

COLD CREEK GIRLS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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Hello Cold Creek Families

I hope everyone has had an opportunity to read the OWHA Return to Play protocol that was posted on their website last week. **THESE ARE PROTOCOLS WHICH ALL OWHA ORGANIZATIONS MUST ADHERE TO.** Of course these guidelines must also meet each municipality's guidelines and protocols as well.

Here is a further update from your executive regarding the 2020/21 Cold Creek Comets season, which will hopefully help answer any questions some of you may have.

- 1) OWHA has developed a return to play plan that includes only 3 on 3 or 4 on 4 play at a local league only TBD by the organizations themselves. Once this is permitted, a league bubble of maximum 50 players will be developed with other local organizations and girls will only be permitted to play in that bubble. As such, there will be no opportunities to play in other organizations (ie. OMHA) or be AP'd to another team. Our hopes as an organization are to field two teams for most divisions that will play in two different local leagues if possible as we do have numerous teams in our local area. OWHA has even mandated that each team is assigned one referee that must do all of their games.
- 2) Teams will be made to ensure all teams are competitive in their local leagues. As such, this will be organized prior to hitting the ice with the help of coaches as the girls **MUST** remain with the same group of girls after their first ice time. If we were to put all girls on the ice to start with at the same time, they will have to remain playing against each other for the entire season, and unfortunately our municipalities we are involved with have a limit to the numbers allowed on the ice at one time. **IT IS KEY FOR US TO HAVE FINAL NUMBERS PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 4 AS WE NEED TO SUBMIT ROSTERS TO OWHA FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES. GIRLS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE ICE WITHOUT BEING REGISTERED BY SEPTEMBER 4th.**
- 3) There will be no tournaments or provincials at this time. OWHA does hope that come January they can revisit a more formal competitive league play, and if that happens our plan is to host tryouts to form a rep/select team to join this league while others continue in their local league or join the competitive league at a lower level. **KEEP IN MIND THIS IS THE PLAN WITH NO GUARANTEE.**
- 4) As an organization, we are working closely to put our protocols in place to coincide with municipal guidelines. Girls will be asked to fill out a questionnaire prior to each ice time, and may also be asked by the municipality to do so prior to entering the facility. Girls will be required to come to the ice dressed, with helmets and skates the only things that are to be put on inside the arenas. We will need representatives from each team to be responsible for the gathering of this information each time and forwarding to our registrar as this information must be entered into our new online system immediately for contact tracing. Another responsibility as an organization is to submit our ice times weekly to OWHA for approval so please bear with us as this takes a great deal of time to organize and prepare.

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- 5) We will host a virtual coaches meeting the week of September 8th as coaches will need to become familiar with new policies and protocols to ensure everything is being adhered to. We understand that some coaches are being contacted regarding exhibition games but we ask that no organized activity happens at this time as it may affect your entire season. As of right now, the number of coaches allowed on the ice is TBD and dependant on municipal guidelines. Once local league play resumes, one coach and one trainer will be allowed on the bench.
- 6) OHF put in place the requirement for players to play within their own Public Health Unit (PHU) but OWHA has not adopted this policy (although some OWHA centres may choose to do so).
- 7) We will be reposting the date for our virtual AGM to be held sometime in mid September. Unfortunately we did not have enough register August 25th so we hope to get more as everyone will be back into a routine (I won't say normal routine as what is normal anymore)

We understand that these time are very confusing, so please do not hesitate to reach out to your President Rob Dunkley at president@coldcreekcomets.com if you have any further questions.

Our ultimate goal is to make the year the best it can be for your child during these challenging times
