

2020/21 Season Return To Play – Hockey Alberta Information



The following is a description of what we know about the restart of hockey at this time. This assumes that we remain in Phase 2 in Alberta with no changes and is directly from Hockey Alberta.

CNN has a Return to Play Committee that will be working through the summer to put the details specific to CNN families in place. We have started to reach out to neighboring Associations regarding possible “cohorts”

- No more than 50 people can be on the ice/boxes at the same time. This includes referees and
- coaches, but does not include spectators.
- The allowance of spectators is at the discretion of each facility and should they be allowed the
- below guidelines are in place.
 - Spectators (excluding parents and guardians where necessary for player support) should be kept out of participant spaces (e.g., fields of play, courts, ice surfaces).
 - Physical distancing of minimum 2 metres should be maintained by spectators/attendee at all times, unless from the same households or cohort family.
 - Up to a maximum of 100 seated spectators are allowed, provided a distance of 2 metres between attendees from different households/cohort families is maintained.
 - It is strongly recommended that all spectators wear masks, especially in an indoor setting.
 - Cheering and yelling is strongly discouraged at this time as it presents a high risk of spreading droplets.
- If programming is delivered using physical distancing rather than a cohort, all participants (to a maximum of 50) must maintain a 2m distance at all times.
- If an athlete is participating in camp or program not using physical distancing, that group would be considered a cohort and remain in place for the duration of phase 2, unless there is a 14 day isolation period in the transition from one cohort to another.
- Cohorts should only play within the same geographical region (e.g., within a county, town or quadrant of a city). This is an area that Hockey Alberta will obtain further clarity on and define in finalizing the Return to Hockey Plan.
 - Clarity on the above will determine parameters around multiple associations forming a single cohort.
- Minor Hockey Associations are not required to submit their individual plan to Hockey Alberta, but all sanctioned activity must adhere to Government of Alberta guidelines. In aligning with these guidelines Hockey Alberta will provide both direction and support through the process.
- Forming of cohorts and the competition model within cohorts will be at the discretion of each association. This is an area we look to expand upon in providing options and scenarios for associations to consider. Many factors including number of registered players, age division, skills range and geography will come into play.
- All sport, whether private or sanctioned is required to adhere to the same Government of Alberta Guidelines.
- Based on questions and concerns, the statement of “No Tournaments will be approved to operate until at least January 2021” will be reviewed prior to a final Return to Hockey document being released. Due to GOA restrictions, the status of tournaments (and potential timing on when they could operate) is currently unknown for all sports and organizations, unless the event can meet the parameters outlined within the cohort measures.
- In closing, we will utilize the questions, discussion and another membership focus group to finalize our Return to Hockey Plan. This plan will be distributed no later than June 30th, at which time we will initiate additional member engagement strategies to best support and prepare for the implementation of each Return to Hockey component.

Thank You,
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