

Norwich Minor Hockey Association Return to Hockey

Dear Parents and Players

We look forward to the start of our 2020/21 season. As you can imagine this season will look a little different than previous. NMHA is working with the Township of Norwich, the Ontario Hockey Federation, Hockey Canada and Southwest Public Health to ensure a safe start. Our COVID -19 return to hockey plan is fluid. As we receive updates from any of the above organizations our plan may change. We appreciate your understanding.

Some of the changes you can expect to see are listed below:

- 10 players per team: 9 skaters, 1 goalie and 2 bench staff
- Dressing before arriving at the arena (if your child is still using a car seat, dress to what is safe and finish dressing in the parking lot)
- Arriving only 15 minutes prior to ice time
- Mandatory masking and physical distancing within the arena
- Active screening of all participants (players, coaches)
- Limit to the number of people per dressing room (this includes players, coaches and parents) – **7 person max for each dressing room**
- Dressing rooms will be mixed (boys/girls) since arriving dressed
- Using chairs provided in the hall to tie players skates
- Players masks will remain on until they put their helmet on
- Players remain in the dressing room until the ice is ready (no waiting in the hall outside the ice doors)
- Respecting the posted limits to number of people in each area of the arena
- **Limited number of spectators** – one person per player, no siblings
- All players must exit the dressing room within 10 minutes following their ice time
- Provide your own labelled water bottle
- There will be no communal lost and found

Below is the link to the Hockey Canada Return to Hockey Safety Guidelines FAQs

<https://hockeycanada.ca/en-ca/exclusive/return-to-hockey/plans/safety>.

Thanks – NMHA COVID Committee