

Welcome back to Hinton Minor Hockey and welcome to all our new members this year!!

We are excited to begin another great year of hockey in Hinton. This season is full of many unknowns so <u>please</u> bear with us as we try to navigate through all the ever-changing information and relay it back to all of our members.

For all our new members, and anyone that is unaware, our website is www.hintonminorhockey.com. There are many links to resources on there for managers and coaches so please make an effort to explore! We are working to make sure all the documents are up to date, if you find anything that needs fixing, please let us know at www.hintonminorhockey.com!

If you are new to hockey and have questions about Equipment, try visiting the Link from our website under HMHA Info tab and selecting Equipment Guide. Please note mouthguards are optional and your helmet & faceguard must be CSA Approved. If you still have questions a coach will be happy to help!

Once managers (not applicable to U7) and coaches are selected there will be another email sent out to them outlining some important dates and how to use particular forms, etc. If you are interested in becoming a manager, be sure to check out the Manager/Coach Info tab on the Hinton Minor Hockey website and review some of the information on there. You can also register using the same RAMP Registration link but instead of selecting 'Participant', select the 'Coach/Staff Registration' and proceed from there.

For coaches and potential coaches, please refer to the Coach Registration and Courses document that was sent out. If you are interested in being a coach and haven't already, please register using the same RAMP Registration link but instead of selecting 'Participant', select the 'Coach/Staff Registration'.



We also have a Hinton Minor Hockey Facebook page. We try to always email AND post on Facebook but it is great to have both to ensure you stay informed and that communication is reaching as many members as possible. Once you "Like" our page, please make sure to select the three dots ... and select "Following" and slide the button over on "Get Notifications". This will help make sure you don't miss anything!

Occasionally families have troubles receiving emails from the RAMP registration system. If you haven't seen any emails yet, please make sure they are not going to your spam or junk and mark them as not junk. You can also log into your RAMP profile and double check your email addresses are entered correctly. You should also select 'Your Profile' and then 'Email Subscriptions'. Make sure Hinton Minor Hockey is checked off. Try unchecking and saving and rechecking and saving to reset it. If none of these works, please reach out to us and we will try to help you resolve that!

A couple important links to find more information are:

NAI (Northern Alberta Interlock) League: http://www.nainterlock.com/

Hockey Alberta: https://www.hockeyalberta.ca/

Hockey Canada: https://www.hockeycanada.ca/en-ca/home

Practice Entry & Sign in Procedures

Please refer to the Hinton Minor Hockey website or Facebook page for updates to any practice schedules and other important information. These times were emailed out as well.

We ARE currently able to use the dressing rooms but only have a 15 minute time limit before and after ice times. I know it can take a little longer with the younger divisions so you may still want to partially dress them at home. These rooms are strategically assigned and CANNOT be changed by HMHA!

With the new Covid procedures, other levels are having players enter at the top of the stairs to the right of the main doors into the BTA and parents sign in at the front. That just won't work for the younger divisions! So parents from U7 and U9 are permitted to enter the up the stairs with their children. Masks ARE required. You MUST use the PARENT / SPECTATOR sign in sheet for the town and check off your player, acknowledge you've reviewed the screening questionnaire and write your name. Either the last parent in or a coach will need to bring this down to the front desk. Once everyone is signed in, please do not let other parents in this door, they will be required to go sign in with the front desk.

It is important to come on time as these doors will be locked and only opened 15 minutes before practice by one of the coaches.

Only one side of the stands are to be used during each practice. The guest side has a larger capacity and should accommodate all of you if only **1 parent per child** stays. Please ensure to adhere to all town guidelines and signage. If you're not sure about something, there is usually a town employee close by to ask. Please always be respectful as we are all doing the best we can during these extraordinary times!

Currently, as of Sept 23, all practices will take place in the Bill Thompson Arena (BTA). Please note, these times may change (and actually are quite likely to change) so watch for updates!

U7 – Wed 4:30 & Fri 5:00 Dressing Rooms 6 & 7

U9 – Mon & Thurs 4:30 Dressing Rooms 6 & 7

And last but not least we would like to introduce to you the current Executive Members. We hope that if there are any questions or concerns throughout the season that you feel comfortable with at least one of these members to express your concerns and have them brought forward at our next meeting.

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