



HOCKEY CALGARY

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RESTRICTIONS ON HOCKEY

Q. WHEN DO THE RESTRICTIONS ON MINOR HOCKEY END? **UPDATED**

- A. Based on information we have at this time, all levels of sport will be restricted up and including **January 21, 2021**. These restrictions took effect on December 13, 2020.

Q. ARE ALL HOCKEY ACTIVITIES PART OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS?

Yes. This restriction includes all hockey related activities under the Hockey Calgary umbrella, including Jr. B & Jr. C programs. The restriction includes (but is not limited to) the following activities surrounding your teams in both indoor and outdoor settings:

- (1) No games
- (2) No off-ice sessions (unless virtual)
- (3) No team dryland
- (4) No team building (unless virtual)
- (5) No skill sessions

Q. ARE WE ABLE TO PRACTICE OUTSIDE AS A TEAM?

- A. No. All indoor and outdoor social gatherings are restricted.

Q. CAN WE SKATE OUTSIDE INDIVIDUALLY?

- A. Yes, however, members of different households must always maintain 2 metre distancing.

Q. CAN WE DO INDIVIDUAL TRAINING?

- A. The additional restrictions announced by the Government on December 8th have included the closure of rinks and arenas. Therefore, all indoor on-ice individual training was not permitted as of 12:01am December 13th.

Q. CAN MY FAMILY BOOK THE ICE FOR A SESSION?

- A. The additional restrictions announced by the Government on December 8th have included the closure of rinks and arenas. Therefore, all indoor on-ice individual training was not permitted as of 12:01am December 13th.

Q. IS HOCKEY CALGARY APPLYING FOR AN EXEMPTION TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS DURING THE CURRENT RESTRICTIONS?

- A. Hockey Calgary is actively exploring this option and will do everything we can to provide our players the opportunity to play if government restrictions permit. Currently, it is our understanding that exemptions will only be considered for activities that have aggressive testing protocols and operate in a 'bubble' format similar to the NHL or the World Juniors. We will continue to research this option and communicate as we receive new information.

Q. IS HOCKEY CALGARY LOBBYING THE GOVERNMENT FOR MINOR HOCKEY ACTIVITIES TO CONTINUE DURING THE CURRENT RESTRICTIONS?

- A. Hockey Calgary is actively looking at ways to communicate the benefits of youth sport, specifically hockey, and the robust protocols we have had in place since the onset.



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Q. ARE WE PERMITTED TO TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF THE GOVERNMENT DEFINED 'PURPLE' RESTRICTED AREAS TO PARTICIPATE IN HOCKEY ACTIVITIES?

A. No. All Hockey Calgary, association, and team hockey activities are strictly prohibited. Furthermore, the new restrictions apply to all areas of the province.

Q. WHO SHOULD WE CONTACT IF WE IDENTIFY OPERATORS OR INDIVIDUALS ACTING OUTSIDE THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER?

A. Violations of Public Health Orders are subject to fines up to \$1,000 and complaints can be submitted to the Public Health Inspectors by [Clicking Here](#).

HOCKEY CALGARY LEAGUES

Q. HAS HOCKEY CALGARY RELEASED A SCHEDULE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 20-21 SEASON UPDATED

A. Prior to the government announcement Hockey Calgary released the 'Competition Season' schedule as communicated that was to begin with our first cycle effective Dec. 1. We will now be cancelling all games up to and including January 21, 2021. Hockey Calgary and its member Associations will take the next week to determine a plan of action to return to play once restrictions are lifted.

Q. WHEN HOCKEY CALGARY LEAGUES RETURN AFTER THE PAUSE, WILL THE SCHEDULE OF GAMES BE PUSHED TO THE NEW START DATE?

A. There are still a lot of details that need to be clarified and worked out upon return to hockey activities. It is too early to determine what the structure of hockey will look like when we return.

Q. WILL HOCKEY CALGARY'S SEASON BE EXTENDED DUE TO THE PAUSE?

A. Hockey Calgary and its member associations are in the early stages of analysis on whether an extension to the season is possible and if so, identifying what needs to be done. There are a lot of stakeholders that would need to be involved in any discussions including Hockey Canada, Hockey Alberta, Facilities, and other sports organizations, to name a few.

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Q. WILL HOCKEY CALGARY BE PROVIDING REFUNDS DUE TO LOSS OF PLAYING TIME?

A. Hockey fees are not paid directly to Hockey Calgary, they are paid to our Member Associations, therefore any potential refunds will come directly from those Associations. As we have communicated from the onset, we are in very unprecedented times and concrete refund policies in the event of a pause or missed program time are being reviewed. Hockey Calgary and our Member Associations will work together to be fair to all members. At this point and time, we can say the following:

- (1) Hockey Calgary & our Member Associations are reviewing the policies
- (2) These are uncertain times, and we are still unsure about potential time lost and the option of extending the season
- (3) In the event of significant program reduction each Association will make every effort to provide fair and appropriate refunds based on their individual programs' expenditures.
- (4) Potential refunds will be reviewed in the new year, once there is better understanding of how much of the season is played.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we manage this process.



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Q. WHAT ARE SOME WAYS WE CAN ENGAGE WITH OUR PLAYERS AND TEAMS DURING THE PAUSE?

A. Hockey Calgary encourages teams to participate in virtual team activities using Zoom or another online meeting application.

Q. IS THERE DATA THAT INDICATES WIDESPREAD COVID TRANSMISSION IN MINOR HOCKEY?

A. Hockey Calgary and its member associations have worked hard to set up guidelines and protocols to keep our members safe and our programs running during the pandemic. To date, we have been forced to temporarily pause several cohorts across the city. Most of these pauses were due to close contact issues and were done out of abundance of caution. Due to our quick action, we have seen minimal transmission within a hockey environment.

Q. IS THERE A DATE AT WHICH PLAY WILL NOT RESUME I.E. A DROP DEAD DATE?

A. Hockey Calgary is aware that time is running out on the current hockey season. We will continue to work with Hockey Alberta and arena operators to determine a date where we can no longer proceed.