

## KMHA NEWS UPDATE - Sept 15<sup>th</sup>

The City of Kamloops Council voted in favor of opening another arena today. It will take a couple of weeks for the City to get that ice in and for KMHA to receive our permits. Our intentions are to offer each player a minimum of 2 ice times per week as in previous years, however we have to work through the logistics of it. We are planning on starting Recreation U11 and above on the weekend of Sept 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Please be patient as we try to organize the groups for this over the next week. We will post groups on the KMHA website on Thursday, Sept 24<sup>th</sup>.

All waitlisted players are now being accepted and must have fees paid by etransfer to [kamhockey@telus.net](mailto:kamhockey@telus.net) or by logging back into your team snap account and pay using your credit card. U7 and U9 fees are not due until October 15<sup>th</sup> as stated in previous information.

Any KMHA player U11 and above with unpaid fees by Sat, Sept 19<sup>th</sup> will be cancelled.

**IMPORTANT information** – There is a 50 participant limit per arena. Due to this KMHA is not allowing parents in the building during ice times effective Sept 26<sup>th</sup>. The participants allowed per arena will be players, coaches, managers and safety people. The KMHA Board has decided that the players are the priority and we hope that all parents respect these rules. If we do not adhere to this strict number in the arenas the City will revoke our ice times. **This will apply to all KMHA participants, Recreation and Rep included.** Once numbers of participants allowed in the building increase, we will definitely open the doors to parents, we are hopeful that this will be soon. If your child is participating on the NHL Arena, you will be able to watch the ice time by logging into the City of Kamloops Arena Webcam.

- All players must come dressed, other than skates and helmet. If your child is unable to tie their own skates, you will need to have skates and skate guards on when you enter the building.
- Game play will resume once bench numbers increase, so for now skill sessions will be in place. OMAHA and BC Hockey are working diligently with Via Sport to include the benches in the playing field. Currently the benches are not included in the playing field, which is why there are limitations to the number of participants allowed in the benches.
- Absolutely NO spitting at any time in the arena.

We will require one parent to volunteer to be at the door to check in their group, and then they can be in the arena with the group. There will be only one person permitted and this person will be assigned by KMHA based on the responses we receive back. At the end of the ice time, once all the players, coaches and safety people have left they will then let the next group in and so forth. If you are able to take on this role please email, [kmhaicescheduling@gmail.com](mailto:kmhaicescheduling@gmail.com).

- If after reading this you would like to be considered for a position as a volunteer coach, manager or safety person for a team, please look under the volunteer page on our website for the required qualifications. If at that time you are still interested please contact the [kamloopsmhainfo@gmail.com](mailto:kamloopsmhainfo@gmail.com) email.
- Thank you for your patience as we continue to navigate this season of hockey.