

MN Hockey District 9



December 15, 2020

District 9 Associations

An update from our Special Board Meeting last night.

The agenda for our Sunday night Special Board meeting was to vote on extending the season and return to play Phase 1 rules for this latest pause we are in the middle of. These rules have been presented to MDH and needed full board support. We still must find out what the Governor will do.

The following important adjustments to our season have been approved.

- **Change Roster deadline date to January 31st.**
- **Also voted and approved was the extension to our MN Hockey Season. This of course could change. The following was approved:**

	Present Plan	New Dates
Districts	2/11-14	3/12-14
Regions	2/25-28	3/19-21
State	3/11-14	3/26-28

District 9 will extend our league end dates into the first week of March. As we learn more from the Governor tomorrow, I will schedule a Zoom meeting to discuss our full plans on restarting.

The Board also voted the following return to play protocols as temporary rules. These protocols need to be vetted and approved by MDH and the Governors office. These protocols come out of meetings with MDH as what return to play could start like. More changes could occur, MN Hockey wanted to give our support as the 2 groups work on a plan to reopen. The initial thought will be a phased reopening approach.

- **Change Junior Gold & 16U player participation rule. Player must participate in at least 5 games prior to 2/28/21. Prior cut off was 1/25/21.**
- **All locker rooms are closed – MIAMA is in full support of this.**
- **No bags in the facility, except Goalies – Officials may bring small backpack/duffel bag.**
- **All players and officials must come fully dressed, helmet, skates, sticks, and gloves in hand. Goalies must be ½ dressed.**
- **Players, coaches, officials, and game off ice officials, cannot enter arena until 10 minutes prior to scheduled ice times.**

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- **Players must leave rink fully dressed and out of arena in 10 minutes. Coaches, officials, and game off ice officials must be out of the arena in 10 minutes.**
- **No resurfacing between periods during regular season**
- **No spectators at all in Arena except for Mites & 8U– For Phase 1, only one parent would be allowed in the arena for Mites/8U and below. Parents will not be allowed in the arena for any other age group. Maximum of 2 people may be allowed into arena to live stream games.**
- **No dryland activity within the arena**

To other items of note

1. There is a Hockey Directors call again tonight. Both topics and registration information is below.
 - a. **Topic:** Association Hockey Operations Committee Structure & Roles
 - b. **Presenters:** Steve Oleheiser, John Perry, Jacob Mars
 - c. **Time:** 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
 - d. **Link:** [Register](#)

 - e. **Topic:** Lessons Learned from Finnish Coaching Exchange
 - f. **Presenter:** Heather Mannix, ADM Manager - USA Hockey
 - g. **Time:** 8:15 PM - 9:15 PM
 - h. **Link:** [Register](#)
2. The Return to Play Webinar has been **rescheduled for this Wednesday, December 16 at 7:30 pm.** They will be discussing the impact of the announcement regardless of its outcome and Minnesota Hockey's plan moving forward. Registration for the webinar is available [here](#). If you registered previously, you should have received an email from Zoom containing the updates.

I will be scheduling a Zoom meeting as we find out more, hopefully tomorrow.

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