

## Return to Hockey Safety Plan – letter to Players, parents and guardians

As many of you may be aware, Minor Hockey is beginning to open in communities all around us, with specific safety measures in place. The Return to Hockey Safety plan that the Executive Committee has been working on hard all summer has been in collaboration with The City of Port Alberni, Vancouver Island Amateur Hockey Association, BC Hockey, Hockey Canada following the guidelines of the Provincial Health Officer and viaSport. We have collaborated to bring you the best options and opportunities, while we get the skates on the ice. The full (living) document is uploaded to the AVMHA website for your review.

ALL OUR COMMUNICATION WILL BE OCCURRING THROUGH TEAMSAP. Please ensure that you have the APP downloaded and/or have the email notifications turned on.

In summary:

### **Phase 2 (Approximately May – October)**

- Rep tryouts begin August 30, 2020 with specific details to follow
- All other divisions begin the week of September 8th
  
- Training focused with individual and group skill development
  - o Practice Groups (no “teams”)
  - o Focus on skill development
  - o No contact
  - o No travel
  
- 20 person capacity on ice (this includes players, coaches and on ice volunteers), 25 person max in either arena at any time. Team officials will be responsible for managing capacity. NO parents or spectators during this phase
  
- Off ice officials include Hockey Canada Safety Person and/or Team Manager
- Prior to arrival –
  - o YOU MUST HAVE completed your TeamSnap availability and Covid screener prior to arriving
  - o Do not come if you are sick
  
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- Arrival/During AVMHA practice
  - o NO MORE than 15 minutes prior to ice time
  - o Use hand sanitizer when you arrive
  - o Leave all personal items in the vehicle (cell phones, hockey bags, etc.)
  - o Arrive prepared to go onto the ice in full gear (skates, gloves and helmet being the exceptions)
  - o Bring a water bottle, clearly marked with your name
  - o Absolutely NO SPITTING. You will be asked to leave immediately
  - o Maintain physical distancing at all times (Coaches and team officials to wear a mask when this is difficult – tying skates, attending to players, ETC.)
  - o Pick up within 15 minutes at end of practice time

- For U6, U7, U8 and U9 (Previously initiation and Novice Divisions) – you will receive special instructions from your coordinator regarding the support that your child may need in your absence.

**Phase 3 – approximately October (TBD)**

- Provincial Health Officer to outline physical distancing
- Facility may increase capacity
- Gradually increased group size
- Pair or small group contact skills
- Local or regional game play
- Limited spectators
- Expansion of training activities
- Interclub or regional game play may be considered
- Some shared equipment

**Phase 4 – “New Normal” (TBD)**

- Large groups allowed
- No restrictions on activity type
- Provincial competitions
- Shared equipment
- No restrictions on spectators/capacity

Your coordinators in each division will be contacting you with information specific to your group shortly, including ice times etc.

Initiation (U6 –U9)

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