# OHF TOURNAMENT COVID 19 GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS

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## 1. PURPOSE

1.1 The Ontario Hockey Federation and its Members are working with all our stakeholders to ensure that we are able to continue to provide youth hockey in a safe environment for the duration of the season. The OHF in consultation with Public Health information and our Chief Medical Officer have established the following recommendations and requirements for Tournaments in the OHF and OHF Teams entering tournaments. The precautions are being provided around Tournaments as these events have a high congregation of people intermixing in non-hockey activity settings, such as dinners at restaurants, hotels, carpooling, social settings of parents and players that are heightened especially in Tournaments that have Teams travelling from other locations of Ontario, adjacent provinces or countries.

1.2 There are different expectations for Internal Tournaments and External Tournaments based on the exposure to external activities that occur away from the arena. Below the definitions of the two are set out.

## 2. SUBJECT TO FUTURE CHANGE

2.1 The contents of these guidelines and requirements are subject to change in the future with tighter or lessor restrictions.

## 3. INTERNAL TOURNAMENTS RECOMMENDATION AND REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Internal Tournaments are Tournaments operated with Teams that participate in the intra-association league.

3.2 Tournament operators are recommended to:

3.2.1 Manage the facility in a manner that avoids intermixing of Teams outside of the ice surface through:

3.2.1.1. Stagger and divided registration of Teams when entering facilities;

3.2.1.2. Minimize time of Teams inside the facility pre and post-game;

3.2.1.3. Avoiding interaction of Teams in hallways or tunnels to the ice;

3.2.1.4. Avoiding interaction of Teams with pre-game dryland warm-ups;

3.2.1.5. Other as deemed appropriate.

3.2.2 Players coming to the arena to be dressed as much as possible and ready to play where age appropriate,

3.2.3 Not have banquets, lounges or event spaces where participants (players, coaches, officials, parents, tournament staff and spectators) are intermixing,

3.2.4 Crowd control that moves parents and spectators outdoors immediately following games,

3.2.5 Where possible, limit the number of spectators, fans, patrons within the facility.

3.3 Teams are recommended to:

3.3.1 minimize the time you are at the arena pre- and post-game,

3.3.2 Only allow one parent or guardian per child in the dressing room area for younger age categories where players require support changing.

3.4 Participants, Tournament and Teams must:

3.4.1 properly wear masks at all times by all individuals connected and involved in the tournament with the exception of Players while on the ice or bench during games or On-ice Officials while on the ice.

3.4.2 not attend or participate if they are exhibiting any signs or symptoms of COVID 19.

## 4. EXTERNAL TOURNAMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 External tournaments are tournaments that are held with Teams from various Minor Hockey Associations that meet any of the following requirements:

4.1.1 Teams do not participate in the same intra-association league during the season; or

4.1.2 Teams are crossing over Public Health Units to participate in the tournament.

4.2 Tournament operators are recommended to:

4.2.1 Manage the facility in a manner that avoids intermixing of Teams outside of the ice surface through:

4.2.1.1. Stagger and divided registration of Teams when entering facilities;

4.2.1.2. Minimize time of Teams inside the facility pre and post-game;

4.2.1.3. Avoiding interaction of Teams in hallways or tunnels to the ice;

4.2.1.4. Avoiding interaction of Teams with pre-game dryland warm-ups;

4.2.1.5. Other as deemed appropriate.

4.2.2 Not have banquets, lounges or event spaces where participants (players, coaches, officials, parents, tournament staff and spectators) are intermixing,

4.2.3 Crowd control that moves parents and spectators outdoors immediately following games,

4.2.4 Only allow a maximum of one parent or guardian per child in the dressing room area for younger age categories where players require support changing, or no parents if Member or Associations have stricter requirements;

4.2.5 Where possible, limit the number of spectators, fans, patrons within the facility.

4.3 Teams are recommended to:

4.3.1 minimize the time you are at the arena pre and post-game,

4.3.2 Limit the number of family members and spectators at the tournament,

4.3.3 Only allow one parent or guardian per child in the dressing room area for younger age categories where players require support changing.

## 5. EXTERNAL TOURNAMENT REQUIREMENTS

5.1 Participants, Tournament and Teams must:

5.1.1 properly wear masks at all times by all individuals connected and involved in the tournament with the exception of Players while on the ice or bench during games or On-ice Officials while on the ice.

5.1.2 not attend or participate if they are exhibiting any signs or symptoms of COVID 19.

5.1.3 Must follow all directives from Public Health.

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