



Hello SLMH Families

September 12/2021

We have been busy getting organized to welcome your players back onto the ice for our pre-season prep skates and tryouts. This has been a difficult time for players and parents, and we are hoping an end is in sight and we can return to the new normal whatever that may be. There are a few things to keep in mind when entering the arena for your scheduled ice times, similar to last season.

PLAYERS

Arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled ice time and proceed to your assigned dressing room. Players may dress at the arena if they wish and may also undress at the arena. Showers will be available, but players must vacate the room no later than 15 minutes after the scheduled ice time.

Masks must still be worn when entering the Facility and until they proceed onto the ice surface.

COVID screening will still be done, and contact tracing will still be completed when entering the arena

SPECTATORS

We are currently limited to 25 spectators in the seating area, and we are recommending 1 parent/guardian per player at this time. We anticipate this number to increase and will advise when this restriction has been lifted.

Spectators/Parents will still be required to sign in each time and a negative COVID self-screen will still be required. There will be a sign in sheet at the door for signing into the Facility.

Masks must be always worn and there will be no loitering allowed in the Lobby. Spectators must proceed directly to the seating area and must practice safe social distancing. Parents who need to assist players may proceed to the dressing room and then proceed directly to the seating area.

Spectators must exit the facility immediately following the ice time, thru the lobby and thru the Southeast exit door near the change room area.

Spectators may access the lobby washrooms

OMHA COVID POLICY

As per the OMHA Vaccination policies released this week, SLMH is working to make the necessary changes to our programming to allow for the safe progression of hockey within our Association. In light of this announcement, we acknowledge that some families may be withdrawing from the 2021-22 season.

This policy does not presently apply to hockey spectators, including the parents or guardians of players. However, taking into consideration the severity of COVID-19 cases within the OMHA's jurisdiction and any new guidance received, or regulations passed by federal, provincial and local public health and governmental authorities, Hockey Canada and the Ontario Hockey Federation, the OMHA reserves the right to extend this policy to encompass spectators attending Sanctioned Activities. It should also be noted that individual owners/operators of arenas and facilities used by the OMHA or any Association or Team, may impose their own vaccination requirements for hockey spectators at any time.

At the present time, no COVID-19 vaccine that has been approved for use by Health Canada for children born in 2010 or later. However, once a COVID-19 vaccine has been approved for such persons, the OMHA will re-evaluate this policy and consider extending the definition of Vaccine-Eligible Players to include players born in those years.

Vaccination opportunities are readily available across our region. Please refer to the Grey Bruce Public Health Unit website for more information.

DECLARATION OF INTENT & REFUND POLICY

Considering the recent announcement made by the Government of Ontario and the OMHA regarding the COVID Vaccination requirements we acknowledge that some families will be withdrawing from the 2021-22 season

If you plan to **NOT** have your player (those born PRIOR to 2010) fully vaccinated and therefore cannot proceed with the season, you may request a full refund. This request can be sent to refund@lakershockey.ca **NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 15th at 7pm**

If you plan to proceed with the season and your **player is NOT fully vaccinated (i.e.: including the 14 day period after receiving their completed dose) or received a medical accommodation by October 31st there will be no refund given** and your player will not be able to participate in any further SLMH programming until the OMHA vaccination policy requirements has been met. It is imperative that we have an accurate number of participants as soon as possible to proceed with our year in determining our teams.

By submitting a refund request, you acknowledge that you will not be able to participate in any OMHA programming for 2021-22 season and will not be able to rejoin our organization for this season under the current COVID vaccination policies outlined by the OMHA

*Please note that SLMH does not have the ability to grant any exceptions or accommodations to the vaccination policies referenced.

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SLMH Executive