



# RETURN **to** HOCKEY

COVID-19 RESPONSE



## Tournament Guidelines and Protocols 2020-2021 Season

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November 26, 2020



**Earliest Start Date for Tournaments:** December 11, 2020

Prohibition of tournaments may be declared at any time upon public health direction and recommendations or should the landscape change.

**Considerations Prior to Submitting a Sanction Request:**

Must have permission and guidance from the host facility and, if applicable, the town council, based on their respective capacity and ability to host safely.

**Sanction Request Form:**

All tournament requests to be submitted using the online tournament request form at least three weeks prior to the start of the tournament as per past practice. No sanction request will be approved if the three-week deadline is not met.

**Operational Plan:**

In addition to the sanction request form, all association hosts shall submit to the office and their respective area director an Operational Plan which outlines the following:

- Tournament Refund Policy
- Use of dressing rooms,
- Draft tournament schedule
- Number of spectators permitted at the tournament (1 parent per player)
- Arrival and departure times for each game
- Playing Rules should be attached here for review

**Number of Teams:**

The maximum number of teams participating in a tournament on a single pad arena is six (6). Tournaments with more than one ice surface can make a special request for additional teams. All teams must be from the same approved provincial health authority region. No teams will be allowed from outside the province or respective provincial health authority region. If none of the teams participating in the tournament require overnight accommodations, then a request to exceed six teams can be submitted for consideration.

**Accommodations:**

If overnight accommodations are required for the participants, all players shall accommodate with their parent/legal guardian. Should a player require accommodations without their parent/legal guardian, the maximum number of players in a room is two (2). Visiting teams will reserve an extra hotel room in the event that a player or coach shows symptoms of COVID-19. The participant will be moved to this room until their parent calls 811 for further advice. In the event a player does not have a parent/legal guardian travelling with them, the team safety person will assist the player in calling 811.

## Transportation:

All participants shall travel with their respective parent/legal guardian. Should a bus be required, special permission will be required by Hockey NL in advance with strict protocols in place. Players and coaching staff will stagger their seating, so that no individual is sitting next to each other (side by side) and no individual sits directly in front of or behind another person. Players and coaching staff will wear non-medical masks while travelling, except in the event that meals are eaten on the bus.

## Supplementary Activities:

- No opening ceremonies.
- No fundraising activities will be held at the tournament.
- No hospitality rooms.
- No post game handshakes.
- No post game on ice ceremonies, all awards to be presented by respective team staff in a safe manner.
- Players and coaches from different teams **WILL NOT** be socializing.
- Games must be finished in the time slot provided.
- Players and coaches on the visiting teams will be under strict curfew at the hotel.
- No programs, promotional items, ticket selling, or brochures at the tournament.
- Use contactless payments if at all possible - EMT payments arranged with team managers.
- Use websites to post tournament results, no game results board.
- Players and coaches on the visiting team will eat their meals in a designated room at the hotel or will use a private room at a local restaurant.
- Players will not be moving from room to room visiting teammates. When there is a team meeting (in the designated meeting/meal room), players and coaches will wear masks and maintain physical distance.

## Provincial Sport Guidance and Arena Operations Guidance:

These tournament guidelines are established to supplement the Return to Hockey Plan and are notwithstanding any provincial Sport Guidance and/or Arena Operations Guidance. These guidelines must be followed in tournaments as well.