

# MN Hockey District 9



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District 9 Associations

Wanted to give a quick update. This past Sunday evening, we had another District Directors meeting. The main agenda item was discussion on extending the season. The end vote was to extend the season with option one having the state tournament held on 3/26/21. Option 2 would be to hold the state tournament on 4/9/21. I am in full support of extending the season but would need to understand all Associations thoughts on this and any ice concerns. The final decision can't be made until we understand our reopening plan.

Other discussion centered around what the reopen plan would look like. As I have stated before things like locker room usage, team events, number of teams on ice for practice, length of games, masks on players are all on the table. Major items such as fans/parents, tournaments are also being discussed. For tournaments, there are a many Associations in the state that are a hard no on cancelling tournaments. The money lost from bar/pull tab shut down is a major concern and losing tournament revenue is too much. The MN Hockey COVID-19 committee has met and categorized options and are meeting this Friday with MDH and Commissioner Tomes.

The MSHSL has a proposal out to start winter activities as early as December 18<sup>th</sup>. This is promising news, but it is just a proposal.

As I learn more from this Friday's meeting, I will get this information out. We will have a full D9 Board meeting just as soon as we understand the next steps to getting back on the ice.

Thank you

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