# CMHA Town Hall

# 2020

July 22, 2020





## Agenda

Introductions of the executive Covid 19 update Association actions New development initiatives New program initiatives Rep tryout changes A&O

# Covid 19 update

# CMHA Covid Response

- We have been part of PCAHA meetings weekly since March 28<sup>th</sup>
- Return To Play policy is being created in collaboration of with all minor hockey user groups in Surrey
- Return To Play policy is also being blended with BC Hockey RTP plan
- Also attending many Hockey Canada, BC Hockey, viaSport, etc meetings – providing daily/weekly updates on information, which are being included into our plans.

# **City of Surrey**



Early July - City announced budget cuts - facilities would not be re-opening to the public.

July 9<sup>th</sup> – minor sports advised that limited ice reopening was planned.

Dave (Semi) and Craig (Clovy) approached arenas staff about options. All four Surrey MHAs met and decided to approach the City staff with a joint proposal for re-opening as a group.

Appeals also sent to mayor, councillors, and parks managers. Meetings also held with several councillors. Preparing to start a full PR campaign to rally to get the rinks open, but City staff seemed to think our proposals were feasible.

Skating clubs and all other minor sports - representing 4,400+ youth in total joined the call to re-open.

### City Response - as of July 22, 2020

- SSLC will have two sheets open as of August 17<sup>th</sup>, with the third sheet open as of September 8<sup>th</sup>.
- NSSIC will also have two sheets open as of September 8<sup>th</sup>.
- South Surrey will also open as of September 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Cloverdale will open as of October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Open to adding additional ice if demand exceeds availability.
  No City programs until after October 2<sup>nd</sup> only minor sports.

# BC Hockey RETURNTO PLAY



March to May 19, 2020

**Strictest Controls** 

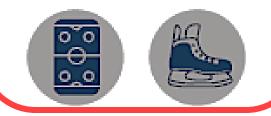
### PHASE 1

- Individual or physical distance Office or Outdoor training
- Low Risk or Virtual Activities
- No contact or competition
- No shared equipment

#### PHASE 2

- 2 m Physical Distance
- No non-essential Travel
- No Group > 50 people (small groups)
- Indoor facilities slowly open
- Non-contact training
- Modified play
- No or limited spectators
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Approximately May 19 - September





Future date TBD (Approx. Fall '20)

#### PHASE 4

- PHO to outline restrictions
- Large groups allowed
- No restrictions on spectators
- Full contact game play (if applicable)
  Provincial or Inter-Branch Competition to restrictions

**New Normal** 

## PHASE 3

PHO to outline physical Distancing Indoor facility access expanded Increase group sizes Pair or small group contact skills Local or Regional Game play Limited Spectators Future date TBD (Vaccine or Treatment)





The 'return to hockey' phases outlined on this document are subject to change in accordance with the public health authority. Compliance with the guidelines outlined by the Government, Sport Sector and Hockey Canada is BG Hockey www.bchockey.nct essential to ensure hockey returns to our communities in a safe way.



Cloverdale MHA Return To Play

## Return to Play

Document will be easy to follow and list all priority items required for:

- Prior to leaving home
- Arriving at the arena
- Entering the facility
- Dressing room policies
- Entering the ice surface
- Safe practices on the ice
- Exiting the ice surface
- Exiting the facility
- Tracking of participants

Also contains protocols for Coaches, HCSP, and Team Managers

- Must self-evaluate health and report prior to each session.
- Must wear mask to/from skates unless on ice.
- OPTIONAL to wear bubble/mask on the ice.

**General** - Bring own water bottle and fill it at home.

- Stay home if sick – no exceptions!

Rules

- Everyone at every skate will be tracked for contact tracing purposes.
- NO parents or spectators in the buildings.
- \* We will have Colts cloth face masks available to purchase soon!

- 20 on the ice at once 18 players + 2 coaches
- Arrive 10 minutes prior already dressed and put on skates in dressing room
- 10 people per dressing room

Current

Full

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**Rules** 

- Follow defined flow of traffic and wait for escort to go into and out of the building.
  - Dressing room doors propped open no valuables should be brought.
  - No showering or using washrooms in dressing rooms – must use main washrooms in lobby.
  - Must leave 10 minutes after skate (take off skates and go home dressed).

- 18 on the ice at once – 15 players + 3 coaches

- Arrive 10 minutes prior already dressed and put on skates in dressing room
- 4 people per dressing room

Current

Small

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- Follow defined flow of traffic and wait for escort to go into and out of the building.
- Rules Dressing room doors propped open no valuables should be brought.
  - No showering in dressing rooms
  - Must leave 10 minutes after skate (take off skates and go home dressed).

THINGS WILL CHANGE!

- The guidelines and protocols will change from week to week, and potentially even multiple times in a week.
- We will publish materials customized to the age groups.
- We will need to be prepared for changes.
- We need to stay positive for our players they need to feel confident and be able to focus on enjoying what we CAN do.

Will we be playing games?

- Once we move into BC Hockey phase 3, we can start with modified games within our (and possibly neighbouring) Associations.
- Some Associations are already piloting modified game play and drills
- Later in phase 3 progress to inter-Association modified games.
- Full body contact (for U15/U18 Rep) is currently not planned until phase 4, but the situation is constantly changing.

## How can you help?

In order for all of this work and planning to be successful, we need you to:

- Fully comply with our RTP plans.
- STAY HOME if your player or you are sick.
- Support of our executive and staff. We are working hard for all the players.
- Support of team officials and city workers.
- Listen to Dr. Bonnie Henry PLEASE!

If we stay healthy and prove that hockey is safe, we should be able to move forward to a more 'normal' hockey experience. Here are the first possible ice times for rep tryouts for this season:

- U11 A Tryouts – September 12th

Season Start Dates?

- U13 A Tryouts August 22nd
- U15 A Tryouts August 22nd
- U18 A Tryouts August 28th
  - All other evaluations will begin sometime after September 11th.

NOTE: it is completely possible your player's skates may start a few days after this.

Development Program

#### **Development Initiatives**



# Consistency

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# Instructors





## HOCKEY CANADA LONG TERM **PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

HOCKEY FOR LIFE, HOCKEY FOR EXCELLENCE

All development sessions will be professionally run, and follow the LTPD module



## **Skill Testing**

Skill testing will be implemented at the beginning of the season for all levels to evaluate our players abilities in the fundamentals

This information will then be collected to allow us to focus our development and practices on the areas that need the most improvement.

## Potential Programs

"Prospects Program" for U11 – U15 C Position specific development forwards and defense Skating level 1, 2, 3

Puck control & shooting level 1, 2, 3

### Designing programs for the 'new normal'

- Development sessions planned with contingencies to accommodate unusual ice allocations.
- Some programs may be run during the daytime hours if segments of players are not back to full time school (older divisions).
- Multiple skill stations with limited board time
- Practice plans designed for group abilities
- Practice plans posted for review prior to ice times
- When permitted `modified' game play



# COACH DEVELOPMENT

Create a Culture of Learning Comprehensive Plan

#### Coach practice observation

# Coach game observation

#### Coach Development

#### Virtual coach seminars

#### Team manager reports

#### **Association Development**



RESTRUCTURE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FAIR ICE POLICY

PARENT SEMINARS REVIEW AND OR CREATE RULES AND GUIDELINES PROGRAM GROWTH INITIATIVES Strategies to grow the game within our community

- School programs
- 6 week LTP programs
- Intro to Hockey for U11-U15 age players

## Pre Season Camps

We are running pre-season camps

Additional camps are being posted to the website as more ice allocation is confirmed

Registration through TeamSnap

Player camps - Craig Sherbaty and staff

Goalie camp - Joey Ali and PFGS staff

New PCAHA Program

#### **NON CHECKING PROGRAM**

Designed for U15 / U18 level

- We will be entering a U18 team this season.
- If we reach registration in U15 to run 5 C teams we may also run a U15 team

This program is designed for players who ...

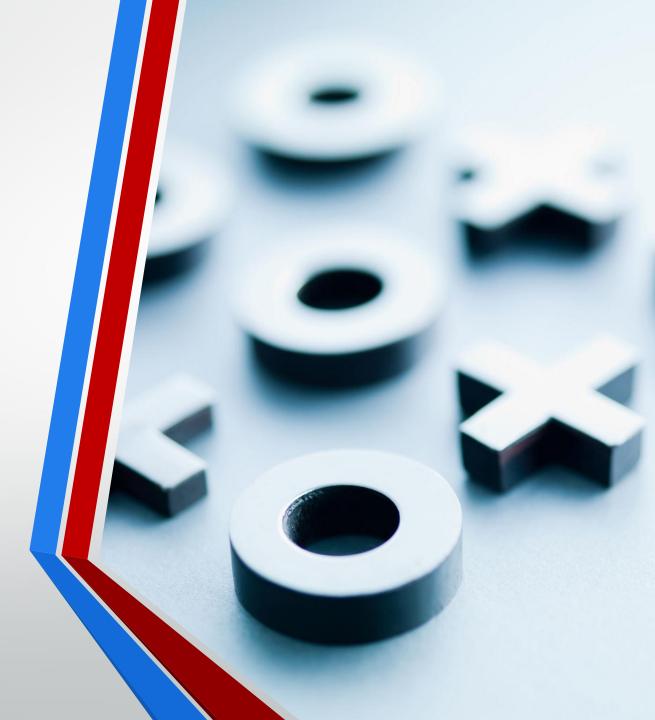
- Don't want checking
- Want a higher level of play than C
- Less commitment and cost than A program

New PCAHA Program

#### NON CHECKING PROGRAM

- No 'tryouts'.
- Normal C evaluations will proceed.
- Top ranked C players will receive an 'invite' to join this new team.
- Players who are invited can opt out.
- A3 drops will be included in the rankings, and if they are in the top ranking will be invited.

## **REP TRYOUTS**



### REP TRYOUTS

- New independent evaluators
- Flexibility in the process to accommodate for Covid restrictions
- Follow RTP guidelines
- Smaller groups for each ice time



Ideally 3 skates per player per pool (ice allocation pending)



Skills sessions broken down into fundamental drills with high repetition - ensure social distancing and avoid big lines of players

REP TRYOUTS



Multiple areas of the ice will be used for the skills evaluations, as well as modified play sessions

## REP TRYOUTS

Players split into pools for skill skates by last year's rankings

Players evaluated by coaching staff to finalize rosters

All releases must be approved by Rep Committee

> Final roster target is late September for all teams

Rep Coaches?

- U13 A1 Brian MacGillivray
- U15 A1 Brad Leroux
- U18 A1 Brien Gemmell
- U18 A2 Josh Spencer

Note that we will be working to complete parent rep coach interviews over the next week or two.

## How Many Teams?

- U11 3 A teams + 4 or 5 C
- U13 3 A teams + 5 C \*
- U15 3 A teams + 4 or 5 C \*
- U18 3 A teams + 1 C non-contact + 7 C
- U21 too early to call currently 2 C

Open to adding 4<sup>th</sup> U13 A team and U15 C non-checking if enough additional registrations come in for those divisions. **Short on goalies in the U11 A pool. More needed.**  How will rep tryouts work for players with exemptions?  Same process as previous years. You must register with Cloverdale as well as for A1 tryouts, and skate in at least one skate.

 For any skates you do not have a documented exemption conflict with, you are expected to attend the skate.

## Separate A1 Pool?

- Now that our ice allocation is coming in, we can confirm that we will be able to offer a separate A1 pool for the U13 to U18 Divisions.
- U11 has a modified program this season, with a delayed start (September), and smaller numbers, so **there will not be a separate A1 pool for U11**.
- An email will be sent out to ask who wishes to be added to the A1 pool.
- Fee will be \$50 to cover the cost of the extra A1 only skates.

Rep Review Committee?

- Due to being late in the game with receiving both ice allocation and the official go-ahead to plan rep tryouts, we have not had time to put together a Rep Committee.
- In lieu of this, we will be sending out a Rep Tryout feedback survey.
- We will use that feedback to guide any changes we make this year and next year.

## A & O

What happens if we don't get into phase 3?

- It is definitely possible this could occur, but so far it is looking likely that we will move into phase 3.
- We have to plan as if the full season will happen.
- We are working on models to determine what refund options might be possible if we get partway into the season and need to pause, or if the move to phase 3 is delayed significantly.
- We can run local modified game play in phase 3. There are also lots of other small area competitions and other activities we can also plan for.

What happens if we don't get into phase 3?

- The players have had nothing for 4+ months – we want to provide as high value of a program as possible.
- Well aware that U15 and U18 kids will not want to attend just skills practices – they will need some kind of competition. Even if modified games is all we can do for a time period, they can be fun and challenging.
- Will consider dryland training and other creative ideas if we need to.

Will we be travelling – such as to Whatcom?

- Very unlikely. Whatcom and the Seattle area Associations will likely need to stay within the PNAHA this season.
- No one should be planning to attend out of province tournaments this season.

Will we have the usual amount of ice times?

- At first, no, as we are limited to one hour ice slots during this phase of re-opening at City facilities. So – there will be no 75 minute or 90 minute ice slots during the first month or so.
- We will be working hard to provide as much ice as possible, with the intention to provide as 'normal' a program as possible.
- City is prepared to re-scale once the game season begins, but that depends on the success of the re-opening plan.

Will we have the usual amount of ice times?

- Other ideas may be to run some programs during the day if school re-opening is delayed, so as to optimize our use of ice.
- Obviously this would be dependent on player availability, as it would be intended to fill in for any vacancies in the regular program, but at the same time we want the kids to be able to attend the sessions.

What about new players?  For the U6 through U9 players, there is a introduction page on our website that is very helpful as an overview.

https://cloverdaleminorhockey.teamsnapsites.com/initiation-hockey/

 For older new players (U11 and up), we will hold a new player evaluation in early September. We ill publish that date as soon as we receive our ice allocation for September. How will rep tryouts work for players with exemptions?  Same process as previous years. You must register with Cloverdale as well as for A1 tryouts, and skate in at least one skate.

 For any skates you do not have a documented exemption conflict with, you are expected to attend the skate. Support for Coaches for the new Atom Pathway?  Yes – there will be webinars and other training opportunities associated to the new Atom Pathway.

 PCAHA will be adjusting the game schedule to accommodate the required extra practices.

 The season will begin in early September with pre-tryout skates, followed by tryouts and evaluations. Will Zone teams impact our numbers?

 We have already figured Zone teams into our numbers, so the projected teams include an assumed average number of players making the Valley West teams. What about referee certifications or development?  Unsure as of this date – clinics are scheduled to be posted mid-August.

 Will also be determined by move into Phase 3 and what kind of game play is permitted.

More info on this will be shared as it is received.

What should HCSPs expect?  Retraining of the Safety persons will be necessary, and they will be key to the successful Return to Play plan.

 BC Hockey will be providing information to our Risk Manager, who will ensure that gets to our HCSPs. Will there be age specific Coaching drills available?  Craig will be putting a page on the website with drills for our coaches to use as resources.

- There will be zoom meetings to discuss season planning.

 Will also provide access to the Hockey Canada app, and I will make sure that every coach has the opportunity to use the drills through that app. Is the withdrawal policy going to change?

- Current policy is \$50 non-refundable until July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- May choose to push that date out if things get worse with the re-opening, but so far things are progressing fairly well.
- If it is looking more uncertain in the near future, we are evaluating options to delay the withdrawal deadline, or provide alternate partial refunds.

Will we still balance teams and do the drafts?  Yes we are still planning the season startup steps as per usual, which will include evaluations and drafting of teams.

 By doing this, if for some reason Phase 3 is delayed, we can at least run modified games within our own Association.

 For A teams we will have to see what is permitted – potentially run the same as the NHL teams with inter squad modified games at first. Will we still host our own tournaments?

- We hope this will be permitted, but it again depends on Phase 3 or 4 coming around.
- Currently thinking that all the late
  December and so on tournaments will still proceed, but we will have to see.
- Looking at options to reschedule the U18 tournament, as the Remembrance Day weekend is looking doubtful at this point.
- Similar to the cancelled Initiation
  Tournament last year, the costs to plan the events can be minimal if things are completely shut down.

## Stay tuned for more updates!

We are excited about our progress so far, and can't wait to hit the ice again!

