

Beaumont Ringette

2020-2021 Return to Play

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What to Expect



What to Expect

- BGL and Beaumont are operating under the restrictions / guidelines from AHS and RAB
 - Things are likely to change mid-season
- Expect no tournaments and no post-season play
- Will not be a normal season due to restrictions
- Season focus is physical activity, player development and fun, not on competition





Cohorts



Cohorts



COHORT

A group of people who **cannot maintain physical distancing** (do not remain 2m apart); a closed group who participate in the same sport or activity. It is asked each person participate in only 1 sport cohort at a time.

- Can be made up of multiple teams or a single group but cannot exceed 50 people total.
 - Includes athletes, coaches (including those on ice at practices) and on-ice officials
 - Does not include spectators or minor officials.
- Changing cohorts does not require complete isolation, rather the participants cannot join another cohort for 14 days since their last involvement with their previous cohort. During this break, participants may continue to practice within their team, a subset of their cohort, or train individually.”



Cohorts

- Proposed maximum team sizes per age group are:
 - U10 (S1 & S2): 10 players and 2 coaches
 - U10 (S3)-U14: 14 players and 2 coaches
 - U16-U19: 22 players and 2 coaches
- League Cohorts will consist of between 2-4 teams per cohort
- If total players exceed cohort size restriction, some player may need to sit out until the cohort changes



Cohorts

- Estimated 75% reduction in available officials this season
- Officials will be assigned to cohorts in the following priority: Open, U19 & U16
- Coaches & players cannot officiate outside of their own cohort
- Coaches will be required to officiate when there are no officials assigned to their cohort





Season Options



League Cohort

- Participate in BlackGold
- Form multiple teams
 - Need to utilize a modified evaluation process
- Compete within a cohort of 2-4 teams
- BGL recommends refund restrictions to maintain viable team/cohort sizes with restricted affiliation options



BRA Mini-League

- League formed from Beaumont players only
- Form a single cohort per level
 - Team rosters assigned from cohort
- Variety of competition options:
 - 5 vs 5
 - 3 vs 3
 - Mini-tournaments
- Greater flexibility with less restrictions



Season Options

- Proposed BGL season structure:
 - Session 1: Oct 16 - Nov 7
 - Session 2: Nov 22 – Dec 18
 - Session 3: Jan 3 – Jan 30
 - Session 4: Feb 14 – Early March
 - Session 5: Mid-Late March





League Cohort Format

Join BlackGold



League Cohort

- Season will be split into five 6 week sessions
 - Competition would happen over 4 weeks, followed by a 2 week break
 - There will be no blackouts, no reschedules and no exhibition games
- Teams will average 2 games per week
 - Weekday games will be required
 - Double headers may be required
 - Games per cohort in a session will vary based on ice availability and travel requirements
- Associations will self declare level of play for session 1
 - BGL will make adjustments for better competition after session 1



League Cohort

- Games will not be cancelled or rescheduled
- Teams cannot affiliate beyond their cohort, players may be asked to play for other teams in their cohort
- Coaches cannot be substituted from other cohorts, coaches may need to coach or officiate for other teams in their cohort
- Spectators will need to abide by facility restrictions, some facilities currently do not allow spectators



League Cohort

Alberta Health Service's Guidelines include the statement, "Individuals **should** participate in the health zone where they reside."

The intent is to limit spread of COVID-19 over wide areas of the province, however, in some circumstances, participating only within the health zone where one resides may actually run counter to that objective and may limit access to appropriate programming.

In these cases, Ringette Alberta may approve participating outside one's health zone.



League Cohort

Considerations for League Play

- Associations impacted:
 - Hinton, Pembina, Fort McMurray, Red Deer, Lacombe, Drayton Valley
- BGL has the right to decide level of restrictions for league play
 - BGL Proposal: Allow for travel across zones with attempt to limit travel distance
 - Example:
 - Red Deer, Lacombe, Drayton travels to Edmonton
 - Edmonton travels to North Zone (Ft. Mac, Hinton, Pembina)
 - Assumes RAB approves travel exception requests





BRA Mini-League Format



Beaumont Internal League



Mini-League

- Season will be split into 4-6 week sessions
 - Competition would happen over full duration of the session, without no break between session
- Sessions will use a variety of competition formats, eg.
 - Session 1: 5 vs 5
 - Session 2: 3 vs 3
 - Session 3: 4 vs 4
- Teams will have 2-4 ice slots per week
 - Most games will occur on weekends
 - Ice per week could increase if shared ice is used



Mini-League

- All play would occur in Beaumont, so spectators would follow Beaumont facility restrictions
- Players would be placed in skill appropriate Cohorts
- Opportunity exist to move players between cohorts
- Provides the opportunity for a better coach to player ratio
- Player development options are more flexible
- Potential for mini-tournaments within a cohort



Mini-League

- Players would have an opportunity to play with everyone in their cohort
- No risk to players needing to sit out a session because adequate cohort sizes would be maintained
- BlackGold is flexible if associations want to join at a later date
- Season can start much sooner





Thank You

A survey will follow shortly, to get input from our membership



Questions?

