Meadow Lake Minor Hockey Association: COVID Mask Policy

Anyone participating in, or in attendance for MLMH programming will be required to adhere to the *Saskatchewan Hockey Association* *Return to Hockey COVID 19 Response – Safety Guidelines* which can be reviewed at [www.sha.sk.ca](http://www.sha.sk.ca)

This is a living document and the policy will ebb and flow depending on public health guidelines. We ask that participants use common-sense in their adherence to the policy outlined below.

**Mask Policy Requirements:**

Face Covering: a medical or non-medical **mask which covers the mouth and nose**. The material can be cloth or other material

Players: must be properly wearing a face covering when entering the arenas and continue wearing their face covering until they reach the spot where they will finish getting their skates/equipment on (chair, bleacher, dressing room). Players MUST keep their face covering on until they put their helmet on to head to the ice surface. Face coverings must be put back on once they remove their helmet – ***non compliance will impact your ability to participate as outlined below***

On Ice Coaches: must wear a face covering when entering the arenas and continue wearing their face coverings until such a time that they are ready to step on to the ice and are putting on their helmets. Face coverings must be again utilized once they step off the ice - ***non compliance will impact your ability to participate as outlined below***

Bench Coaches/Staff: must be properly wearing a face covering at all times - ***non compliance will impact your ability to participate as outlined below***

On Ice Officials: must be properly wearing a face covering when entering the arenas and continue wearing their face covering until they reach the spot where they will put their skates on – ***non compliance will impact your ability to work with MLMH***

Off Ice Officials (time/score keepers, penalty box keeper): must be properly wearing a face covering at all times – ***non compliance will impact your ability to work with MLMH***

Spectators: must be properly wearing a face covering at all times – ***non compliance will impact the ability of the child(ren) you are watching to participate as outlined below***

**Who does it apply to?**

Everyone, two years of age and older

**Consequences for non compliance of spectators and players:**

In the event an executive member of MLMH is notified of non compliance of the MLMH Mask Policy the consequences will effect all registered MLMH players within that family. Contact will be made by a member of the executive and the consequences will be imposed as follows:

1st Offence: player(s) will be prohibited from attending the next MLMH scheduled practice/game

2nd Offence: player(s) will be prohibited from attending the next 5 MLMH scheduled practice/game

3rd Offence: player(s) will no longer be eligible to participate in MLMH programming for the rest of the season

**Reporting non compliance:**

We do not expect spectators, players, team officials or community members to confront those who are not complying, however we ask that you notify your team COVID rep, or a member of the MLMH executive to report non compliance.

**Final considerations:**

Coaches are required to adhere to the above mentioned policy and follow all the safety guidelines set forth by Saskatchewan Hockey Association. These volunteers are mentors for our youth and are expected to model compliance. Any coach who is not willing to adhere to the MLMH Mask Policy will not be eligible to volunteer with the organization. A commitment to coach comes with a commitment to wear a mask.

On ice officials will be instructed to not start games until there is compliance from bench/coaching staff, and off ice officials.

Should you choose to withdraw the registrant as a result of the face mask or return to play guidelines as set out by SHA all current refund policies as outlined in the Meadow Lake Minor Hockey Policy and Procedures Manual will apply.  All specific details are outlined directly in section 2.a 9-10 and can be located on the Meadow Lake Minor Hockey website at [www.meadowlakeminorhockey.com](http://www.meadowlakeminorhockey.com).  Should any participant in MLMH, including parent/guardian, player or coaches be suspended due to non-compliance no financial reimbursement/refund will be provided in accordance with the aforementioned refund policy.

We would like to remind the MLMH community that playing hockey is a privilege and one that can be taken away by SHA at any time, should our organization not be following this or any other Saskatchewan Hockey Association policy