

## YJ 08/14/20 TOWN HALL RECAP

What WE at **YELLOWJACKETS** are doing:

Three scenarios for fees (NIHL and NWHL teams):

1-"No Games" Season: we will refund portion of fees associated with games...what that means for EACH team

- a) League fees ~\$700-900
- b) Referee fees ~ \$1000
- c) Tournament fees ~\$2400
- d) 15 home game slots \$240 = \$3600

Total fees associated with games (including tournaments) is roughly \$7750 for NIHL/NWHL teams.

Refund would be somewhere around \$550 per skater based on number of players (14), or \$600 per skater if we divide money across 13 skaters on team.

2-"Delayed start" to season: we refund, on a pro-rated basis, unused portions of the season. If all games are condensed and can be played, then refund is a moot point. If leagues end up doing an abbreviated schedule, then any refund would reflect that...

3 - "No Hockey" Season altogether and rinks shut down much like spring due to Covid-19...refund is prorated to reflect "unused" portions of fees.

Big question:

\*\*\*\*Spectators- The Yellowjackets and Crystal Ice House are currently not allowing spectators for both games and/or practices but will re-evaluate this policy once tryouts are completed. Unfortunately, current state restrictions on the number of people allowed at any particular gathering or event hinder our efforts to allow for spectators.

Other questions:

Relating to YELLOWJACKETS Covid-19 policies...

- a) What happens if player/coach on team tests positive
  - notification of team
  - player quarantined, require negative test result prior to return
  - all players/coaches get negative test result before returning to activities
  - practices/games rescheduled if possible

b) What happens if a family or household member of player/coach tests positive?  
--- player/coach quarantined, negative test result required prior to return

Fees associated with missing games/practices will not be refunded if player has to quarantine for 14 days. Every effort will be made to reschedule team practices and/or games that are postponed while waiting for entire team to get test results back.

If play resumes, what happens and if other teams cancel due to Covid-19?  
--- Hopefully Ahai/NIHL will have a set of policies in place to address that scenario. In years past when teams requested to reschedule a league game for a variety of reasons, efforts to do so was done in good faith by the parties involved. We imagine the same process would occur for this as well.

**Recap:**

Unlike other clubs, the Yellowjackets is willing to refund player fees associated with league games and tournaments, which include unused home game ice slots, referee fees, and league fees for both NIHL and NWHL teams should the current state restrictions remain as is and no games are played for the entire fall/winter season. That refund would occur shortly after a determination is made by state or league officials. If NIHL/NWHL teams have an abbreviated season of games, players will receive a prorated refund based on the unused portions of their fees.

If the hockey season, in its entirety, is shut down by the state due to Covid-19, refunds, like those issues for an abbreviated season, will be issued on a prorated basis on what teams have not used.

Ultimately, we are trying to do what is best for our families during these very unsettling and changing times. We are very confident that we will continue to offer great value for our players and families this fall/winter season; players will continue to grow and develop their passion for the greatest game on earth; they will undoubtedly augment their skills through practice and professional skill instruction, will get stronger and more agile through our exceptional off ice training, and will do all of this in a safe and controlled environment.

**Current status of hockey per Illinois state and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) communication on July 29 regarding Sport Safety Guidelines...**

This guidance pertains to all youth and adult recreational sports, including, but not limited to, school-based sports (IHSA & IESA), travel clubs, private leagues and clubs, recreational leagues and centers, and park district sports programs. This guidance does NOT pertain to professional sports leagues or college division level sports.

These guidelines do not apply to adult sport activities subject to existing DCEO guidance identified below:

- For golf, refer to existing guidance on the DCEO website.

- For tennis, refer to existing guidance on the DCEO website.
- This guidance will be regularly updated as public health conditions change and new information becomes available.

### Higher Risk

- Boxing
- Competitive Cheer
- Competitive Dance
- Football
- Hockey
- Lacrosse
- Martial Arts
- Rugby
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Wrestling

### Medium Risk

- Basketball
- Fencing
- Flag Football or 7v7 Football
- Paintball
- Racquetball
- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Water Polo
- Wheelchair Basketball

### Lower Risk

- Archery
- Badminton
- Baseball \*
- Bass Fishing \*
- Bowling
- Climbing
- Crew
- Cross Country\*
- Cycling \*
- Disc Golf
- Golf
- Gymnastics \*
- Horseback Riding
- Ice Skating \*
- Ropes Courses \*

- Sailing, Canoeing, Kayaking \*
- Sideline Spirit \*
- Skateboarding
- Softball \*
- Swimming/Diving \*
- Tennis
- Track and Field \*
- Weight Lifting \*

\* With safety measures.

See full table for detailed guidance

### All Sports Policy

The level of play allowed is dictated by current public health conditions.

Below are the Type of Play Levels:

Level 1	No-contact practices, and trainings only
Level 2	Intra-team scrimmages allowed, with parental consent for minors; no competitive play
Level 3	Intra-conference or Intra-EMS-region or intra-league play/meets only; state- or league-championship game/meet allowed for low-risk sports only
Level 4	Tournaments, out-of-conference/league play, out-of-state play allowed; championship games allowed

Current Conditions Allow for the Following Types of Play per Sport Risk Level:

- Low-risk sports can currently play at Levels 1, 2, and 3
- Medium-risk sports can currently play at Level 1 and 2
- High-risk sports can currently play at Level

How most other clubs are responding with regards to

### **Fees**

1-maintaining same ice slots/touches/off ice training

2-refunding only league fees, referee fees for games that are not played

3-currently not collecting "slush funds" that pay for tournaments until games are allowed

\*\*\*YellowJackets include tournaments in fall fees

### **Safety**

-Temperatures taken

-Masks except for when on the ice

-Limited use of locker rooms, ask that players come fully dressed as possible

-entrance/exits of rinks

-recommendation of washing hands

-rinks sanitize user group areas after usage

-no shared water bottles...

- protocols for when players on a team test positive for Covid-19

-limiting one parent in rink for games only