



RETURN TO HOCKEY

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Sask Health Authority and the Government of Saskatchewan**

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Introduction

Moosomin Minor Hockey has been working with guidelines from the Sask Hockey Association, who has been working with the Health Authority, in developing a “Return to Hockey” plan that allows our players to get back on the ice and enjoy the great game of hockey. This plan will attempt to provide answers to many of the numerous questions that are being asked regarding how MMHA will operate under the Sask Health Authority and Government guidelines and restrictions.

The Moosomin Minor Hockey – Return to Hockey Plan is current as of October 27, 2020 and is based on the requirements of the Sask Health Authority as of this date. As the situation evolves MMHA will update accordingly to remain in compliance with requirements.

As you read this document please keep in mind that this is the new normal in our current environment, this is not a typical hockey season, and it will look different. There are 3 Phases to this plan that will be outlined in the document:

1. Evaluation phase – This will take place in October and will be for the purpose of team formation and skill development.
2. Development phase – Once teams are formed they will be placed in ‘mini-leagues’ of less than 50 people. This will begin once the teams are formed.
3. Regular season – This is the final phase and will happen when Sask Health guidelines will allow return to ‘traditional’ hockey



Program Objectives

The guidelines in place have forced us to think differently on how we operate. While the program may look different, it is developed on achieving the following objectives:

1. Safety – Create a safe, healthy environment for our players, coaches and volunteers.
2. Fun – Maintain an atmosphere where the kids can enjoy the game of hockey.
3. Development – Create a competitive environment that allows players to develop and grow. This is essential and can be accomplished in both practice and game play environments.
4. Tiering – Provide an environment where players are grouped in appropriate and fair skill levels
5. Game play – Create an environment where some form of game play can exist (5v5, 4v4, 3v3)



Requirements – Saskatchewan Gov't, Hockey Canada, Sask Hockey

1. Within the current Government of Saskatchewan Re-Open Plan there are a number of requirements/restrictions that hockey must follow:
 - Use of “mini-leagues - 6 team maximum as approved by SHA”
 - maximum of 30 people allowed on the ice surface at any one time
2. No competition outside mini-leagues are permitted.
3. At this time, there will be no tournaments sanctioned in Saskatchewan until the new year, when that will be reassessed based upon the COVID-19 situation within the province
4. At this time, there will be no out of province travel allowed for exhibition games or tournaments until the new year, when that will be reassessed based upon the COVID-19 situation within the province.
5. Complete Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan can be found here
<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus/re-open-saskatchewan-plan/re-open-saskatchewan>
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6. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
 - FACE COVERINGS ARE MANDATORY as per SHA Guidelines. Masks must be worn by players, coaches, officials, spectators at all times until they put their helmets on to go on the ice. Spectators over 2 years of age and bench staff must wear properly fitted face covering at all times.



Protocols and Safety

We cannot stress enough that the safety and well-being of our players, coaches, volunteers and families is of the utmost importance. This section details several Hockey Canada and Sask Health Authority guidelines and resources.

Hockey Canada has built a comprehensive Safety Guidelines document.

https://cdn.hockeycanada.ca/hockey-canada/Exclusive/return-to-hockey/downloads/HC_RTH_Safety-GUIDELINES_EN.pdf

Parents and players play a key role in the Return to Hockey. Their responsibilities include:

MANDATORY: COVID release and Hockey Canada's Return to Hockey Certificate (Certificate is required from one parent per family, but we do encourage all to take this quick training course) MUST be completed and handed in at FIRST ice session. Players will NOT be allowed on the ice until these are complete

Maximum 3 Spectators per player, per ice session until further notice

- stay at home if experiencing any symptoms
- become educated on the safety protocols and procedures prior to attending any session, and adhere to them while at the session
- ensure each player has their own water bottle which is sanitized prior to each session
- ensure equipment is dried, cleaned and/or sanitized following each session
- arrange appropriate transportation to and from the session

A detailed outline of responsibilities can be found in the Hockey Canada Safety Guidelines – Roles and Responsibilities (Appendix 6)

Contact Tracing

MMHA teams must appoint a Safety Coordinator (Covid Manager) that will be responsible for tracking all participants during team activities and submitting it to the Executive. This information will be kept for one month. ALL persons entering the Communiplex(Mike Schwean Arena) MUST sign in for contact tracing purposes.



Facilities

Moosomin Minor Hockey does not own or manage the arenas. As a user group it is our responsibility to follow the requirements as outlined by the Town of Moosomin and the Moosomin Communiplex.

MMHA recommends coming to the arena "ice ready" ie. Dressed in everything aside from your skates and helmet, when possible. Change rooms will be available with social distancing measures in place and parent will be allowed to accompany those who need assistance with their equipment.

During ALL MMHA events, including but not limited to clinics, practices, mini league games, and the like, Moosomin Minor Hockey will enforce a strict 3 spectator(3 persons) limit per player, per ice session until further notice. All parents are required to sign a COVID Release as well as submit a certificate of competition of the Hockey Canada Return to Hockey program. One certificate is required per recommend all parents complete this quick information session online.

The Communiplex full list of guidelines are located on page 13. These guidelines include:

- Wash your hands with soap and water before and after your activity.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, mouth and face.
- Cover coughs and sneezes in a tissue or your elbow.
- Use hand sanitizer whenever possible.
- Maintain a social distance of 6 feet from others at all times.
- Be mindful of common surfaces and limit touch points.
- Do not gather or loiter in the lobby, entrance, dressing rooms, bathrooms or any public area.
- Ensure all garbage and recycling and place in appropriate bins.
- Water fountains and vending machines are not available
- Faucets in change rooms should only be used for washing hands
- Spectator stands will not be disinfected and cleaned between bookings
- Change rooms are open with physical distancing measures in place
- Shower facilities are available however limited to one user at any one time
- User groups are expected to maintain cohort groups in dressing rooms

Not respecting the facility protocols and procedures jeopardizes the entire Moosomin Minor Hockey program.



Moosomin Minor Hockey Phases

The primary concern for MMHA is that any programs offered focus on the health and safety of all participants. The intent is not to re-create the regular season, but to offer development, modified game play and fun before proceeding to the regular season.

Phase One – Evaluation/Skills Sessions/Team formation

- Timing – Beginning October 6, 2020
- Skill sessions and limited scrimmages (Casey O'Brien and Brian Elder)

Phase Two – Development

- Timing – After the evaluation/team formation phase
- Teams will be “paired” with another team or teams to form a mini-league of no more than 50 participants
- Programs include:
 - On-ice practice
 - Off-ice training
 - Games within their mini-league (3v3, 4v4, 5v5)

Phase Three – Regular Season

- Timing – TBD



Evaluation/Team Formations

The evaluation process will look slightly different than in past years for some divisions. Remember that hockey is limited by the current guidelines imposed by the Sask Health Authority. These guidelines could change throughout the process.

Guidelines:

1. U5 – One team available

2. U7 to U11 – Evaluations will take place during Casey O'Brien Skills School
 - There will be a goalie sessions incorporated into skill sessions

 - Teams will be formed based on even and fair skill levels

 - Guidelines with respect to roster sizes and team formation will remain in effect

3. U13 to U18 – Only one team (unless numbers require more) available in each division. Teams will be split and formed into "mini leagues" amongst themselves or between two age divisions.



Development Season

Players will be able to practice and compete in 'mini-league' within their tier.

NOTE: As per Sask Health Authority and Sask Hockey, tournaments will not be allowed during this phase

U7

- No major changes to format of U7
- Teams will be formed of 10-14 players
- 'Mini-leagues' will be formed of up to 6 teams
- 2 teams will be on the ice at a time
- Cross ice games only
- No Officials for games

U9

- No major changes to format of U9
- Teams will be formed of 10-14 players
- For each tier 'mini-leagues' will be formed of up to 6 teams
- 2 teams will be on the ice at a time
- Half ice games until January 1

U11-U18

- Teams will be formed using current MMHA and SHA guidelines
- Teams will be "paired" with another team or teams to form a mini-league of up to 6 teams



Regular Season

Moosomin Minor Hockey will follow the lead of the Government of Saskatchewan, Sask Health Authority and Sask Hockey to determine when it is appropriate to transition from the Development Season to a return to normal Regular Season. We are optimistic that we will be able to transition to a traditional Regular Season in accordance with past season timelines. However, we will only do so when it is safe and when the approval is given.



FAQ

Q: Are players allowed to opt-out of the development phase and rejoin for the regular season?

A. No, players must be registered with MMHA from the beginning.

Q: What is a 'Mini-League'?

A. A mini-league is a group of up to 6 teams maximum which includes coaches/staff, instructors, participants from multiple teams, officials and volunteers who cannot maintain two meters of distancing from others at all times.

Q: What if my child starts, and wishes to not continue?

A. MMHA has a refund policy that allows for a percentage of the fees to be refunded based on date of quitting. Complete details can be found in the Policies and Bylaws on the MMHA Website.

Q: If the Regular Season does not start until January, will the season be extended past March 31?

A. That is a potential. MMHA will work with the Town of Moosomin and The Communiplex with respect to ice availability

Q: What if we have to stop because another wave of COVID-19 shuts things down?

A. We will pro-rate refunds on the basis of the amount of season we were able to complete. See Covid-19 Refund Policy for more details.



MOOSOMIN MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

COVID-19 REFUND POLICY

If MMHA has to cancel the hockey season due to COVID related regulations set forward by Sask Health Authority and Sask Hockey Association, the following refund schedule will be implemented.

The reason for lower refund amount in earlier months is due to frontloaded cost of SHA player insurance and the Edge2Edge Hockey Academy.

SHOULD A PLAYER END THEIR SEASON FOR ANY OTHER REASON, MMHA STANDARD REFUND POLICY WILL APPLY.

**CANCELLATION
TIMEFRAME**

REFUND %

NOVEMBER

50%

DECEMBER

40%

JANUARY

25%

FEBRUARY

10%



Town of Moosomin Parks & Recreation
COVID-19 FACILITY GUIDELINES
Moosomin Communiplex
September 9, 2020
Subject to Change

All Ice times must be booked through the Rec Office. Email: msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net OR Call: 306-435-3622.

General

- Wash your hands with soap and water before and after your activity.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, mouth and face.
- Cover coughs and sneezes in a tissue or your elbow.
- Use hand sanitizer whenever possible.
- Please STAY HOME if;
 - You or any of your household members are experiencing any symptoms or feeling unwell.
 - You have travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days.
 - You have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or are waiting for test results for COVID-19
- Maintain a social distance of 6 feet from others at all times.
- Be mindful of common surfaces and limit touch points.
- Do not gather or loiter in the lobby, entrance, dressing rooms, bathrooms or any public area.
- Ensure all garbage and recycling and place in appropriate bins.

Masks and Face Coverings

- Masks / Face coverings are not mandatory but are recommended. This would be subject to change to mirror any National , Provincial or Municipal Council policy.

Keeping our patrons / users and staff safe during COVID 19

- We have established a regular and dedicated cleaning routine with established COVID 19 "Kill List" Cleaners. Our choice of cleaners includes:
 - SaniSpray HP Airless Sprayer with VitalOxide Spray
 - And
 - Econo Chem - Didecyl Dimethyl Ammonium Chloride
- Ensuring our facilities align with the provincial guidelines
- Providing access to hand sanitizer
- Having staff maintain physical distancing. Should you require a staff member please contact 435-7578.

Communiplex Specific Measures

- Water fountains and vending machines are not available
- Faucets in change rooms should only be used for washing hands
- Spectator stands will not be disinfected and cleaned between bookings
- Change rooms are open with physical distancing measures in place
- Shower facilities are available however limited to one user at any one time
- User groups are expected to maintain cohort groups in dressing rooms
- Facility Capacity shall be determined in the following priority:
 1. Saskatchewan Health Authority Guidelines
 2. Town of Moosomin Parks and Recreation Guideline
 3. Provincial Sport Governing Body Guidelines

Building Entry

- Entrance will be through the marked doors on the main entrance.
Rotation will include:

Practice 1	Rooms 1, 2, 6	Main Doors
Practice 2	Rooms 7, 8	South Doors
Practice 3	Rooms 3, 4, 5	Main Doors
Practice 4	Rooms 7, 8	South Doors
- Exits shall be through the same doors
- Participants are encouraged to arrive at the Communiplex “ice ready”.
- Follow all on site signage.
- Arrive no earlier than 30 minutes before your scheduled ice time and depart within 30 minutes after your scheduled ice time.

User Group Responsibilities

- Everyone must adhere to all guidelines current to the date of rental as outlined in the “Reopen Saskatchewan” plan and the Saskatchewan “Public Health Order”.
<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus/re-open-saskatchewan-plan>
- Please be aware of any specific National or Provincial Sport Governing Body guidelines as it relates to COVID-19.
- Everyone must adhere to any special guidelines as outlined by the Moosomin Parks and Recreation Department
- Coaches / Program leaders shall be deemed “sanitation champions” and shall be responsible for ensuring guidelines are followed
- Collect participant contact information to support tracing if necessary
- All users must bring their own pre-filled water bottle.
- Sanitize and disinfect any equipment.

Participants and Spectators

- Understand universal precautions to avoid the spread of COVID 19.
https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/prevention-risks.html?utm_campaign=gc-hc-sc-coronavirus2021-ao-2021-0005-9834796012&utm_medium=search&utm_source=google_grant-ads-107802327544&utm_content=text-en-434601690_167&utm_term=covid-19#p
- Each team / group will be required to sign this 2020/21 Season COVID-19 Guidelines and Waiver at least 7 days prior to the first on ice activity.

Town of Moosomin Communiplex Responsibilities

- Ensure we are aligned with the Government of Saskatchewan's Guidelines and regulations.
- Provide access to hand sanitizer and hand washing stations.
- Clean and disinfect daily. Spectator stands will not be disinfected and cleaned between every practice and game.

Participant Record of Participants

- Program Lessee shall:
 - Shall register each participant / parent / guardian attending a session Both arriving and vacating. Records shall be kept for 30 days and will be made available to the Town of Moosomin Parks and Recreation at their request.

THE TOWN OF MOOSOMIN IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY FINES INCURRED BY USERS OR SPECTATORS FOR NOT FOLLOWING THE SASKATCHEWAN HEALTH AUTHORITY RE-OPEN SASKATCHEWAN PLAN AS WELL AS THE RETURN TO PLAY GUIDELINES PROVIDED BY THE USER GROUPS' PROVINCIAL SPORT GOVERNING BODY (if applicable).

Name Printed

User Group

Signature

Date

Protocols are subject to change.