



FHA/FDREP COVID-19 FAQs

Q: The Hockey Canada announcement says that all “sanctioned activities” are to be shut down. What does “sanctioned activities” include?

A: Hockey Canada sanctioned activities include:

- All games including playoff and exhibition
- Practices (both league scheduled and private rentals, as well as Dryland Training)
- Tournaments (Canada and in the US)
- Camps and development programs
- Team activities (including team parties and banquets)
- Provincial, Regional, and National Championships
- Spring try-outs

Q: The Hockey Canada announcement uses the phrase “until further notice”. What does that mean?

A: The 2019/20 season is cancelled. The Hockey Canada Board will decide when sanctioned hockey will resume in Canada. We have no indication of when that will be.

Q: My player’s team has a chance at an OMHA/Tri-County championship. I know that Hockey Canada has shut down hockey for the season, but is there a chance that playoffs may still happen if things improve?

A: No, hockey for this season is over.

Q: How will playoff finals be addressed. No winners no losers?

A: The season is over. OMHA and Tri-County will not be declaring any Playoff champions.

Q: I have Equipment borrowed from the league – how do I return it?

A: If you have any equipment borrowed from the league at the moment, including the loaner Goalie Equipment sets, please hold on to it for now. Once the situation has passed and it is safe to do, so we will make arrangements for it to be returned.



Q: What is the timeline for Spring Tryouts?

A: Tryouts for the 2020/21 season will not be conducted this Spring. The Ontario Hockey Federation will provide guidance on when the introduction of the 2020/21 season will begin, subject to the Hockey Canada Board of Directors' future decision when to reinstate all Hockey Canada-sanctioned activities. Such introduction will take into consideration ice availability, capacity and other logistics involved in organizing hockey programs.

Q: What about player releases and Permission to Skates?

A: No player releases or Permission to Skates will be issued until further notice or guidance from the Ontario Hockey Federation and OMHA.

Q: What about non-sanctioned hockey leagues?

A: Non-sanctioned leagues operate outside of Hockey Canada's by-laws and regulations. If they continue to operate, they would be doing so of their own accord.

Q: If there are private companies still offering hockey camps or programs, can we attend?

A: Please be aware that all city of Hamilton facilities have been closed in response to COVID-19. Any private organizations that are able to run will not be covered by insurance providers.

Q: Will FHA be offering any refunds since the season was shut down?

A: At the time of the COVID-19 restrictions/closures the House League season was completed and as such not subject to refunds. At the REP level as the teams finalize their remaining ice invoices etc., they will communicate directly with their families to assess whether their individual teams have refunds or, in fact, owe money.

Q: What about registration for the 2020/21 season?

A: The opening of player registration for the 2020/21 season is currently delayed. More information will be provided as it is made available with regards to a timeline when restrictions are lifted by Hockey Canada. Stay tuned to the FHA website for further details.



Q: If there are no tryouts or team fittings, what will happen with the jerseys and team apparel?

A: Ensuring that our players have jerseys and apparel when the season starts is a major focus for the Club. We will be working closely with our jersey and apparel partners to determine the safest and best options including the use of sizing grids and pre-determined numbers. As we finalize our approach, we will be sure to communicate the plan to all players and Coaches.

Q: Is the FHA office closed for the foreseeable future?

A: The FHA office at Harry Howell Arena is currently closed to the public; however, the FHA Board and staff continue to work via email remotely.

Q: If one of our players tests positive who should we report to?

A: After following the proper protocols as issued by the Government of Ontario please inform:

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