

January 20th, 2021
For immediate release



WCHL Families,

We are very excited to return to play, with the announcement by CAHA and the CDPHE, it will allow us to get our season back on track!!

Below are some guidelines set forth by CAHA, these were distributed yesterday, 01/19/21:

- All of our members will stay current with each rink's protocols which will always be current and [posted here](#). Remember, these protocols may change so we recommend you view them regularly and immediately prior to going to a facility other than your "home" rink
- Our members should stay current on ALL federal, state and local health policies and guidelines. Intentional and flagrant violations by any members will not be tolerated and may result in sanctions
- As we resume play our goal is to provide the best experience possible for all players, coaches and hockey families
- Player and team density, competitive levels and geography of hockey teams raise challenges that may not be present in other sports with respect to finding competitive parity. If you have questions regarding competition with parity, please contact your association leaders, league leaders and CAHA

Along with these CAHA guidelines, the WCHL has implemented these additional policies:

- All participants, including players, staff, volunteers, etc., must abide by all facility requirements of the host association. This may include health screenings, signed covid waivers, temperature checks, etc.
- Any person showing symptoms or that has knowingly been exposed to a positive quarantine case within the previous 10 days will not be allowed to participate, unless fully cleared through their local county protocols.
- Contact information for all participants and volunteers will be recorded to aid with any contact tracing and notification.
- Teams will be permitted to have the following volunteers in the facility; team manager, penalty box person, score clock operator, electronic scorekeeper, and videographer, within the scope of the facility allowances.
 - During games where the host association's team is not participating, the HOME team will be required to run the score clock and perform online scorekeeping, along with one penalty box attendant from each team.
- Teams may have a maximum number of 20 players and up to 4 coaches, dependent upon local facility guidelines.

- Masks must be worn at ALL times, including on the ice during gameplay, by all players, staff, and volunteers.
- Participants and volunteers must practice Social Distancing between individuals of at least 6 feet at all times when possible; unnecessary contact such as handshakes, fist bumps, hugging, etc., are not permissible.
- Participants should not have any interaction between participants of other groups, other than actual game play.
- Participants will not share food or drink; players are required to bring their own water bottles.
- Personal equipment should not be shared. Any common equipment, including game balls/pucks will be sanitized before and after each event.
- At this time, NO spectators will be allowed at any WCHL facilities during games; this may change as we progress through the season, depending on local county and facility guidelines.
 - If and when permitted, spectators must follow the capacity restrictions on the State dial for Outdoor or Indoor events, depending on the county in which play is taking place.
- Indoor spaces with poor ventilation (i.e., locker rooms, weight rooms, etc.) will be avoided unless necessary. When used, such areas should only be occupied by one person at a time.
- For more information on local facility guidelines & regulations, please visit [CO Rink Protocols housed on the CAHA webpage.](#)

Again, we are very excited to move forward with our season, your cooperation, understanding, and flexibility through these times is very appreciated.

Please reach out to your Director with any questions or comments.