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BMHA Return to Play Townhall

Thursday, September 3, 2020

Virtual Meeting



Agenda

- Welcome & Thank you
- Return to Plan Process
- Safety First and Foremost
- Volunteering
- Arena Updates
- Return to Play Framework
- Next Steps
- Q & A



Thank you to all Camp Volunteers

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- Rod Mustapic
- David Graves
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- Deb Lian
- Sonya Minhas
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- Simon Mak
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- Peter Ng
- Steven Reddy
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- Sophia
- Charles Gerber
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- Tammy Russo
- Raymond Lian
- Marie Kazuta
- Lee Poizer
- Patrick Roppel
- Darina Kosikova
- Dawn Murphy Johnston
- Douglas Leung
- Ronald Ellis
- Jason Dissegna
- Laura Blake
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Return to Play Process

- Provincial Health Office
- viaSport provides overall guidance
 - Just announced – Phase 3: Progressively Loosen
- PCAHA Return to Play Committee
 - Proposed season structure combining safety with a practical, fair and gradual return to “regular” action
- Arena facilities



Safety First & Foremost

Increased communication

- BMHA Executive, Team Officials and particularly HCSPs.
- All postings and updates are considered “live”.
- Multi-channel

Elements:

- Stay home when sick
- Only one Cohort per Sport ie playing YHL & MHA requires 14 day break in between
- Health Check via TeamSnap (Canlan Questionnaire)
- Come fully dressed (minus skates), exception for Goalies
- Maintain social distancing as much as possible otherwise wear a mask
- No sharing water bottles/equipment
- Increased hygiene & hand washing



Help Required

- Many hands make light work
- It's easier than you might expect
- Large undertaking to fill mandatory roles to keep kids and families safe
- Ice times cannot proceed without the roles being filled
- Ticket to watch the kid
- Accommodation to prioritize volunteers of players with unique needs



Parents Help Required

- 1 HCSP and 3 COVID-19 Helpers at every ice time
- HCSPs
 - Recommending more than 1 person certified per grouping/team
 - HCSP(s) will oversee COVID protocols and with Team Manager assign COVID Helpers for ice times
- COVID-19 Helpers
 - Help check-in players at each ice time, verify the Health Check has been completed
 - Ensure social distancing
 - Help to manage arena flow
 - Wipe down benches, seats, water bottle area, high touch areas.
 - Help maintain “Rule of Two” supervision
 - Help tie skates



Arena/Facility Updates

- Ice secured
- Adjustment to ice allocation
- New protocols for everyone's safety – each facility is different
 - Limits on participant numbers
 - Currently 15 at City of Burnaby and 24 at Scotiabarn
 - Effective Sep 8 24 at City of Burnaby
 - Limited time to enter prior to and after ice time
 - Dressing Rooms
 - Zero (City of Burnaby) or limited (Scotiabarn) dressing room access
 - No spectators



Burnaby Lake Arena Updates

- Please see BMHAs Return to Play Plan for “Live” updates Greeted at Bill Copeland main doors
- Produce Green screen for Team Snap Cleared Health Check
- Enter rink fully dressed with a labelled and filled water bottle (no sharing of bottles or gear)
- Escorted rink side while maintaining 2 meters physical distance
- Tie skates rink side per facility signage
- Enter and exit ice surface from end gates. Maintain 2-5 M physical distance on ice
- Untie skates
- Exit through BLA doors in under 15 minutes of ice end time

Volunteers Required:

- Min 1 Hockey Canada Certified Safety Person
- Min 3 Covid volunteers (more at younger age groups)



Bill Copeland Sports Centre Updates

- Please see BMHAs Return to Play Plan for “Live” updates
- Greeted at Bill Copeland main doors
- Produce Green screen for Team Snap Cleared Health Check
- Enter rink fully dressed with a labelled and full water bottle
- Escorted rink side while maintaining 2 meters physical distance
- Tie skates rink side per facility signage
- Enter and exit ice surface from end gates. Maintain 2-5 M physical distance on ice.
- Untie skates
- Exit through BCSC rink level doors in under 15 minutes of ice end time

Volunteers Required:

- Min 1 Hockey Canada Certified Safety Person
- Min 3 Covid volunteers (more at younger age groups)



Kensington Arena Updates

- Please see BMHAs Return to Play Plan for “Live” updates
- Greeted at right hand side of KA main doors
- Produce Green screen for Team Snap Cleared Health Check
- Enter rink fully dressed with a labelled and full water bottle
- Escorted rink side/lobby area while maintaining 2 meters physical distance
- Tie skates rink side/lobby area per facility signage
- Enter and exit ice surface from end gates. Maintain 2-5 M physical distance on ice.
- Untie skates
- Exit through Kensington main doors on right hand side in under 15 minutes of ice end time

Volunteers Required:

- Min 1 Hockey Canada Certified Safety Person
- Min 3 Covid volunteers (more at younger age groups)



Scotia Barn Updtaes

- No more than 24 people per ice time, including coaches and goalies.
- Pre-Screening Questionnaire: All visitors to the building MUST complete the Canlan online health check survey, EVERY TIME. No entry without completion and approval from a Canlan staff member. BMHA will also require the Team Snap Health Check be completed as well.
- Entering Facility: Our Zone Control Attendants will ensure all players have completed the online screening questionnaire and check groups in to the facility 20 minutes before their session begins. This will happen outside in our staging area at the front entrance.
- Our Health and Safety Ambassadors will direct you to your rink and dressing rooms.
- Exiting Facility: Groups will have to leave the facility within 15 minutes of the conclusion of their session. This will be controlled by a Canlan employee inside the facility. No lingering. No tailgating. No alcohol.
- Face Masks: Anyone entering the facility will now be required to wear a face mask as of September 8th. Face masks are to be worn in the facility and change rooms.
- Spectators: At this time there are no spectators permitted.
- Showers: Showers are NOT available at this time.
- Water Fill Stations: Water fill stations will NOT be available. Please bring pre-filled water bottles.
- Volunteers Required:
 - Min 1 Hockey Canada Certified Safety Person
 - Min 2 Covid volunteers (more at younger age groups)



PCAHA Return to Play Framework – LEVEL 1

LEVEL 1 Development/Prep – Sept. 5 to Early Oct.

- No interclub games
- Focus on development
- Gradual loosening of restrictions
- “Internal training cohorts”



COHORTS

- Pre-determined group of players who train/play games together
- Advantages:
 - Grouped together to participate in small area games, scrimmages, etc.
 - More closely resemble regular practices and game play
 - Reduce risk of a COVID-19 case spreading widely
 - Allow for rapid contact tracing
 - Reduces impact by minimizing # of cohorts paused



Internal Training Cohorts

- Players placed in training cohort groups for all internal MHA programs
- Advantages:
 - Minimizes amount of contacts
 - Assists MHAs to begin tryouts and player assessments in Level 1
 - Allows for progression of focussed skill development for each group
- Size of group will be determined by viaSport guidelines & facility protocols



PCAHA Return to Play Framework – LEVEL 2

LEVEL 2 Return to Competition – Early Oct. to Early Feb.

- Begin team formation & formal evaluations
- Progress quickly to league play for U11-18 Rep & Rec. Leagues
- Very limited or no exhibition games or tiering rounds
- U8/U9 (U9Minor/Major at BMHA) start to form teams and prepare for game play
- Schedule to be done in “Competition Cohorts”
- Contingency plans developed if conditions change/approval delayed



PCAHA Competition Cohorts

- PCAHA teams organized into “competition cohorts” for league play
 - up to approx. 50 players per competition cohort (final number TBD by viaSport)
 - Teams only play teams within their cohort
- Competition cohort will change throughout season, enroute to completing a full schedule
- 10 day buffers between cohort shuffles



Competition Cohorts Example – 9 Team Flights

WEEK 1 to 3

Cohort 1: Team 1,Team 2,Team 3	1v2, 1v3, 2v3 each week for 3 weeks
Cohort 2: Team 4,Team 5,Team 6	4v5, 4v6, 5v6 each week for 3 weeks
Cohort 3: Team 7,Team 8,Team 9	7v8, 7v9, 8v9 each week for 3 weeks

BREAK IN SCHEDULE

WEEK 4 to 6

Cohort 1: Team 1,Team 4,Team 7	1v4, 1v7, 4v7 each week for 3 weeks
Cohort 2: Team 2,Team 5,Team 8	2v5, 2v8, 5v8 each week for 3 weeks
Cohort 3: Team 3,Team 6,Team 9	3v6, 3v9, 6v9 each week for 3 weeks

BREAK IN SCHEDULE

WEEK 7 to 9

Cohort 1: Team 1,Team 5,Team 9	1v5, 1v9, 5v9 each week for 3 weeks
Cohort 2: Team 2,Team 6,Team 8	2v6, 2v8, 6v8 each week for 3 weeks
Cohort 3: Team 3,Team 4,Team 7	3v4, 3v7, 4v7 each week for 3 weeks

- Based on max roster size of 15 + 2 (17 per team) x 3 teams = 51 players
- Team officials may be limited based on final cohort numbers permitted by viaSport
- Format allows for 1-2 games per week (home & away) within 3 team cohort
- Affiliate players would be restricted unless viaSport removes cohort requirement (note: exceptions may be required for emergency goalie replacement)



PCAHA Return to Play Framework – LEVEL 3

LEVEL 3 Playoff & Championships – Early Feb. to Spring Break

- Formats TBA



BMHA Specific Plans - Development/Prep Phase

- Following PCAHA's Level 1 Development/Prep – Sept. 8 to early Oct.
- All divisions will hit the ice week starting Sept. 8
- Due to less ice available, may be less ice time compared to traditional ice allocations

Junior Bulldogs/Wildcats, U7 Minor, U7 Major, U9 Minor & U9 Major

- Players placed in groupings for practice – these are not final teams
- Aiming for 2 times per week



BMHA Specific Plans - Development/Prep Phase

U11 to 18 "C" Recreational

- Players placed in groupings – these are not final teams
- Combination of practices evolving to scrimmages/mini-games
- Aiming for 2 times per week
- Team formation tentatively scheduled to take place just before Thanksgiving, in preparation for PCAHA Level 2 Return to Competition



BMHA Specific Plans - Development/Prep Phase

U11 to U18 “A” Rep Programs

- Sept.8 to Sept.18 - Rep tryout participants will be placed in groupings to practice; aiming for 2 or 3 times per week
- Sept.19 - Rep Tryout Evaluations – First Round begins; length of process will vary depending on # of tryout participants within a division
 - Evaluations will be comprised of a series of scrimmages (details to be confirmed)
- Upon completion of Rep Tryout Evaluations – First Round
 - Those players moving onto the next round will be placed in development groupings and continue to practice and participate in skill development (no games until allowed by PCAHA)
 - Those players released to “C” will be assigned to “C” groupings to continue practice and participate in skill development



BMHA Specific Plans - Phase 2 & Phase 3

- Will follow PCAHA's Level 2 - early Oct. to early Feb.
 - Begin team formation & league play for U11-U18 Rep & Recreational Leagues
 - U9Minor/U9Major (U8/U9 PCAHA) start to form teams and prepare for game play
- Will follow PCAHA's Level 3 Playoff & Championships – Early Feb. to Spring Break
 - Formats TBA



Other Considerations

- Tournaments
 - No tournaments until December
 - Likely no travel outside of Lower Mainland
- Additional training outside of cohorts may be restricted



Next Steps

- Groupings & schedule to start the season
- Communicating groupings & schedule
- Recruitment of volunteers:
 - H1-H4 all roles
 - U9Minor division manager
 - Coaches
 - Managers
 - HCSPs
 - COVID-19 Helpers
- Ongoing updates and communication on changing safety protocols



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Resources

BMHA Return To Play

https://www.burnabymenor.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/1604/2020/08/BMHA-Return-to-Play_Aug-14-2020.pdf

PCAHA Return to Hockey

<https://pcaha.ca/PCAHA%20Return%20to%20Play%20Newsletter%20August%2013%20-%20final.pdf>

BC Hockey

<https://www.bchockey.net/>

BC Hockey Return to Hockey Resources

<https://www.bchockey.net/Files/Return%20to%20Hockey%20Website%20one-page%20Document.pdf>

viaSport

<https://www.viasport.ca/sites/default/files/Phase3ReturntoSportGuidelineswebV2.pdf>



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Open for Questions?



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Flexibility, communication & patience for everyone will be key for a successful season.

Thank you for your time!