

Bubble League

Game Play Structure



Physical Distancing

Although game play on the ice does allow for engagement of players within the 2-meter physical distancing standard, all players and coaches not actively involved in the game must maintain their physical distance at all other times.

Facility Entry Protocols

- The same facility entry protocols in place for Development Group practices will be used for Bubble League Games.
- All players will be required to complete and sign a [Facility Entry Screening](#) before arriving. Managers/trainers should have extra screening forms on hand if required by players, volunteers or referees.
- Players will gather with their team and will enter the facility together once everyone has arrived. The two teams will enter separately.
- Players will proceed directly to the dressing rooms indicated on the arena schedule boards
- Note: 3 dressing rooms will be provided for each game – players will not be segregated by team, but rather should divide equally among the 3 rooms. Dressing room capacities must be respected – do not attempt to fit an entire team of 11 or 12 players into one room.
- Players will remain in the dressing room until directed by a team volunteer once the game is ready to begin. Pre-game talks outside the dressing room are not permitted.
- Parents and spectators are not permitted in the arena at this time, except for those designated as volunteers.

Game Volunteers

- Each Bubble Team will require the following volunteers for each game:
 - 1 head coach
 - 1-2 assistant coaches
 - 1 trainer
 - 2 volunteer supervisors
 - 1 volunteer videographer
- Where a team uses less than 4 staff members on the bench, these volunteer positions may not be “repurposed” for other volunteers.
- During the game, the coaches, assistant coaches, and trainer should be on the bench.
- During the game, only the 2 supervisors for each team may remain in the lower rink-side area, but only at the corner-boards located on the bench side of the arena, or at the far end near the stairs to the upper level. Volunteers must not be in the area near the dressing rooms, near the doors to the arena, or in the lobby.
- The volunteer videographer will be permitted to stream the game to the Barrie Sharks Facebook account from the spectator viewing area – though they must remain standing and may not sit in the bleachers provided.

- Following the conclusion of the game, coaches and bench staff should immediately vacate the arena. The trainer and supervisors will remain behind to supervise the players until the team leaves the arena. Volunteers with the teams finishing a game, and those about to begin, should remain apart and should not congregate in the rink-side area.
- If you are given any direction by arena staff, even if you feel they are wrong, please follow their directions. (If necessary, bring to my attention and we can look into the situation.)

Expectations for Players

- Observe Physical distancing rules and expectations
- Be respectful of coaches, other players, officials, volunteers, and facility staff at all times
- Be mindful that although this is not “regular” hockey, it is what we have for now – have fun!
- Avoid spitting – saliva, or water while on the ice
- Dropped equipment is to be retrieved by the player themselves when it is safe to do so

Expectations for Coaches

- Observe Physical distancing rules and expectations
- Be respectful of coaches, other players, officials, volunteers, and facility staff at all times
- Be open to creativity / interpretation of rules with respect to this game format
- Home coach will provide game sheet and 2 game pucks to the timekeeper prior to teams stepping on the ice

Expectations for On-Ice Game Officials

- Arrive at the rink no earlier than 20 minutes prior to start of first assignment. Entry will be provided 15 minutes prior to the start of the first assignment.
- The direction of facility staff must be followed at all times – including all signs and directional markings.
- A mask or face covering must be worn at all times while in the arena prior to stepping on the ice
- Arrive as fully dressed as possible (Excluding Skates, Helmet etc.)
- Limit time spent in dressing room to minimize contact and observe physical distancing
- Regular use of hand sanitizer is encouraged
- DO NOT wear gloves, as they can aid in the spread of particles
- Fair play initiate will be completed without handshakes, at a distance of 3 meters from benches
- Avoid spitting – saliva, or water while on the ice
- Report Scoring and Penalties (Penalty shots) to timekeeper
- Officials should carry their own personal water bottle if required
- DO NOT touch any player or player’s equipment, dropped equipment (gloves, sticks) are to be retrieved by the player as soon as it is safe to do so
- There will be no ability to shower after game assignments – please shower at home
- Upon completion of assignments, promptly gather belongings and leave arena

Expectations for Official Timekeeper

- Arrive at the rink no earlier than 15 minutes prior to start of first assignment
- The direction of facility staff must be followed at all times – including all signs and directional markings.
- A mask or face covering must be worn at all times while in the arena, including in the timebox

- Wipe down score clock and hand control with disinfectant wipes
- Ensure high-touch areas remain clean and hygienic
- DO NOT eat while in the timekeeper area
- Familiarize yourself with the use the 90 second buzzer for U11 games
- Complete the game report as required returning copies to respective teams, and game pucks back to home team

Game Structure

As of October 20, 2020 the following modifications have been made to our game structure:

Modified Game Timing:

- 4 min warm up (timed, warning horn at 1:00, full horn at 0:00)
- 2 x 21 min. periods (run time)
- 2 min intermission between periods (timed)
- No overtime / no shootout for tied game

For all other rules and regulations, the OWHA's "[MANDATORY MODIFIED 3-on-3 and 4-on-4 Playing Rules](#)" will be followed.

Full link:

http://owha.pointstreaksites.com/files/uploaded_documents/3323/OWHA__MODIFIED_RULES_September_25_2020_2.pdf

Changes/Update Log

October 20 (version 4.0):

- Game volunteer counts clarified, and reduced to 6 for U18 teams.
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