

## **Verona Wildcats Youth Hockey COVID-19 and RINK PROTOCOLS:**

- How will the association be notified of positive COVID-19 exposure?
  - Unknown at this time, there is a COVID-19 Sub-Committee that is formed and will be evaluating and making a recommendation to the Board for COVID-19 related protocols. If you are waiting on these COVID related protocols to be finalized, before making your registration decision, please contact your ALD to let them know that is your status.
- After an exposure or a positive test, what are the conditions for return to play?
  - Unknown at this time, there is a COVID-19 Sub-Committee that is formed and will be evaluating and making a recommendation to the Board for COVID-19 related protocols. See question above, related to registration.
- What changes will be made to bench and locker room SOPs?
  - Please see current VIA rules related to locker room use. Those rules may change as the season progresses. All VWYHA members will be asked to comply with VIA rink rules in effect at that time.
- Will spectators be allowed in the rink for games/practices/evaluations?
  - Under the current Verona Ice Arena rules, spectators are not allowed in the rink. Those rules may change as the season progresses. All VWYHA members will be asked to comply with VIA rink rules in effect at that time.
- Will there be a minimum risk protocol in place that VWYHA will follow if a game is held in a rink with less restrictions in place?
  - Unknown at this time, there is a COVID-19 Sub-Committee that is formed and will be evaluating and making a recommendation to the Board for COVID related protocols.
- What are the general rules of VIA currently?
  - See link. <https://www.veronaice.com/>
- Will VWYHA be required to follow the rules of rinks we travel to?
  - Yes
- How will special circumstances which may require exceptions to policy be handled?
  - Special circumstances will be handled on a case by case basis.
- Can a bubble substitute for a face mask?
  - No

## **USA HOCKEY/WAHA:**

- What is current USA Hockey/WAHA policy on the 2020-21 season?
  - USA Hockey issued a Risk Mitigation Guideline on August 12, 2020. See link on COVID-19 Resource page.
  - WAHA issued COVID guidelines on June 18, 2020. See link on COVID-19 Resource page.
- How will playdowns/seeding/state tournaments take place?
  - Currently unknown.
- What are other associations within Region 4 planning for their season?
  - Region 4 associations are currently all making/adjusting their plans for the upcoming season, and there is another coordination call scheduled in mid-September amongst the associations.

## VWYHA:

- How will DIBS hours be addressed?
  - At this point the DIBS hours issued are based on a full season of normal rink options. The Board will adjust DIBS requirements if the concession stand is not able to open due to COVID-19 restrictions related to limiting the population in the rink.
- What will the season look like for the U10/U12 in house and travel teams?
  - U10/U12 in house will practice 2 time a week starting in early October through the end of February. They will receive approximately 13 additional sheets of ice starting in November through end of February. Since Dane County currently does not allow inter-team competition or intra-team competition those initially will be additional practices, but as Dane County opens those additional sessions could ramp to games, etc.
  - U10/U12 travel will practice 2 time a week starting in early October through the end of February. Since game play is not currently allowed in Dane County, the association has bought ice in Monroe in November and December for potential game opportunities. In addition, we have reached out to Fox Valley Associations to attempt to schedule away games with those associations. Also, as in past years, 3 to 4 tournaments have been scheduled for these teams.
- How much travel (distance and frequency) should travel teams expect?
  - The distance and frequency of travel is unknown at this time. It could be similar or greater than previous years based on where it is possible to schedule games.
- Will split squad practices be necessary? How many kids can be on the ice at one time?
  - Practices including the number of skaters on the ice will follow local requirements related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Planning based on those requirements is still underway and will be communicated once completed.
- Will the association still participate in fundraising activities?
  - Yes, there is fundraising planned. Although fund raising activities will be structured based on local requirements related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and will likely be different than past years.
- If a family opts for the in house option, can they later change to travel team?
  - No
- Can in house skaters participate in the preseason skates?
  - Yes
- Can in house skaters participate in evaluations?
  - No
- How will the associations determine the amount of refunds if hockey play cannot occur?
  - If the hockey season is shut down, the Board will evaluate expenses to date and ice fees collected and make pro-rated refunds.
- Why does the in house options cost the same as the travel option?
  - The Association purchases the same amount of ice for both programs.
- What happens if too few families register for the in house option to form teams?
  - Once registration closes, and the number of skaters for the in-house option is known, if there are not enough skaters to support the program. Those skaters that registered for in-house will be contacted to discuss options available to them.
- What happens if travel teams cannot find games to play outside of Dane Co?
  - Travel teams will be provided ice at Verona Ice Arena.