
HOCKEY EASTERN ONTARIO

One Team, One Mission, One Goal



Bulletin: 2020/21-1

To: District Chairs, MHA's, Junior League, Junior Teams

CC: HEO Board of Directors, HEO Staff

From: HEO RTH Implementation Task Team

Date: August 24, 2020

Re: **Return to Hockey Framework Stage 3 Update**

Please find attached an updated version of the Return to Hockey Framework which focuses on Stage 3. You will notice that the framework closely follows the Province of Ontario's Emergency Order and public health protocols to date. We are pleased to note that our Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Kristian Goulet, is working closely with all four Public Health Units (City of Ottawa, Eastern Ontario, Leeds-Grenville-Lanark, and Renfrew) within Eastern Ontario to align our framework with their direction and advice.

You will see flexibility within this framework which will allow you to respond to different needs within your organizations. You will also see an emphasis on the need to be responsive to emerging public health direction, as our COVID-19 circumstances evolve.

Minor and Junior Members should take note of an important clarification HEO has received from the Ministry of Health via our Public Health Unit partners.

- Players may transition from their home League/cohort (bubble) to take part in private instruction or higher-level tryouts, and then return to their home League. To limit the spread of COVID19, players are reminded to follow established public health measures (self-monitoring for symptoms, completing COVID19 screening, physical distancing, hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, wearing a mask when required).
- Coaches, officials and volunteers may support multiple Leagues/cohorts (bubbles). To limit the spread of COVID19, coaches/officials/volunteers should stick with one cohort of players as much as possible, limit their number of contacts, and maintain a list (date, time, location, teams/players involved) of practices/games they work in the event of a positive COVID19 test.

As future changes to this framework occur, we will communicate them through HEO Bulletins.

We would like to remind players, families, volunteers, coaches, and officials of the importance of following established public health protocols (self-monitoring for symptoms, completing COVID-19 screening assessments, physical distancing, hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, wearing a mask when required). These actions are so critical in limiting the spread of this virus and protecting ourselves and one another.

You can review the Return to Hockey Framework on the HEO website
<http://www.hockeyeasternontario.ca/docs/HEO%20Return%20to%20Hockey%20Stage%203%20Update%20Aug%20Aug25.pdf>

As always, we welcome your questions and comments.

Have fun and stay safe,

Hockey Eastern Ontario