



Director and Committee Reports

Meeting Date: Oct 22, 2020

Meeting Location: Online Cisco

Director of Administration (Secretary):

Re: Photo Night

We have added a new product this season to help off set the expenses associated with photo day. It is called the Standard Memory Mate and it is identical to our premium product the Premium Player Mount. The only difference is it is not mounted on the styrene, but comes in a cardboard photo sleeve. Which makes it perfect for a scrapbook or to frame and change out each year.

Standard Memory Mate- \$18
Premium Player Mount -\$20

Looking at last year schedule we actually did 21 teams on a 10 min schedule with 2 breaks. That will be totally doable this year with the 17 teams. Especially since COVID we have moved all orders to online. This limits the amount of people we will have on photo day and the amount of time everyone is in one space.

SAMPLE STORE link: mvpteamphotos.square.site

(This is only the sample store showing products. Closer to your shoot date you will receive the live link for your association store.)

I have attached some additional information in regards to some policy changes and COVID procedures.

COVID IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

As a small business we are rising to the challenge of maintaining health and safety protocols. We have developed procedures to ensure the safety of our team and yours, within government guidelines. We would like to accommodate your organization in the best way we can. If anyone is showing symptoms of COVID-19 or has been in contact with someone who has, please do not attend photo day.

Photo day looks a little different this year. Parents and players please wait in your car until our staff comes to open the front door for your team. They will be holding a sign indicating what team we are ready for. When entering the building please maintain social distancing on the lines provided. Players please make your way to the photography station. Once your photo is taken please exit the building. For younger players, we understand a parent/guardian may be required. Everyone is required to keep their masks on at all times, until instructed to be removed by the photographer. All equipment will be sanitized after every cohort. We ask that all players come fully dressed with the exception of helmets and skates. It is the coaches preference on what the players are to wear in the photos. Coaches please make sure you communicate to your team to be in full equipment or only gloves, stick and jersey.



Policy changes

Missed photo day (Addons)

We have changed our policy in regards to adding in players/coaches who miss photo day and want to be in the team photo. The new policy is the player or coach has 3 days from photo day to come to our studio to have their photo taken. An appointment can also be made before photo day to ensure they are added to their team. They can call or email our office to set up an appointment to come in (780-458-1688). Any appointments later than 3 days will result in a \$30 addon charge and the subject will only be added into their copy of the team photo. This change is in order to ensure we are getting the finished products back to our clients in a timely fashion.

Reorder pricing

Our photo day incentive has also been modified. The discount pricing parents receive, is now only valid for 3 days after the photo booking. Any orders placed after the 3 days, will be subject to GST on all products with options for pick-up or delivery. Shipping costs may apply.

Questions???

- 1) Do we want the standard player mate or premium player mount?
- 2) Which color jerseys?
- 3) Will non-cohort coaches be in the pictures?

Director of Finance (Treasurer):

- Starting to see ice bills come in
- Zone 5 membership was only \$2,720 rather than the budgeted \$5,800

Director of Ice Allocation:

There hasn't been a lot of issues with ice so far as we are just starting with games. There was a lot of weeknight games this session which meant there were a lot of teams switching base week ice. Everyone has been very accommodating when having to make changes. This coming weekend especially. I double booked to 2 slots over the weekend but was able to make changes and all teams involved were great!! Thank you to the ones who pointed out my mistakes! I do appreciate it. If there is ever an issue, please email me!

Slot allocation: On average teams are getting 1 full ice slot plus their base week shared slot. This is totally dependent on games. If a team has 2 games on weekends, they are only getting their base week practice. With the break coming up I have been able to give each team a shared slot plus a full ice slot on the weekend. This is over and above their base week slot.

The early morning slots; I have been trying very hard to rotate this through teams. With games it has been a little harder. I know some teams are feeling like they keep getting the early slot, but when games are generally scheduled between 9-5pm it doesn't leave a lot of options. We have also lost some ice because of COVID..

The Tri Leisure has changed how our ice is allocated. We are being given a block of ice and in that block we can schedule how I see fit. We are able to go back to 15 minute breaks between ice slots, so yay!!



This will take effect November 9 for our schedule. Teams that this affects have been notified. It mostly affects our Monday night teams at the Tri.

Stu Barnes said their schedule won't change for November, but it could possibly change for December. I have indicated that our weekend ice will have to stay the same until session 2 is done. To many changes to be made with games.

Calahoo: Prior to this past weekend we found out that they missed putting in the goalie crease. We had 3 teams play games there; U16B-1, U19B and U19AA. We had to have a temporary fix for the weekend which meant using bingo daubers to make the crease. This has now been fixed and goalie creases are in. There was also some issues with the time clock on Sunday. I asked the facility to look into why it was an issue. They tested it Tuesday and it seemed to be working. They did say they have issues with humidity and cold so that could have been the issues. Making sure to not move the time box would also help.

The schedule will change for November 9 to accommodate a switch of U10 Step 1/2. These teams will be splitting and entering BGL starting the second session. This means that the rotation ice on Tuesday's at 5pm will no longer be available to the teams that indicated they would like to use it. This affects U12A, U12B-2, U12C, U14B-2, U16B-1 and U16B-2. These teams will be notified of this.

Facility Guidelines: I have been updating and having Jody put this on the website under the COVID tab. We have to make sure we are following all facility guidelines. If we don't we will be suspended from facilities which means no ice for teams. We can't afford to have our association suspended from any facility. We won't have enough ice!! Team Managers/Team Safety Officers need to ensure that all teams in their cohort groups know what our guidelines are. There have been many teams from outside of Spruce Grove sending emails to facilities asking for their guidelines. This is our job to educate other associations!!

Director of Coaching:

Coaches mentorship program:

Up and running

Online Coaching Courses Available:

Open for registration – online coaching clinics

Minimal Coach's Cohort Possible Plan – U12 & Step 3

- 1) Coaches reach out to Cohort coaches
IF NOT AVAILABLE
- 2) Coaches send director an email stating they need support
- 3) Director sends out an email to other directors stating a coach is needed to see if anyone is available. If someone is available they can reach out to the team that needs the support.
- 4) If no one is available practice/game is cancelled and or possibly ran with only one coach

Director of U16:

The Black Gold League has been informed of a mandatory self isolation for a team in cohort CU16AA-2. This cohort consists of two (2) officials and the following teams:

SGV-U16AA-1
STA-U16AA-1



The St Albert team is in self isolation until October 28, 2020 so all games for this cohort are cancelled until October 29, 2020.

AHS has communicated to the St Albert head coach that they are now finished their contact tracing of this sport cohort.

It has been confirmed by RAB that SGRA's U16AA team is not required to self isolate.

Ref Allocator:

As per Below is the information that has been sent to me by the BGL and NARRA schedulers for this season regarding masks.

Hi everyone,

It has come to our attention that bench staff may or may not be wearing masks during games. It is confusing as to whether they are required to wear a mask or not, it will depend on the facilities rules. Therefore, it is not your job to police this. If you are reffing alone, you can maintain physically distanced by skating the entire game on the opposite side of the bench. However, if you have a partner, then the two of you have a decision to make.

To Ref or Not to Ref? That is the Question.

AHS's *Guidance for Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation* states "participants can wear masks when they are not engaging in intense physical activity." Therefore, NARRA's position is that all off-ice participants should wear a mask. Skating close to the boards will be habit many of you will find hard to break, and therefore, bench staff not wearing masks puts you at risk. **You can choose not to ref at any time.** If you are uncomfortable with a participant(s) on the bench not wearing a mask, we recommend you follow these steps:

- 1) Discuss with your partner.
 - a. If your partner is ok with it, ask if they would be willing to ref the entire game on the bench side.
 - i. If they agree, game on.
 - ii. If they do not agree, go to Step 2.
 - b. If your partner is also uncomfortable, go to Step 2.
 - 2) Ask the participant to put on a mask.
 - a. If they agree, game on.
 - b. If they refuse, tell them that you "respect their decision" and that one or both of you will be leaving the game, go to Step 3. Note that if one of you stays to ref the game physically distanced from the opposite side, both officials will be paid. The official that leaves the game will be paid the regular game fee and the officials that refs the game will be paid double. If you both leave, both of you will be paid the regular game fee.
 - 3) Inform the other team and the minor officials that you will be leaving the game.
 - 4) Email or text NARRA (even if you do not leave the game, NARRA would like to receive notification of any bench that has staff not wearing masks).

We will respect their choice to not wear a mask and hope that they respect your choice to not be in an environment you feel is unsafe. Keep in mind, wearing a mask makes it more difficult for the droplets that spread coronavirus to reach other people. COVID-19 can be spread by people who do not have symptoms and do not know that they are infected. Wearing a cloth mask alone will not prevent the spread of COVID-19; therefore, even if everyone is wearing a mask, officials must consistently adhere to good hygiene, including frequent hand washing.

If you have any comments or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Sylvie. Thank you.



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