check and registration into the facility
- iii. Implementation of floor markings & seat marking indicating social distancing requirements
- iv. The posting of signs reminding people of the need to maintain physical distancing.

Each team, players, designated volunteers and parents/guardians are responsible for the day-to-day

implementation of this procedure, including:

- i. Ensure that all members of their group/team are knowledgeable of this policy and applicable public health guidelines.
- ii. Enforcing the terms of this policy.
- iii. Not coming to the arena when they feel ill.
- iv. Ensuring physical distancing always between themselves, other staff and members of the public.
- v. Using appropriate PPE (mask, glasses, gloves and/or face shield) as applicable when physical distancing is not possible.
- vi. Reporting any incidents of concern to SMHA.

Procedure Admittance

An important aspect to ensure the health and safety of all Township facility users is to ensure that

persons who have or are at a heightened risk of having COVID-19 stay away from any facility so that

they do not infect others. No person may enter or remain in a CDRC if:

- i. They have COVID-19 or COVID-19 symptoms.
- ii. They have had dangerous or close contact with a person(s) that have COVID-19 or COVID-19 symptoms within the last 48 hours; or
- iii. They have travelled outside of the Province within the past 14 days.

Any player, parent or guardian who violate the above admittance procedures shall be suspended from

play for a period of 14 days.

Screening Requirements

The SMHA will be initiating a screening policy for the 2019/2020. Prior to formal admittance into the

CDRC facility, each player, parent and/or guardian will adhere to the following procedure;

- a) All individuals entering the CDRC for an SMHA event shall have their temperature checked at the entrance door by a SMHA volunteer.
- b) The SMHA volunteer will confirm that the registrant have signed a waiver and this Policies and Procedures agreement prior to admission. In the event that an individual has not signed these agreements, copies will be made available at the entrance for execution.

c) All individuals will be registered as ‘entrants’ into the CDRC facility, and those registration documents shall be provided to the CDRC for contact purposes. Implement a screening and documentation process prior to admittance to Facility. User group shall provide Facility staff documentation of approved screening prior to admittance. Information provided in reports and documents will remain confidential and will not be shared unless required to do so for contact tracing purposes

If an individual does not meet the above requirements, admittance into the CDRC shall not be granted.

CDRC Requirements

As part of SMHA’s agreement with CDRC, all volunteers, players, parents and guardians shall adhere to the following;

i) Compliance with Public Health Directives

a) All user groups may be required to provide their own hand sanitizer at the CDRC entrances. b) All persons entering CDRC will be required to disinfect their hands prior to entering the building.

c) Masks will be worn in all CDRC common areas at all times except for ice surface (this includes washrooms, Bleachers, lobbies, stairwells, etc.); and

d) All users will maintain a physical distance of 2 meters from persons not within their household or social circle.

ii) Interaction with CDRC Staff

a) One dedicated representative of the group or organization will be in contact with CDRC staff.

b) The representative will maintain physical distance of 2 meters from CDRC staff.

c) The representative will wear a mask while interacting with CDRC staff; and

d) The event representative will be required to include requested support from CDRC staff as part of the Operational Plan in section 6.6.

iii) Cleaning and Sanitization

a) Washrooms will be cleaned and disinfected by CDRC Staff in between each rental.

b) High touch areas will be cleaned and disinfected frequently by CDRC Staff; and

c) Recreational leagues will ensure the following:

i) There will be no shared equipment amongst team members.

ii) Team personnel will disinfect equipment, shared between teams or left at the CDRC, after each practice.

iii) Team specific equipment (i.e. jersey) will be carried by team personnel and washed between each use; and

Arrival Times, Spectator and Capacity Guidelines

a) Users will arrive to the facility no more than 15 minutes prior to commencing ice rental.

Access to Facility will be granted by Facility Operator through a designated access only.

b) Users will vacate the premises no more than 15 minutes following the conclusion of ice rental.

c) Players will be expected to arrive at the facility with equipment already on.

d) Designated area (Bleacher) will be provided for lacing skates.

- e) Representative of the group will monitor designated areas for physical distancing.
- f) Lobby area will be off limits except to walk through to all patrons and washroom access only.
- g) Admittance may not be allowed until significant numbers of previous group have left to keep total occupancy under acceptable level
- h) Practices for players 13 years and younger will be encouraged to have only one (1) spectator per player.
- i) Practices for players 14 years and older will be encouraged not to have spectators.
- j) Equipment shall be removed from the premises following each rental. Storage of equipment onsite is not permitted.

NOTE: The above are based on current protocols as outlined by OMHA, OHF, SMHA and Public Health, and could be subject to change. Specifically, in the event that regression in stages, SMHA & CDRC may not be able to allow for spectators at practices or games.

By checking the "I accept" box below I hereby agree that I have read and understood the above season structure and shall abide by all policies, procedures and protocols as required by the SMHA and CDRC as outlined in this document. I also acknowledge that SMHA reserve the right to change the season structure, policies, procedure and protocols in order to meet the requirements of Public Health unit, Hockey Canada, OMHA and CDRC in their sole and unfettered discretion.