



## GMHA – Return to Hockey FAQ's

### 1. When will Hockey return in Georgina?

Currently the Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) the governing body of minor hockey in Ontario, has posted an updated version of their Return to Hockey Framework. The return to traditional 5 on 5 hockey will be approached in planned programming phases with the necessary measures in response to COVID-19.

We are currently in **Stage 3a** and we are expected to move to **Stage 3b** on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. A full copy of the OHF Return to Hockey Framework is available on the OHF and OMHA websites. It includes an outline of the different phases for Stage 3 and the requirements for each phase. Please know that any decision to return to hockey is made in accordance with the Ontario Government, Town of Georgina and Hockey Canada Safety Protocols.

GMHA Executive is currently in discussions with the Town of Georgina to confirm how much ice is available to the association and what the local safety protocols will be. There are many details to work out and we are working hard to navigate through all the new requirements and limitations in returning to play. We are hoping to announce plans for modified programming for both Rep and House League programs as soon as they are approved by OMHA. We thank our members for their patience during this time.

### 2. Who will be permitted to enter the facility with their child?

GMHA will operate our programming in accordance with the framework of the OHF Return to Hockey Frameworks stages, as well as York Region Public Health Unit and our Town of Georgina facility. Hockey Canada Safety Protocols must be followed in order to provide a safe environment for our members. Therefore, at this time under the guidelines of the Provincial Government and York Region Public Health we are only permitted to have **fifty (50)** people in the facility at one time. We also have to be cognisant of the fact that we share the facility with other groups such as Georgina Skating Club and Georgina Girls Hockey Association who are also currently working within these parameters in order to deliver their programs to their membership as well. We are currently working on a plan to have hockey return to Georgina which

would include a limited number of spectators but due to the amount of ice available and the number of registrants, spectators may not be an option. Georgina Minor Hockey is also looking at a live streaming option as well.

**3. What if my child is too young to enter the arena without a parent?**

GMHA is currently working on a program to allow our younger members the opportunity to return to the ice safely.

**4. How will the Town of Georgina respond to the Covid19 cleaning and disinfecting routines?**

The Town of Georgina as well as other Municipalities are reviewing their procedures going forward. Their protocols will be shared when we receive them.

We ask all of our members and players to respect their guidelines and rules and regulations in order to keep us all safe.

**5. Will there be Rep tryouts this year and when?**

No, there will be no rep tryouts until we are in Stage 4 as per OHF - Return to Hockey Framework. We anticipate this could be in January 2021.

**6. Will Rep and House League be combined this year?**

No, GMHA would like to keep the programs separate depending on registration.

**7. Can I play for another centre?**

No, as per Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) - Return to Hockey Framework stages - you cannot play for another centre - your child must stay where they were registered last year or return to their home centre.