

## **Kamloops Minor Hockey Important Information**

Hello KMHA Families,

### **U11 and Above, Recreation and Rep Hockey**

As we are about to begin Recreation hockey for U11 teams and older this weekend, we just wanted to remind you of some of the protocols in place at this time. Our Rep teams have proven to us that the guidelines in place work very well when everyone follows them.

All players must come into the arena dressed in their hockey gear, other than skates and helmet. If your child can not tie their own skates, please tie them ahead of time wear skate guards to enter the building.

No parents, siblings, grandparents or guardians are allowed in the arena during the KMHA ice times effective Sept 26th. The only people permitted in the arena are the team staff and players.

Players are allowed into the building 10 minutes prior to their ice time. Immediately after their ice time, they must leave their gear on, take skates off, put their shoes on and exit the building. We only have 15 minutes between ice times in order to accommodate all of our KMHA teams (all other users have 30 minutes), and one group must be out of the building before the next group comes in. If players need to have conversation with coaches please do so outside.

Dressing rooms are open in Valleyview and Brock Arena, however you are only using them to tie your skates. Again please no undressing after your ice time. Goalies can carry their pads in and put on once in the arena, if they are able to put them on themselves. NHL will have chairs set up beside the rink, and OLY will be using dressing rooms. There are limitations to how many players can be in a dressing room, and your coaches will advise you of such. The dressing room benches are marked with x's for where you are allowed to sit.

Please ensure that you do not attend hockey if you are not feeling well, this includes running nose, coughing, headache and nausea.

\*Absolutely NO SPITTING anywhere in the arena.

\*Keep yourself socially distant from others whenever you can.

KMHA hopes that we can provide a positive experience even with the limitations in place. We know you want to watch your children, but the coaches and team staff who have volunteered to teach and encourage your children, will do the best job they can to keep them safe and have an enjoyable experience.

KMHA would like you to know that after discussions with other associations in BC we are ahead of them in terms of planning, and organizing for a safe return to hockey and we are proud to put kids on the ice safely, within a controlled manner.

We are hopeful that ViaSport and the City of Kamloops will loosen the guidelines and adjust numbers permitted into the building so that parents are able to be in the arena. We are also hopeful that game play will be permitted soon, and we can move past this phase of hockey, but we must all be patient and follow the guidelines in place presently. The last thing KMHA wants is for someone to become ill and pass it on. We ask you all to be diligent, kind, and cooperative.

### **U7 and U9**

For those players U7 and U9, we anticipate starting the season November 7th.

Fees are due October 15th by logging back into your Team Snap and paying with a credit card, or by sending an etransfer to [kamhockey@telus.net](mailto:kamhockey@telus.net).

More information about ice times and protocol for your age groups will become available after October 20th.

If you are able to be a manager, safety person or on ice helper for this age group, please ensure you have the minimum qualifications (can be found on the KMHA website under Volunteers), and send an email to [kamloopsmhainfo@gmail.com](mailto:kamloopsmhainfo@gmail.com) to advise of such.

If you are interested in being a coach for one of these teams, please submit an online application to coach under the volunteer page of the website and a KMHA staff member will reach out to you shortly. Please ensure you also have the minimum requirements before submitting your application.

We are waiting on BC Hockey to advise when and how the coaching courses will be offered this season, but in the meantime please complete the other requirements.

Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Helpful!