



CENTRAL ALBERTA HOCKEY LEAGUE

Executive Memorandum

September 10, 2020

To: To the Attention of All CAHL Member Associations

Re: Update # 3 - Return to Play Plan for the CAHL (2020 -2021 Season)

On September 3rd Hockey Alberta released an update to their Return to Play plan ([click here](#)) and also on September 9th met with the Hockey Alberta Leagues Committee Members. From that meeting I have been advised that we can look forward to dates we can begin to work with, that we can move forward towards the restart of the games and work towards League games.

I have been advised Hockey Alberta will be announcing shortly that an Exhibition Game period for players to play full games with on Ice Officials within their Cohorts. This will be from approximately October 16th to November 15th and the Cohort groupings can be altered with the 14-day breaks to allow some variation for the participants. From November 15th (or before if it works out) to the Christmas break we would like to be completing a protracted tiering round so to speak by possibly rotating cohort participants if we are still in this stage or Pod Participants.

Next Steps update

We will be getting more information out to you shortly, here is the current update:

- Dates or deadlines will be assigned to allow for the latest updates; however, they still be subject to change as we cannot foresee the potential future challenges. Please see the webpage for details – [Click Here](#)
- Member Ice Submissions – We will be working on this, but we have not yet come up with an acceptable plan to take submitted ice and make the schedules work when we may or may not know who the opponents would be. We may need to alter our normal process to make this work to prevent significant ice being burned. During these trying times we need to be sensitive and prevent increasing costs for Member's biggest budget item.
- Tournament Blackout Dates – It does not look like Hockey Alberta will sanction or Alberta Health Services will be allowing for large groups coming together and participate in a Tournament. Since this may not happen, we will likely not be honoring the policy on black out dates. This will be confirmed shortly.
- I have been approached by numerous members regarding some assistance with some of collaboration for the Cohort and Pod stages support and we will have something out to collect that information to you shortly.
- The start dates for different age groups will be established and will be staggered. This will prevent all your teams be all off at the same time should we get to the rotating of Cohort or Pod opponents.
- We are creating a rotation method to allow for altering Cohort or Pod participants to allow for 14-day breaks without burning two weekends of hockey for the participants. We need to do a complete review of this before we release it to ensure we are not conflicting with Hockey Alberta or Alberta Health Services current mandates.
- Non-Body Checking in U15 Tiers 4, 5 and 6 will be implemented as mandated by Hockey Alberta. We will have this identified for you when you officially declare your teams soon. Should there be issues or conflicts we will discuss those after declarations have been submitted.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I am available if you would like to discuss any of this.

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