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Recreation Teams:

Due to Covid KMHA had to proceed with our draft differently than in previous years.

We have to manage our players in Cohorts this year, and because of this we could not put all the players on the ice and then have them move to varying groups. We sent lists of players to coaches, who graciously volunteer for KMHA ahead of time, so that they could peruse the lists and make selections of players they might want. We came together one evening and coaches chose their teams. Yes we are fully aware that teams might not be balanced, however we are not playing games at this time, and felt due to the uncertainty in our world today it was better to have coaches select teams for all the reasons we have never allowed in the past. ie) neighbor needs a ride etc.

We are currently not accepting anymore players as we are full due to Covid and Ice limitations.

City of Kamloops Message:

ViaSport and the Sport Division (Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture) have just received confirmation from Public Health that the benches and penalty boxes can be considered as part of the field of play for sports requiring helmets.

Hockey players will not need to wear masks, or have a physical divider between them on the benches or in the penalty boxes. Players should consider wearing a mask when not on the field of play (hallways, dressing rooms, lobby, etc.) Coaches and/or trainers who are not able to maintain physical distance, must wear masks on the benches, as well of course in areas where distance cannot be maintained.

We are still waiting to hear if dressing rooms will be extended to the field of play but at this time, capacity limits will be in effect for dressing rooms.

Users at Brock & Valleyview arenas, masks **MUST** be worn beyond the lobby in the hallways to the dressing rooms. Groups need to enter and exit the dressing rooms in single file (6ft/2m) apart. No access to the female or officials dressing rooms at Brock until after October 13 as Brock pool is still open.

Health Check:

KMHA is working hard to get our Teams rostered into Team Snap, including coaches and bench staff. This year Team Snap added a Health Check function which allows parents to go in ahead of the ice time and answer the Health Check questions before you arrive for your ice time. Your Covid check in person will ensure you have answered the questions on Team Snap and if not, you will be asked them at the door. This may take us a short time to get implemented, so in the meantime please expect the covid checks to be completed at the door before your ice time. It is imperative that we follow this process and track who is on the ice and for what ice time. As more and more cases of covid are being announced, KMHA is trying to be diligent about following the protocols we have in place.

We thank you for your patience, understanding and kindness, as it is trying times for all. We are well ahead of other Hockey Associations in BC in terms of being on the ice, organizing our groups and providing a safe place to play our sport. We can not do this though, without everyone doing their part. Cooperation is key.

Thank you, KMHA