

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

**RE: CHMHA Minor Hockey 2020-2021**

Dear Grizzly Families,

We hope you are well and enjoying the summer.

Our CHMHA executive met last night to discuss the upcoming hockey season. At this point, a lot remains uncertain but we will do our best to communicate clearly with you as we receive more information from OMHA, our two local facilities, our Public Health Unit, and other member associations.

On August 15, the OMHA Executive Director released OMHA Return to Play – [OHF Stage 3b\) Programming which is effective September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.](#)

Important information from this document includes:

- Players must be registered for the 2020-2021 season in order to be covered by Hockey Canada insurance – players may participate with their Home Association or the Association with which they were registered for 2020-2021. First time players should also register with their Home association.
- Associations may now begin to collect registration fees for programming associated with Stage 3.

The Return to Hockey Framework is an incremental approach to phasing in players with a focus on developmental hockey skills. That means initially, the focus will be on skill development as players phase back into being on the ice. We have learned that the intent is to phase in more “team play” (focusing on 3 on 3 or 4 on 4 play) based on safe progress as determined by local public health units.

The [OHF Return to Hockey Framework](#) outlines the guidelines that have been put in place. In particular, Page 8 has a helpful chart of what each stage and phase means.

What does this mean for Centre Hastings Minor Hockey Association Families Now?

- Our executive is working with municipalities, facilities, OMHA, Public Health, and local member associations to determine our next steps.
- The start of our season will be determined by when we can safely get on the ice in Madoc and/or Marmora. At this point we are unsure when each arena is opening.
- Registration fees will remain the same this year, but to allow adjustment to the uncertainty, families can pay in stages (expected September, November, January) based on progress with programming. More information will be forthcoming and available on the website. We will request payment to be made electronically using e-transfer, when this is not possible, individual arrangements can be made.
- Coaches have been selected and will be a part of our opening strategy. Coaches will begin communicating directly with families.
- Prior to the initiation of the season, we will provide more detailed information on what you can expect regarding safety protocols and processes.

- More information on coaches, registration fees and processes, and any updated information will be available on our website  
<https://centrehastingsminorhockeyassociation.ca/>

Like you, we are anxious for more information. You can trust that we are currently working through the issues around starting the season, including completing our Association Plan as required by the OMHA.

We know that your players are anxious to be back on the ice with friends. We will continue to follow OMHA and OHF directives and work with our local partners and Public Health to work towards this while also recognizing the importance of ensuring safety of all the best we can.

We appreciate your patience as we work through this process together.

Yours in Hockey,

Theresa Bailey, CHMHA President

On behalf of CHMHA Executive



CC: Mayor Jan O'Neill, Municipality of Marmora and Lake  
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