

Kamloops Minor Hockey Important Information Update

KMHA is happy to be getting on the ice, however we have some strict guidelines and protocols to follow. Information is changing quickly and all we can do is update you as the information becomes available to us. As of today, the guidelines state there is a maximum of 20 participants on the ice at one time, and all participants must practice social distancing with no contact, and no game play permitted. There are strict enforcements on these guidelines.

We will be starting the season this year with skill sessions, with no date set for when game play will resume. We are waiting on Via Sport and the City of Kamloops to determine numbers allowed on the ice and play protocol and until they dictate this information to us, we remain as we are today. Once the announcement comes out of changes to the number of participants on the ice, contact and game play, we will notify you immediately. Please be advised that schedules will not be done far in advance. Please be patient as we try to navigate this difficult time getting participants on the ice.

Our intention is to try and accommodate as many registrants as possible but in order to do this at this time, we will need to stagger the start dates of our groups. KMHA has limited ice to work with at the start of the season. We have been told by the City that we can expect to hear what dates other arenas will open by the end of August. Initially the plan is to begin with 1 hour ice slots, and add to these once we hear about increased ice availability and how we can play hockey. We will begin with those trying out for Rep teams. Although we do not have game play plans in place at this time, we want to be prepared by having our teams in place so that we are ready to go when the announcement is made.

Rep Hockey and U11 Development

Rep tryouts will begin August 31st, any participants registered for Rep or U11 Development tryouts must pay the tryout fee of \$150 (non-refundable) by August 24th in order to receive ice times. The remainder of the KMHA Registration fee is due by September 1st. (Rep tryouts will consist of a minimum of four ice times). At this time there will not be a carding fee, however once game play resumes a carding fee will be determined and charged to Rep players.

Recreation Hockey

We anticipate starting Recreation hockey in U18, U15, U13 and U11 (Midget to Atom) divisions the week of September 21st. Please note this is dependant on ice availability. KMHA 's plan is to place participants into groups and once team play is announced, we will form rostered teams. Registration fees are due by September 1st.

U9 (Novice) and U7 (Initiation)

KMHA has determined that we will not be able to start U9 and U7 in September due to the social distancing guidelines and number requirements on the ice but are anticipating starting in November with a tentative start date of November 7th. Registration fees for these two divisions has been altered to reflect the start dates and are due by October 15th.

Registration fees will remain as stated for this year, for all divisions. We anticipate offering the same amount of ice slots, without tournaments and less kids on the ice as previous years.

How can fees be paid:

- Etransfer to kamhockey@telus.net. Please put your child's name and birth year in the comments section.
- Team Snap. Log back into your account and complete payment with your credit card through the Team Snap portal.
- If your child is on the waitlist please do not pay your fees at this time. You will be notified once we have determined we have space for the players on the waitlist.

Finally, we ask that all parents and players take the guidelines sent out seriously. Please remember that we are only following the rules set out for us, and that we must follow them in order to continue using the facilities. Any parent or participant who is not following the guidelines, who is rude and disrespectful to City Staff, KMHA staff or volunteers may have their registration revoked. As Bonnie Henry states it is time to "be kind, we are all in this together".

This information is "Subject to Change" depending on the Guidelines set out by the Provincial Health Authority, BC Hockey, Via Sports and the City of Kamloops. Thank you for your patience.