



August 2021

We recognize it continues to be a challenging and uncertain time for everyone. BMHA is aware of ongoing COVID-19 developments and we will continue to monitor conditions and follow all recommendations and requirements from the BC Provincial Health Officer, Hockey Canada, BC Hockey, ViaSport, PCAHA, and the City of Burnaby.

Last season BMHA worked hard to adapt to the ongoing protocols and other regulatory changes. We will continue to do this. We want to keep our players safe and keep them on the ice for as many weeks as possible. The current Covid-19 variants are more easily transferable and cases in children are increasing. Many kids within our association are not of age to receive a vaccination. There are a few things we do know today without requiring any health authority announcements, and therefore the rules noted below will be in place until September 30, 2021.

BMHA Interim Rules for Participation (from August 2021)

1. If your child has been directly exposed to someone, or has themselves tested positive for COVID-19:
 - Do Not Come to the Rink
 - Notify your Team Manager
2. If your child is not feeling well or has COVID-19 symptoms:
 - Do Not Come to the Rink
 - Notify your Team Manager
 - Monitor your child's health
 - Return to the Rink only when there are Zero Signs or Symptoms of COVID-19
4. When at the rink:
 - No Spectators
 - All players, Team Officials, and volunteers must wear a mask when in the arena, except that players may go without a mask only while on the field of play (ice surface, bench, and penalty box) and when moving between the field of play and the change room in full gear.
 - All coaches and volunteers must wear a mask when in the arena, including the field of play.
 - Volunteers are to socially distance from people not in their household.
 - Always follow additional rules set by the arena facility and be prepared for changes.
 - Sanitize your hands when entering and leaving the arena.
 - If there is any reason to believe that you are at high risk of contracting COVID-19, please stay home to protect yourself.

BMHA is an association where all Board Executives are volunteers. There is always room for new parents who want to take on a more active role in the association, including the two additional board positions that were approved by membership at the 2021 AGM. Thank you for your continued understanding, patience and compassion towards fellow colleagues, volunteers, friends, and our overall hockey community. The success of this hockey season will depend on every coach, volunteer, parent, and player following procedures, being forthcoming, being smart, and doing our part.