

KMHA Update - Oct 27th

Hello KMHA Members,

We are writing this message to advise you that KMHA has inquired with the City of Kamloops about opening up arenas to more than 50 participants so that parents can watch their kids play hockey. The response we have received back to date is that the City is working on ways to expand within the guidelines set out by the Provincial Government. Until we get the go ahead to allow spectators in the arenas, no spectators will be permitted for U11 Divisions and up, recreation and rep hockey inclusive.

We also wanted to advise you that this is not Kamloops Minor Hockey setting the restriction nor is it only happening in Kamloops. All Associations that surround us are also mandated to the 50 person maximum, with no spectators present. We are all in this together as Dr. Bonnie Henry would say. The solution is that teams are allowed to live stream their games with home team and away team permission. Once the game is completed the stream must be deleted. Your manager and coach will be looking into ways for you to watch the game through live streaming. In the meantime, we will continue to work with the City of Kamloops in hopes they increase the numbers of people in the arenas. However as hopeful as we are that this might happen, we need to be realistic that with Covid cases increasing in our province this might take some time.

Yes we are allowing parents in the arenas for our U7 and U9 players, but that is because they need support. In order to do so, the number of participants has dropped as will the way they play hockey. They must still follow the guidelines of 50 people in the arena. We have heard it for months that this is not a typical year and you are likely noticing this to be true.

Players, coaches, team officials and parents of U7 and U9 players must wear masks at all times while in any City of Kamloops Arena, other than the ice surface. Thank you for your patience.