



SMHA Families,

As evaluations come to an end and we enter tiering games I would like to reach out to you all remind you of our current guidelines.

At this time the Town of Stettler has not implemented the REP program, although we are aware this could change at any time. While this means we **DO NOT** require proof of vaccination we do have to follow the restrictions given by the government.

Please Note: Capacity of SRC is Blue Arena 350 Red Arena 60

GOVERNMENT MANDATES

Youth sport (under 18) activities are permitted. For hockey, this includes full practices, games and tournaments.

1. Masking Indoors:

For Hockey Alberta Member organizations, this means:

- a) Face masks are **not** required by any player while engaged in physical activity (on the ice or on the players' bench).
- b) Face masks are **not** required by coaches or on-ice officials on the ice surface during physical activity.
- c) Face masks **are** required by coaches and team staff while on the bench, and by all penalty/timekeeping staff.
- d) Face masks **are** required by everyone while in a dressing room.

2. Screen for Symptoms

<https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/56c020ed-1782-4c6c-bfdd-5af36754471f/resource/58957831-a4ab-45ff-9a8e-3c6af7c1622e/download/covid-19-information-alberta-health-daily-checklist-2021-09.pdf>

3. Maintain 2 Meters Distancing except youth while engaged in physical activity.

It has been brought to my attention several times these last couple weeks regarding spectators without masks, players and coaches entering the building without masks. Anyone who refuses to follow the rules will be asked to leave the facility. Please, whatever your beliefs, follow the restrictions so that our kids will continue to be able to play. Any parent or spectator that causes an issue with our volunteers will face disciplinary measures.

Teams that do not follow these rules will have their practices cancelled at the teams expense following the complaints. These restrictions are in place by the facility and if we wish to continue to keep our kids on the ice we need to follow the requirements.

Reminder that even though our facility does not have an REP in effect, other communities may and we need to follow their rules when travelling there. If you are unable to meet the restrictions of the facility you are visiting please consider making other arrangements for your player so they can still attend the game. **Another note for facilities with an REP in place "coaches, instructors, trainers, referees for youth activities who are 18 years or older, are subject to the public health measures or REP requirements in the facility.** Please respect these rules, you are representing Stettler Minor Hockey. If its brought to our attention you are disrespecting these rules you will face disciplinary measures.

I urge you all no matter how you feel about these rules is to please work together to ensure our kids get to play hockey. Our number one goal is to keep all players playing hockey this season.

If you any questions please feel free to contact myself

Thank you

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