



Parry Sound Hockey Club Inc.

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"Bringing Hockey to the Youth of Parry Sound"

2020/2021 Season Plan

On behalf of the Executive, we would like to thank you for your patience during these unprecedented times. Over the past few weeks we have been working closely with the Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF), the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA), the Town of Parry Sound and Seguin Township, to work within the guidelines on how we can return to hockey, keeping the safety of all involved our top priority.

On July 31, the OHF released their Plan and Return to play Protocols. This season's Parry Sound Hockey Club Executive was formed August 26th, and from day one, have been dedicated to work tirelessly to ensure that we can get our participants on the ice as safely as possible. We have thoroughly and diligently worked on our Return to Play Framework, which has been submitted to the OMHA for approval. Based on the guidelines from the OHF, the PSHC has come up with what is sure to be a dynamic and fluid plan for the coming season.

This year has been like no other, and that will transcend into the way our kids play hockey. There will be many new rules to adapt, a unique way of playing games, and a shift in focus to skill development – with an overlying mandated tone that fun and safety should be our only objectives this season. In order to maintain as safe an environment as possible, that will be in line with requirements and recommendations from the OMHA, there will be many new rules in place as we move forward.

Everyone entering the building will be required to do screening and arenas will be operating at reduced capacities and with less facilities to utilize. This will all be outlined and provided to every participant and family.

Our plan will include all age groups from IP to U21 (21years old and under), each age group will form a bubble of 50, and will participate within that bubble until at least the Christmas Break. We plan on providing at least one practice (50 minutes) and one game (50 minutes) per week. We are hoping to have monthly Skills Sessions with certified skills instructors as mandated and certified by Hockey Canada, that may be provided on a fee basis. The OMHA wants a slow, progressive return to the sport we love, all while keeping the safety of kids and families in mind.

Based on the OHF return to play plan, we will follow these guidelines as part of the current stage:

- There will be no physical contact
- There will be no tryouts.
- There are no Rep or Select teams.



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- There are no tournaments permitted outside of the home club and participants must only be from within the local bubble.
- Teams will consist of a maximum of 9 skaters, 1 Goalie, 1 Coach and 1 Trainer.
- Teams will be created within their division/bubble that will play and practice together; designed to ensure fair and as equitable gameplay.
- Each division may have multiple age groups based on registration.
- We are looking to play 4 on 4 at U11 and above with full Ice and we are also looking to play 3 on 3 at U9 and below with half Ice, following the Hockey Canada Framework.
- Game Play structure looks vastly different and will be following the MPS Local League rules.

All games will be 2x21/22 min periods with a 4 min warm up and 2 min break between periods. All games will have a hard curfew.

We plan on following the OHF and Hockey Canada recommendation to follow the scheduling requirements of the U11 Pathway – no hockey during long weekends, and Christmas Break.

A reduction in teams may be necessary if we do not have enough coaches.

PROJECTED KEY DATES

September 28 - Registration cut-off date.

Early – mid October - We would start with our preseason skills session as set out in the OHF policies for a minimum of two weeks per bubble.

Mid to Late October - Compilation of teams, and start of gameplay

Please note that as we proceed through the various stages, we may update some rules as set out by the governing bodies.

Thank you for your attention and support.