

**FYHA return to play 2020/21**

*Following Hockey NB and Government regulations*

FYHA will begin its 2020/21 season in October as normal. We will return to “regular” play in phases which will be directed by HNB as well as the municipal facilities. Dates are not set in stone so they can be skipped or held in a phase longer then indicated.

* U11-U18 will start October 3 & 4, 2020
* U7 – U9 will start October 23 & 24, 2020

**Registrations:**

* No increase to registration fees for the 2020/21 season
* Due to Covid19 we will do most of our registrations online. Registration online will open on Monday, August 24th. Registration information will be posted at [www.fyha.goalline.ca](http://www.fyha.goalline.ca) .
* We will only have ONE in-person registration session for those that are new to FYHA or have trouble with the online registration. The date for the in-person registration will be Saturday, Sept 12th 10:00 am – 4:00pm at the Fredericton Inn (Salon E).

**COVID19 Refund Policy:**
In the event that the season is cancelled in full or in part due to COVID-19, FYHA has instituted the following refund policy:
ALL refunds will be subject to a $25 administration fee. In the event of a cancellation due to COVID19, FYHA will refund parents the cost of registration minus the administration fee and any costs incurred by FYHA as listed below (if applicable):
- HNB fees (rostering, insurance, coach courses etc.)
- Ice time purchased
- Tryouts
- Officials
- Equipment
- Any other expense (planned or unplanned)
In order to allow time to calculate the amount to be refunded and to ensure that we have covered all of our costs, a refund will not be issued until 60 days following the cancellation of the season.
PLEASE NOTE: No refunds will be issued if the season is cancelled after March 1st, 2021 or if the operations are interrupted mid-season for a period of less than four (4) weeks.

**Volunteers:**

At every arena we will need the following volunteers: Only for phase one and two (until teams are drafted)

1. **Arena Marshall** **(this will take 2 people) –** this volunteer will monitor the arena to make sure no one is using the dressing rooms, parents are staying in the selected viewing areas, players are not coming into the building before they are allowed and making sure there is no one coming and going throughout the timed session. After the session they will need to make sure the players and parent leave within 10mins.
2. **Door person (this could take 2 people)** – this volunteer will be assigned to the entrance door to ask the Covid19 screening questions and check attendance as well as have parents sign in for contact tracing if needed. This volunteer will also make sure all arena rules are being followed.

**Phase one: October 2020**

* No use of dressing rooms.
* Players can enter the arena no earlier than 15 mins prior to their scheduled ice time.
* There will be an area indicated where you can put on skates, helmet, and gloves **ONLY**.
* Only one parent (no siblings) will be permitted into the arena with the player.
* No Lottering in the lobby.
* No food or outside items will be permitted in the arena.
* Coaches will have face masks with them in the event they need to assist an injured or unwell player, or they are on the bench with a player.
* Players must bring their own LABELED water bottles. Please fill them at home as fountains are tuned off at the arena.
* All players must wear their own jerseys and socks. If you have last year’s jerseys, please return it to one of the volunteers.
* Phase one will be at least 3 weeks, we will group players in each division, and they will stay in those groups until we can move to phase 2. No player switching between groups will be allowed
* Each group will consist of 12 players and 3 coaches. We will have 2 groups on the ice at one time. (using separate ends of the ice) max players on the ice 25 with 6 coaches.
* U7 will start with 4 groups of 6 at each corner of the rink to help with the social distance.
* There will be no games (including exhibition or scrimmages) in this phase - only skills and drills using the approved drills by HNB. This will be set up and implemented by FYHA Director of Coaching.
* With no games there will be no travel outside the association for games.
* Any player wanting to tryout for competitive teams will need to attend the October sessions.

**Phase Two: November 2020 (tentative)**

* All arena regulations are still in place unless notified by City of Fredericton (linked at the bottom).
* Player attendance will still be taken for contract tracing purposes.
* Parents will still be required to sign in (only one parent and no siblings)
* Physical distancing will still be followed on and off the ice.
* 36 players with 8 coaches are permitted on the ice.
* Players are required to bring their own LABELED water bottle.
* Players require their own jerseys and socks.
* Competitive / rec team tryouts and evaluations will start in this phase.
* Small area games can happen - 1v1, 2v2.
* Limited contact drills.
* Modified games in practice (once teams are drafted) can happen - 3v3 4 v 4
* No regulation games, scrimmages.
* No travel outside the association.
* Once teams are selected, each team will need to designate a TEAM LIAISON.

RESPONSIBILITIES MAY INCLUDE:

• Provide overview of the Hockey New Brunswick Return to Hockey plan and Association’s Operational Plan to team participants and parents.

• Ongoing communication with Minor Hockey Association’s ‘Communications Officer’ on guidelines and updates.

 • Compiling of an attendance database for all team sanctioned events, for ease of contact tracing if required.

 • Ensure screening questionnaire is completed for all participants prior to each team sanctioned activity.

The appointment of a ‘Team Liaison’ is the responsibility of the individual team. The position can be an already existing member of the Coaching Staff, the Team Safety representative, Team Manager, or a parent.

**Phase Three: December 2020 (tentative)**

* All arena regulations are still in place unless notified by City of Fredericton.
* Player attendance will still be taken for contract tracing purposes by team liaison.
* Spectators will be asked to sign in for contact tracing.
* Physical distancing will still be followed on and off the ice.
* Players are required to bring their own LABELED water bottles
* Games will be permitted within the association. League games will start at the Rec level.
* No travel games or exhibition games will be permitted.
* No restrictions on contact during the game.

**Phase Four: 2021**

* Regular practice.
* Regular games.
* Competitive district league games can start.
* Players are required to bring their own LABELED water bottles
* Travel will be permitted within the provincial government guidelines.
* No Tournaments.

**Phase Five: TBD**

* Tournaments can happen.