



### Executive Summary:

As per the Ontario Minor Hockey Associations Return to Hockey COVID-19 Response Plan, which is governed by the Ontario Hockey Federation, the Coldwater Minor Hockey Association (CMHA) proposes the following plan for our 2021-2022 season.

With guidance from the Response Plan, combined with recommendations provided by Public Health and in conjunction with the Township of Severn, our proposal is as follows.

### Phases:

At this time, given we are in Stage 3 of the Provincial Roadmap to Recovery and Ontario Hockey Federation framework, CMHA is **anticipating the return of hockey** and planning for the start of an exciting new season. We will be working through the phases as identified in the framework, with our Preparation Phase beginning on September 12, 2021 at the North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre in the Town of Midland.

In early October, we also plan to transition back to the Coldwater and District Community Centre and to move through the Evaluation and Development Phases, allowing bench staff to assess each player's skill level to help make sure each child has the best possible development experience during the hockey season.

Throughout this time, we will remain flexible and able to adapt should any changes be implemented. Should things proceed as we hope, the Regular Season Phase will commence in November 2021, with tournaments planned for January and February.

### COVID-19 Vaccination Policies:

As of October, registration numbers are approximately 190. Given the direction from OMHA and the Township of Severn with regards to mandatory vaccinations for the following affected persons, CMHA has taken steps to inform participants of requirements and ensure all are aware of our Refund policies. While we have seen a minimal impact from this requirement to date, and we are prepared should parents/guardians chose to withdraw participants on or before the October 31 deadline.

- Players born in 2009 or earlier
- Team Officials (Coaches, Trainers and Managers, etc.)
- Game Officials (referees, linespersons, timekeepers, etc.)
- Association Officials (minor hockey association directors, officers, executive and staff)
- OMHA Officials (directors, officers, executive and staff, including hockey development personnel)
- Volunteers
- Instructors (third parties engaged by Associations or Teams to provide specialized instruction (e.g., power skating, goaltending coaching))

## COVID 19 Protocols:

### North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre (NSSRC), Town of Midland Facility Safety Plan:

As per the [NSSRC COVID-19 rules and restrictions](#), the Coldwater Minor Hockey Association will submit a master list of all participants, including contact details within the timeframe indicated. Before entering, each team will have a trainer present 30 minutes prior to ice time to ensure all participants and attendees have:

- Completed screening and are eligible to enter
- That masks or face coverings are worn by everyone entering the facility and may only be removed by participants playing their sport and for individuals to eat or drink
- That physical distancing is maintained by those in attendance, unless they are actively participating in one ice activities
- That all attendees follow the arrows and directions as provided by the staff at the NSSRC

Coaches and trainers will also be responsible for helping to ensure we do not exceed attendees capacities, and that all make a swift exit after their scheduled ice times.

### Coldwater and District Community Centre Facilities Safety Plan:

As per the Coldwater and District [Community Centre's \(CDCC\) Return to Play: Guidelines for Users 2021](#), the Township of Severn and all persons using the Coldwater & District Community Centre will adhere to Ontario Regulation 364/20 Rules for Areas in Stage 3 as amended by:

- Adhering to both [provincial](#) and [OMHA vaccination](#) policies
- Following facility procedures that include active screening, ensuring for physical distancing and capacity restrictions, both in the facility and on the ice
- Limiting use of dressing rooms to maximize ice usage and allow for appropriate cleaning and disinfection times

### COVID- 19 Screening and Reporting:

The Township of Severn has provided three screening forms:

- Individual participant waiver – to be signed at the beginning of the year
- Participant Self-Screening Confirmation Form for full team to be completed for every ice time
- Spectator-Screening Confirmation Form to be completed for every ice time

A record of these screening forms will be maintained by the facility for a period of 30 days.

Participants who are not feeling well, exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to COVID-19 must not participate in any session. This information must be communicated the Manager and the Vaccination Position as laid out by OMHA in [Section 5](#) of the Return Play Framework will be followed.

**Communication:**

All up-to-date information will be posted on the Coldwater Wildcats website.

The bench staff of each team is responsible for adherence to the Plan at all times.

Jen Straw, Head Trainer, CMHA will be our designated health and wellness liaison, maintaining the records of attendees health as well as updates from all governing offices and relevant updates from the public health authority, and ensuring any COVID-19 cases are reported as required by the public health authority, Member, hockey association, league and facility.

Brian Zulak, The President of CMHA will be responsible for oversight of all bench staff, communicating with local facilities on guidelines and updates, and ensuring teams are following the prevention guidelines set by the Member/hockey association/league.