



MANITOBA U18 AAA HOCKEY LEAGUE

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LEAGUE UPDATE - RETURN TO PLAY

The Manitoba U18 AAA Hockey League held a league meeting on August 16, 2020 via Zoom. The Board of Directors discussed Hockey Manitoba’s Return to Play Plan and various options available to the league.

Hockey Manitoba’s latest update (August 18, 2020) outlined that the Provincial Health Authority agreed to provide Hockey Manitoba with the appropriate delegated authority to re-introduce the game. Further, Hockey Manitoba’s Board of Directors support the continuation of Phase 2 throughout the month of September and remain on schedule to enter Phase 3 beginning in October, subject to provincial government approval.

As a prerequisite to Phase 3, which would permit game play, Hockey Manitoba requires its member Regions, Leagues, and Minor Hockey Associations to complete Return to Play Compliance Templates. It is expected that Hockey Manitoba will provide these Templates to its various Region, Leagues, and Associations this week, and will require completion by September 15, 2020.

The Manitoba U18 AAA Hockey League is committed to complying with provincial and regional guidelines as well as Hockey Manitoba’s Return to Play Plan to provide a safe environment for our members to return to play.

The Manitoba U18 AAA Hockey League Board of Directors has formed a Return to Play Task Force. The Task Force will determine the league start date, schedule structure, and additional safety protocols. In doing so, the Task Force will focus on (1) ensuring compliance with appropriate health guidelines (provincial, regional, and Hockey Manitoba), (2) limiting contact between teams, (3) limiting travel between regions, and (4) limiting hotel stays and contact with non-members.

It is anticipated that the Manitoba U18 AAA Hockey League regular season will commence between October 9th and November 1st, that the schedule will consist of between 24 and 36 games, and that the league will be divided into 2-3 divisions.

The Manitoba U18 AAA Hockey League must remain flexible with its Return to Play Strategy. We look forward to a safe 2020-2021 hockey season.

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