

SLMHA

Return to Play—Frequently Asked Questions

Stage 3B—Sept. 10, 2020

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**We are in Stage 3B, what is the next stage and when do we get there?**

Each stage will last for approximately two-to-four-week periods to allow for close monitoring of any impacts or potential resurgence of cases.

After each period, the chief medical officer of health may advise to:

Reapply or tighten certain public health measures in response to a surge in cases or outbreaks;

Maintain status quo and continue close monitoring of impacts; or

Progress to the next two-to-four-week period.

**How many coaches will be on each team?**

1 coach and 1 trainer

**Will each team need a manager and trainer?**

Trainer but no manager

**What jerseys will each team have? And can players take them home with them?**

No jerseys will be issued at this time. All players are recommended to bring their own white and dark practice jersey

**Will there be referees for each game?**

Yes

**Will I get my money back if the season is cancelled?**

Yes, it will be pro-rated to the amount of ice time used prior to potential cancellation of season

**Will there be someone at the door to answer questions and help with the process?**

Yes

**What if there is an emergency and I need to get my child out of the arena. What do I do, since I am not allowed into the arena.**

We are working on this protocol. Most likely it will be the designated “COVID person” required for each skate

**Do players need to wear a mask while on the ice?**

No

**How many coaches / trainers will be on the ice to look after the children skating?**

Minimum of 2 and maximum of 5 per session

**When will 4-4, 3-3 games start?**

To be determined by OMHA.

See OMHA FAQ

**How many games/practices will there be each week?**

To get us going in Sept/Oct we anticipate approximately 2 hours of ice time per week

**Will there be any tournaments this season?**

No

**Will Bobcaygeon Arena be open this season?**

The Bobcaygeon Arena will not be opening this season. We will do our best to have all ice times to be held at the Fenelon Falls Arena but depending on ice availability and participants we may need to secure ice time at the Lindsay arena.

**Will we play games against other centers?**

Not at this time, but potentially we could play games against teams within our Public Health Unit—ie: Lindsay, Haliburton, etc, once we get to Stage 3C, 3D, 3E

**How are you splitting teams?**

To be determined

**Will the current rules (specifically no change rooms and no parents) be in place all season?**

To be determined by City of Kawartha Lakes policy

**What will the little kids do without their parents?**

For players under 10, one adult will be permitted to enter the arena for the purpose of tying skates/helmets and then leave. Same policy for when the kids come off the ice.

**Do players have to wear full fishbowl visor?**

No

OMHA FAQ

[https://www.omha.net/news\\_article/show/1118257](https://www.omha.net/news_article/show/1118257)

**What will rosters look like?**

Teams will be rostered to a maximum of 9 players + 1 goalie during Stage 3B. Five (5) Team Officials can be rostered to each team, however, one Coach and one Trainer can be on the bench during 3-on-3 and 4-on-4 games in order to maintain physical distancing on the bench.

**What will seasonal structure be for the 2020-2021 season?**

During Stage 3B, players will be grouped to a maximum of 50 or less depending on the Public Health Unit (PHU). The OHF will review the allowable maximum upon amendment by the Ontario Government. The number of 50 refers to players only. Bench Staff are not included in this cohort/bubble.

**What about Tryouts? Will there be Representative hockey this year?**

During Stage 3B, there will no traditional representative hockey leagues and no tryouts. Local associations have the ability to tier players based on skill.

**Will there be 5-on-5 hockey?**

Following a minimum two-week development phase for any new programs, modified 3-on-3 or 4-on-4 game play with no physical contact may begin. All game play is within the local Public Health Unit. All game play must be conducted in conjunction with the local PHU and facility protocol and guidelines.

**Will score be kept?**

The local association will determine how their programming is delivered and is based on approval from the OMHA.

**Will there still be Referees?**

Game officials are required for all game play.

**Are the modified game formats (3-on-3 or 4-on-4) required to be played using modified ice?**

U9 & Below is required to be played using a modified ice format. U10 and above divisions can be played using modified ice or full ice.

Local associations will be responsible for determining programming.

**What will the process be for entering and exiting our arena?**

This process will be communicated by your local association and is determined by your local Public Health Unit in cooperation with your facility. Please contact your local association for the policies and processes that will be implemented at your arena.

**Are masks required to be worn on the ice?**

Masks are not required to be worn on the ice. Please ensure you are following the guidelines of your local facility as to when a mask is required to be worn.

**What happens if someone in my cohort/bubble is diagnosed with COVID-19?**

Please refer to the Hockey Canada Return to Hockey Safety Guidelines document.

**What do I do if my child tests positive for COVID-19?**

Keep your child home and out of the hockey environment. It is also important to communicate with your physician and public health authority, ensuring you follow the steps identified.

**What if a parent/family member tests positive for COVID-19? What protocols do we follow?**

If a parent or family member tests positive for COVID-19, the player and their family will need to stay out of the hockey environment. They should contact their physician and public health authority for instructions. The player will need a note from their physician or public health authority to return to play.

**If someone on my child's team tests positive for COVID-19, will the team be allowed to continue to play hockey?**

If someone on your child's team tests positive, public health authority guidelines will determine contact tracing and isolation requirements. It is possible, therefore, that one diagnosis on a team could lead to that team being required to pause hockey activities until the public health authority determines it is safe to return.

**What if my child is sick but does not have COVID-19?**

The player should follow up with their physician and the public health line. They will require a note from their physician to return to play.

**Will parents be allowed in the stands to watch games?**

This will be determined by public health units and facility guidelines. Families should be prepared to minimize the number of parents/guardians/spectators that attend in order to limit the number of people in the facility.