



# NORTHWEST HOCKEY LEAGUE

## 2021-2022 Season COVID-19 Policy

The Northwest Hockey League will be adopting a “Home Rule” policy for the upcoming season. Teams will abide by the rules of the rink in which they are playing a game. This policy is intended to allow for the greatest flexibility as the circumstances continue to evolve and allows the individual rinks to set their rules in the anticipation that all NWHL teams will abide by them.

The NWHL will strive to have up to date information posted on their website under the “Rink Protocols” section. If there is a deviation from what is posted at the rink, the rink information will be the final word.

If there is an issue at a rink with either team failing to follow the posted protocols please work with the coaches and then the rink on having violators comply with the posted policies. If they continue to fail to comply they should be removed from the premises. The game referees will not be administering this policy. It is not our intention to punish or penalize any player, coach, or spectator. It is our intention to allow our hockey season to progress while maintaining a safe environment for all.

If the circumstances arise that non-compliance becomes an unresolved issue the team responsible for the disruption and subsequent cancellation of a game will be held financially liable for the reasonable costs of the ice rental and referee fees in order to get the game rescheduled and played. Also, the NWHL shall fine the responsible team no less than \$250, and the coach may be called before the NWHL Rules & Ethics committee and face possible suspension.

While we are still dealing with the significant issues of covid-19 the NWHL is looking forward to the 2021-22 season. With a little bit of effort from all we may be looking forward to a better time by the end of the season.