

HOCKEY SUPER LEAGUE RETURN TO PLAY



2020-2021 SEASON



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We are thankful for the cooperation and collaboration with other like-minded sports and athletic organizations that have continually balanced safety and athletic development through these challenging times. This would not be possible without the support from Alberta Health Services.

** Please note, this document is not intended or implied to be a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment. The HSL and its Members make no representation and assume no responsibility in respect of their information concerning COVID-19 as the circumstances are constantly changing and any information on COVID-19 should be obtained from your Public Health Authority.*





1.0 LEAGUE ADDRESS

The COVID-19 virus has changed how we live our daily lives and challenged all of us in unprecedented ways. Player and public safety will continue to be at the forefront in all our decisions as a league as we continue to monitor and adapt to the ever-changing environment. As a hockey community we are accustomed to working together as a team and the ability for us to come together to achieve a common goal has never been so paramount as we look to ensure all our athletes, coaches, staff, families, and communities are able to enjoy our great game in the safest environments possible.

We are committed to returning to the ice this upcoming season as we know our athlete's passion for the game has only grown in its absence. Part of the commitment is ensuring all our HSL members are provided with and follow all the most up to date information regarding COVID-19 response. The following Return to Play document outlines the Hockey Super League's protocol for the upcoming 2020 – 21 Season. This plan will provide the protocols necessary to ensure all HSL stakeholders are able to return to programming while meeting the requirements set forth in Stage 2 of the Alberta Governments Relaunch Strategy. We will continue to monitor Alberta Health Services guidelines and adapt our Return to Play protocols accordingly with assurance that the health and safety of all participants remains our top priority. As in prior years, all of our athletes, volunteers and staff are fully insured for all on – ice and off – ice HSL training and events.

Although we have all been living with COVID-19 for some time, every effort must be made to continue to educate and inform our athletes, staff and family members. It is a shared responsibility to ensure everyone operates safely, and together we can make this work!

Yours in Hockey,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tyler Wowk', is positioned above the commissioner's name.

Tyler Wowk
Commissioner





2.0 COMPLIANCE PROTOCOLS

All Hockey Super League stakeholders including players, parents, staff, volunteers, officials, HSL representatives and league representatives have a critical role to play in minimizing the transmission of COVID-19. Teams who fail to adhere to these strict protocols will be removed from participating in any future HSL events for the remainder of the 2020-21 season. It is recommended all teams regularly check for updates which are described in detail on the [Government of Alberta COVID-19 website](#).

In addition to the AHS guidelines, the following policies will be put in place and strictly enforced by the Hockey Super League and its member teams for the upcoming 2020-21 Season:

2.1 Franchise Communications Officer

Communications between the Hockey Super League office and our franchise members this season is critical. Each franchise must designate one (1) person who will become the **Franchise Communications Officer** for the 2020-21 HSL Season. Please confirm with Tracy Dunn (tdunn@silentice.com) as to who your organization has designated to be your COVID-19 Communications Officer **before September 9th, 2020**.

Roles and responsibilities of the COVID-19 Communications Officer are as follows:

- Ensure ALL COVID-19 related memos from the league are being passed along to all members of their franchise.
- Work with all teams under your franchise and their individual **COVID-19 Team Compliance Officer** to ensure the attendance of team related events is being completed properly and kept for a minimum of 14 days to ensure proper tracking, if required.
- Constantly monitoring changes or amendments to government policies pertaining specifically to the COVID-19 protocols and safety measures. Updates can be found by visiting the [Alberta Government COVID-19 response website](#).
- Ensure ANY positive COVID-19 cases within your franchise are properly reported to the public health authorities and are shared with your Franchise owner, teams, facilities attended and the league office. More information as it pertains to the sharing of private health information during a pandemic can be found by clicking [here](#).
- Ensure the individual team's **COVID-19 Team Compliance Officer** and the teams they are responsible for are comfortable with instructions and operations within the RAMP Team App for tracking of attendance. Instructions can be found below in Section 2.3.
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2.2 COVID-19 Team Compliance Officer

To ensure teams are complying with the guidelines established by the HSL and Alberta Health Services, each individual team will designate a **COVID-19 Team Compliance Officer** for the 2020-21 HSL season. This individual will be responsible for the enforcement and education of all HSL safety protocols and processes within their individual team. Please confirm with Tracy Dunn (tdunn@silentice.com) as to who your organization has designated to be your COVID-19 Communications Officer **before September 9th, 2020**.

Roles and responsibilities of the **COVID-19 Team Compliance Officer** are as follows:

- Ensure all members of their team are properly following all league and government mandated protocol.
- Ensure the parents of the athletes are adhering to the RAMP Team App as it pertains to the tracking and traceability of every team event.
- Keep the records of who attended which team events for a minimum of 14 days, as mandated by the government. This must be kept in a secure and private place due to FOIP. Information will only be shared with Alberta Health Services if they request it.
- Request and share specific protocol information that exists in each facility the team uses for on and off-ice activities.
- Ensure all individuals understand the protocols that exist in each facility as facility managers have the right to remove anyone that fails to adhere to their guidelines.
- Ensure any penalty box volunteers from your team understand and adhere to all facility and league protocol.
- Immediately notify your **COVID-19 Team Compliance Officer** if someone on your team has shown or is showing symptoms of a potential COVID-19 infection.

** This person CAN be the same individual who has been designated as the Franchise Communications Officer*

2.3 Activity Attendance Tracking – RAMP Team App

To support public health contact tracing efforts if an attendee tests positive, the HSL will require all teams to track attendance of all events until instructed otherwise. For ANY team event, the participants and their parents must complete an online health assessment survey through the mandated RAMP Team App. Your team's designated **COVID-19 Team Compliance Officer** will oversee the process ensuring every member of the team is correctly completing these self-assessments before every team event.





The RAMP Team App will be set up for your teams and we will ensure everyone is comfortable with the software prior to the start of the season. League office will be readily available to answer any questions as it pertains to the set-up and functionality of the app.

- All teams are mandated to use the app for the 2020-21 season.
- All information will be centralized to one app to synchronize electronic tracking in the case Alberta Health Services requests attendance for a specific event.
- Every team event must be tracked.
- Surveys will be completed by both the athlete and parent/guardian who are attending the team events including:
 - Off-ice team training
 - On-ice team training
 - Game play
 - Team meetings outside of training sessions
 - Any team function including parent meetings
- Information must be kept for a minimum of 14 days by the **COVID-19 Team Compliance Officer**.
- Information about attendees will only be released if requested by AHS.

RAMP has two instructional videos regarding the set up and functionality of the app which can be found by clicking the links below:

[Covid19 RSVP Requirement Functionalist Video](#)
[RAMP Team App Video Tutorial](#)

These videos are also time stamped. By scrolling down the browser page you can select certain time stamps of the video which will take you to specific parts of the video and answer the questions you may have. Please pass all RAMP Team App questions to the HSL and we will work with RAMP on ensuring your issues are solved in a timely manner. There is also a 'Support' button within the app which will immediately share your issue with the Support Team at RAMP (hit this button anytime there is an issue within the app).

2.4 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

COVID-19 can be spread by infected individuals who have not yet, or who may never develop symptoms. PPE including medical or homemade masks are another way to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 in areas where physical distancing (2 metres distance between individuals) may be challenging or not possible. When proper PPE is used the risk of transmission between individuals greatly decreases. Teams will be expected to provide masks or gloves when needed, if individuals are unable to provide their own.





2.4.1 Masks

Based on recent legislation passed over the last couple weeks, masks will be mandatory to wear indoors both in Calgary and Edmonton, effective August 1, 2020. To ensure the safety of our athletes, the Hockey Super League are mandating that everyone wear a facemask while in attendance of any HSL practice or game. Athletes will be the only ones who will remove their mask prior to participating in their games or practices.

There are exceptions to who must wear a face covering in public places. They include those who cannot put one on or remove it without assistance, children under two years of age, people who are unable to wear a face covering because of mental or physical concerns or protected reasons under the Alberta Human Rights Act, and people providing care or assistance to a person with a disability when wearing a face covering that would affect their service.

As it pertains directly to HSL activities:

- Coaches must always wear masks while on the bench during games. Coaches are not required to wear a mask while on the ice during practice, but they **MUST** adhere to all social distancing rules and remain two (2) meters apart from their team members where possible.
- Spectators must wear a mask where fans are permitted and are still expected to adhere to all social distancing rules.
- Athletes do not need to wear a mask while playing games or practicing but will have to adhere to the mandatory mask rule until they head out to the ice.
- Officials and HSL Representatives will also adhere to the mandatory mask rule.
- Officials will be required to wear their mask in the officials' room until they step on the ice to officiate their games.

2.4.2 Gloves

Non-latex gloves must be worn by anyone who is going to be in close contact with the athletes and in situations which may require you to touch a surface that may have droplets on it. This includes medical trainers and/or staff tending to an injured athlete at any HSL related activity. Any trainers or team staff who are touching any of the players equipment will also be required to wear non-latex gloves. Non-latex gloves must be changed where required and hands must be washed prior to putting the gloves on and immediately following removal of the gloves.





3.0 HSL Return to Play

The Hockey Super League has developed a comprehensive Return to Play standard of operations in compliance with the Alberta government to enable our athletes return to the ice and participate in both practice and game play in a safe manner as follows:

3.1 Cohorts

Limiting close physical contact by grouping together athletes into a cohort decreases exposure to the virus while giving the opportunity for social interaction between individuals within the cohort. Under Stage 2 of Alberta relaunch, sports teams are able to form 'Mini – Leagues' where social distancing is not possible by forming cohorts to a maximum of 50 players. Mini-Leagues help to mitigate risk of widespread transmission by limiting the number of individuals in close contact. For more information on cohorts, please see the [Cohort Guidance](#) on the Government of Alberta website.

Teams competing in the Hockey Super League during Stage 2 of Alberta Relaunch will practice in their individual teams where they will then be designated their cohort group prior to game play as follows:

- The league will create region specific cohorts where are possible.
- The league will assign teams in a cohort that may consist of 2 or 3 teams.
- The cohort created will not exceed the maximum of 50 players within the cohort.
- Coaches may not be included in the 50-person cohort and are instructed to properly socially-distance where possible.
- When forming a cohort, the league has the right to move a team to another division if needed to minimize travel and maintain region specific game play.
- Game play will not be a traditional showcase style format. Game play over the weekend will be limited to teams playing only within their individual cohort.
- Following game play, team will then return to their individual teams for their weekly practices.
- Teams will subsequently take part in an 'active' quarantine following game play where each team will be required to practice for a minimum of 2 to 3 weeks before being able to form a new cohort.
- The league has the right to maintain the original cohort in all instances.
- During their active quarantine, all athletes and staff will be required to continue to monitor their symptoms and follow all AHS COVID-19 protocols.

* Please confirm your roster size to Tracy Dunn (tdunn@silentice.com) prior to **September 9th**, this will allow the league to schedule and cohort teams accordingly.





3.2 Practice and Skill Development Sessions

- Players and staff will be mandated to confirm their attendance and complete the personal health assessment through the RAMP Team app for ALL on-ice training.
- Participants should proactively and regularly monitor for symptoms; symptomatic individuals are prohibited from participating.
- Hand hygiene should occur before and after each activity.
- Hands should be cleaned before and after using your hockey gloves.
- Gloves should be cleaned after each use.
- To the best of their ability, participants should refrain from touching their eyes, nose, mouth and face during activity.
- Each facility will have its own specified guidelines however it is recommended that athletes do not arrive at the doors of the facility more than 15 minutes before their skate and each athlete must be fully dressed minus skates upon arrival.
- **Only** rostered players for the specific team are allowed to participate in practice. Players must train with their own team and are not permitted to train with multiple teams. This is mandated and must be adhered to for the entire season.
- Every individual athlete must have a clearly labelled water bottle of their own during all activities. Parents are instructed to wash the water bottles after every activity.
- Athletes will space out their water bottles using both benches when possible to further minimize close contact and to mitigate the risk of athletes grabbing the wrong water bottle.
- Athletes who like to have a towel on the bench must ensure they bring their own and it is properly marked as being their own towel. Towels are to never be shared.
- Coaches may not be included in the 50-person cohort, so they are instructed to use proper social distance at all times.
- Coaches will not need to wear masks on the ice but will be expected to wear one into the arena and dressing room until they step foot on the ice.
- It is encouraged for coaches to limit the number/length of time spent at the board discussing drills.
- Each athlete or coach going on the ice will have to sanitize their hands prior to participating. It is strongly recommended each individual athlete uses hand sanitizer when common surfaces may be touched without their hockey gloves on.
- Coaches/players are required to keep their gloves when picking up pucks.
- Practice jerseys, mouthguards and full visors (if applicable) must be washed after every activity.
- Spitting on the ice is strictly prohibited.
- Athletes are expected to travel with their guardian to the arena and limit or eliminate carpooling with other families when possible.





An athlete will be immediately removed from any team activity if they show any symptoms of COVID-19 and follow COVID-19 Emergency Response Plan (7.1 Attendee Showing Symptoms).

3.3 Off-Ice Training

- Players and staff will be mandated to confirm their attendance and complete their self - assessment through the RAMP Team app for ALL off-ice training.
- Participants should proactively and regularly monitor for symptoms; symptomatic individuals are prohibited from participating.
- Hand hygiene should occur before and after each activity.
- To the best of their ability, participants should refrain from touching their eyes, nose, mouth and face during activity.
- Arrival times will be dependent on the specific facility you are training at
- Players and staff are to be leaders when it comes to proper social distancing when not practicing or playing games.
- Players are instructed to practice social distancing when off-ice training.
- Only rostered players for the specific team are allowed to participate in off-ice training. Players must train with their own team and are not permitted to train with multiple teams. This will be mandated for the entire season.
- Parents are to wear masks at all times while watching indoor training sessions.
- Off-ice training is recommended to take place outdoors, weather permitting.
- When possible, athletes are expected to travel with their guardian to training, limit or eliminate carpooling with other families to minimize risk.
- An athlete will be immediately removed from any team activity if they show any symptoms of COVID-19 and follow COVID-19 Emergency Response Plan (7.1 Attendee Showing Symptoms).

3.4 Team Meetings / Video Session

- The HSL recommends all team meetings take place via Zoom or other online video platforms rather than in person.
- When team meetings / video session training takes place face-to-face it is recommended that social distancing protocols are followed.
- Players and staff will be mandated to confirm their attendance and complete their self - assessment through the RAMP Team app for ALL team events.
- All attendees present are mandated to wear a mask.





3.5 Hockey Super League Game Play

3.5.1 Format

- Game play will not be a traditional showcase style format. Game play over the weekend will be limited to teams playing only within their individual cohort.
- The HSL has the right to schedule a smaller number of games over the weekend if needed to ensure all COVID-19 protocols are being met. In the early stages of Return to Play teams may only play 2 to 3 cohort games over the weekend.
- Assuming all government-regulated facility requirements are met, game length will not change. Game length remains specific to the division you compete in as outlined in the 2020-21 HSL Application Package.
- There will be no handshakes before or after the game between players, coaches or referees for the entirety of the 2020-21 season, unless informed otherwise.
- All game play **must** be HSL sanctioned. There will be no exhibition games or creating any form of competition by pairing up with other teams for the entirety of the 2020-21 season, unless informed otherwise.
- No unregistered roster players will be able to participate in any games or practices and there will be no tolerance for mixing players from another team.
- Teams who fail to adhere to these strict protocols will be removed from participating in any future HSL events for the 2020-21 season.

* Mini-leagues will be supervised by both the HSL Representatives and **COVID-19 Team Compliance Officers** in accordance with public health guidance.

3.5.2 Entry-Exit Points

- The entry and exit points will be facility dependent as all facilities will have distinct protocols for their building.
- **COVID-19 Team Compliance Officer** are to ensure all members of their team are aware of the protocols in advance of the team event.
- Each facility will have its own specified guidelines however it is recommended that athletes do not arrive at the doors of the facility more than 15 minutes before their skate and each athlete must be fully dressed minus skates upon arrival.





3.5.3 Coaching Staff

- Players and staff will be mandated to confirm their attendance and complete the personal health assessment through the RAMP Team app for all games.
- Yelling increases the risk of droplets spreading. There will be zero tolerance for coaches yelling at officials.
- Coaches must wear masks at all time when on the bench during games, however they must maintain social distancing whenever possible.
- Will assist younger athletes in the dressing room/dressing areas as they are putting their skates on in order to limit the number of parents in contact with athletes who are not from their family.
- It is recommended all coaches working gates or in close contact with the athletes to wear disposable gloves.
- Stay off cell phones on the bench or while around the kids during game play.
- One coach per team may also be asked to assist the rink staff in ensuring all surfaces have been cleaned on your bench or in the dressing room (this will depend on the facilities being used).
- Enforce every athlete to have their own water bottle which is clearly marked as theirs.
- Ensure all athletes are aware spitting is strictly prohibited.
- Always carry hand sanitizer to ensure they are able to sanitize their hands when necessary after coming in contact with an athlete.
- Responsible for the immediate removal of any athlete who shows any symptoms of COVID-19 during a game.

3.5.4 Medical Trainers

- Players and staff will be mandated to confirm their attendance and complete their personal self – assessment through the RAMP Team app for all games.
- ALL medical or first aid staff must always wear a mask and gloves when going out onto the ice to tend to an injured athlete.
- Gloves are to be changed after every close, non-socially distanced interaction with an athlete and hands are to be washed after each change of gloves or player contact.
- It is recommended where possible, the trainer or first aider is not opening the gates of the bench to eliminate any exposure from the door handle to the athletes.
- Must carry hand sanitizer at all times.



3.5.5 Penalty Bench (Volunteers)

- The designated home team will be responsible for supplying two penalty box volunteers.
- Volunteers, like the players and staff will be mandated to confirm their attendance and complete their personal self - assessment through the RAMP Team app for all games.
- Volunteers should proactively and regularly monitor for symptoms; symptomatic individuals are prohibited from participating.
- One parent/volunteer will be designated for the Home penalty box and they will be the only person allowed on that side of the penalty box.
- One parent/volunteer will be designated for the Away penalty box and they will be the only person allowed on that side of the penalty box.
- Masks must always be worn.
- Will not be on their cell phones while in the box unless to play music.
- Parent volunteers are the only ones to touch the handle of the penalty box door. Athletes will at no time touch the handle.
- After the athlete's penalty is over, you will be required to wipe any surface the athlete may have touched with a sanitization wipe.
- Spitting in the penalty box is prohibited.
- At no time will you touch the athlete in any way.
- At the conclusion of the game, volunteers will be instructed to clean all surfaces in the penalty box to have it ready for the next game.
- Volunteers working in the box must have their own HSL rules card with all the penalties and procedures for games, this will eliminate the amount of paper passing which would normally occur during HSL weekends. These are not to be shared at any point during the weekend.

3.5.6 Scorekeeper and Timekeeper (Volunteers)

- The designated home team will be responsible for supplying two volunteers to be the scorekeeper and timekeeper.
- Volunteers, like the players and staff will be mandated to confirm their attendance and complete their personal self - assessment through the RAMP Team app for all games.
- Volunteers should proactively and regularly monitor for symptoms; symptomatic individuals are prohibited from participating.
- Must always wear a mask.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided by the representative and will stay in the penalty box for the duration of the showcase weekend. It will be the representative's responsibility to ensure sanitizer is available.





- One parent/volunteer will be responsible for all game sheet inputs. More information on game sheets will be outlined below.
- There is to be zero exchange of devices during the game and the volunteer doing the game sheet will do it for the entire duration of the game.
- At the conclusion of the game, volunteers will be instructed to clean all surfaces in the scorer's area to have it ready for the next game.

3.5.7 Electronic Game sheets

- RAMP Interactive has developed a new online game sheet app which will allow us to move to a completely paperless game sheet system for the 2020-21 season.
- This system will be running off individual devices (tablet or smart phone) which will eliminate any paper transfer between teams and HSL league officials.
- Teams will be required to have their own individual device to be used as the league will not be providing one. Tablets or smart phones are functional with the game sheet system.
- Game sheets will automatically be uploaded to the HSL site as soon as the game is completed, and a network signal is found (in the case of arenas with no WiFi).
- Each team manager / parent in charge of game sheets will be given sign in credentials and will simply need to get the roster from their respective coaches and enter in their roster for the particular game on their own device (Home and Away managers will have to enter their roster in themselves prior to the game). This is the only part of the game sheet process your device must be connected to a network. Once the teams have signed off on their digital roster, the game sheet will be populated with the proper athletes.
- Without rosters being populated for the game, the online system will NOT work.
- Once the rosters are completed, the game sheet will be accessible by the off-ice official (Scorekeeper volunteer) to begin entering in the data from the game in the penalty box.
- On-ice officials will also be given login credentials to sign off on the game and to add any possible write ups which will need to be included in the game sheet.
- If there is no network or WiFi connection in the rink, the game sheet will automatically be uploaded to the website once the device gets onto a network.
- Instructions for the new digital game sheet will be sent out as soon as they are available.



4.0 HSL REPRESENTATIVES

HSL Representatives will continue to be an integral part of game play operations and even more so under the current set of circumstances. Representatives will strictly be at showcases to ensure they run smoothly and that all teams are following the proper safety protocols. Staff members from teams are the only people who are able to engage in conversation with the representative in order to limit the number of face to face conversations over the course of the games and weekend.

4.1 PPE & Sanitization Products Provided

Hand Sanitizer

- 1 bottle for personal use
- 1 bottle for the penalty box volunteers
- 1 bottle for Officials room

Sanitization wipes

- 1 for Representative table
- 1 for Home penalty box
- 1 for Away penalty box
- 1 for Timekeepers area

Masks

- Will be worn at all times while inside the facility

4.2 Additional Duties

Based on the facilities, we may ask our Representatives to assist the rink staff in helping turn the rink around for the next game. Reps will be instructed before the weekend what the possible tasks may be in their respective facilities. Tasks may include:

- Cleaning benches
- Cleaning penalty boxes
- Cleaning dressing rooms
- Cleaning dressing areas



4.3 Interactions

Parents who ARE NOT staff members are not to approach the HSL Representative. Managers or coaches will be the only people who will have access to communicating with the HSL Representative. If a coach or manager wants to talk with the HSL Representative, they must practice proper social distancing.

4.4 Tracing and Attendance

- Representatives, like the players and staff will be mandated to confirm their attendance and complete a personal self - assessment through the HSL office in order to ensure they do not have symptoms or have been in close contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- This information will be kept internally for a minimum of 14 days in compliance with AHS guidelines.
- Individuals who do not pass the self-assessment will not be permitted to be at the facility on that weekend.
- Representatives should proactively and regularly monitor for symptoms; symptomatic individuals are prohibited from participating.





5.0 FACILITIES

The Hockey Super League will work with all the facilities we operate in to ensure we are aware of their protocols. It will also be the responsibility of the **COVID-19 Team Compliance Officer** to ensure their team are aware of all the protocols which exist in the facilities. We strongly advise parents to ask questions and feel comfortable with all protocols prior to attending an event.

All facilities will likely adapt / change their policies so ensure your **COVID-19 Team Compliance Officer** is passing along the proper information. Some facilities also may not allow spectators so be sure you are aware of this ahead of time.

5.1 Compliance Protocols

Protocols will be different for all facilities so be sure you are aware of all:

- Physical distancing guidelines.
- Limits on spectators and if they are allowed.
- Entry and exit points and guidelines. Are you able to re-enter upon exiting?
- Are there specific parking areas used?
- Which facilities are available in the facility:
 - Dressing rooms or areas?
- In these areas, is there proper socially distanced seating?
 - Lobby?
 - Stands?
 - Concession?
 - Water stations?
- Sanitation standard? Do the users of the facility have to sanitize any surfaces at the conclusion of their on-ice activity?
- Is there pre-screening (temperature checks or questionnaires) which must be completed by the attendees?

5.2 Spectators

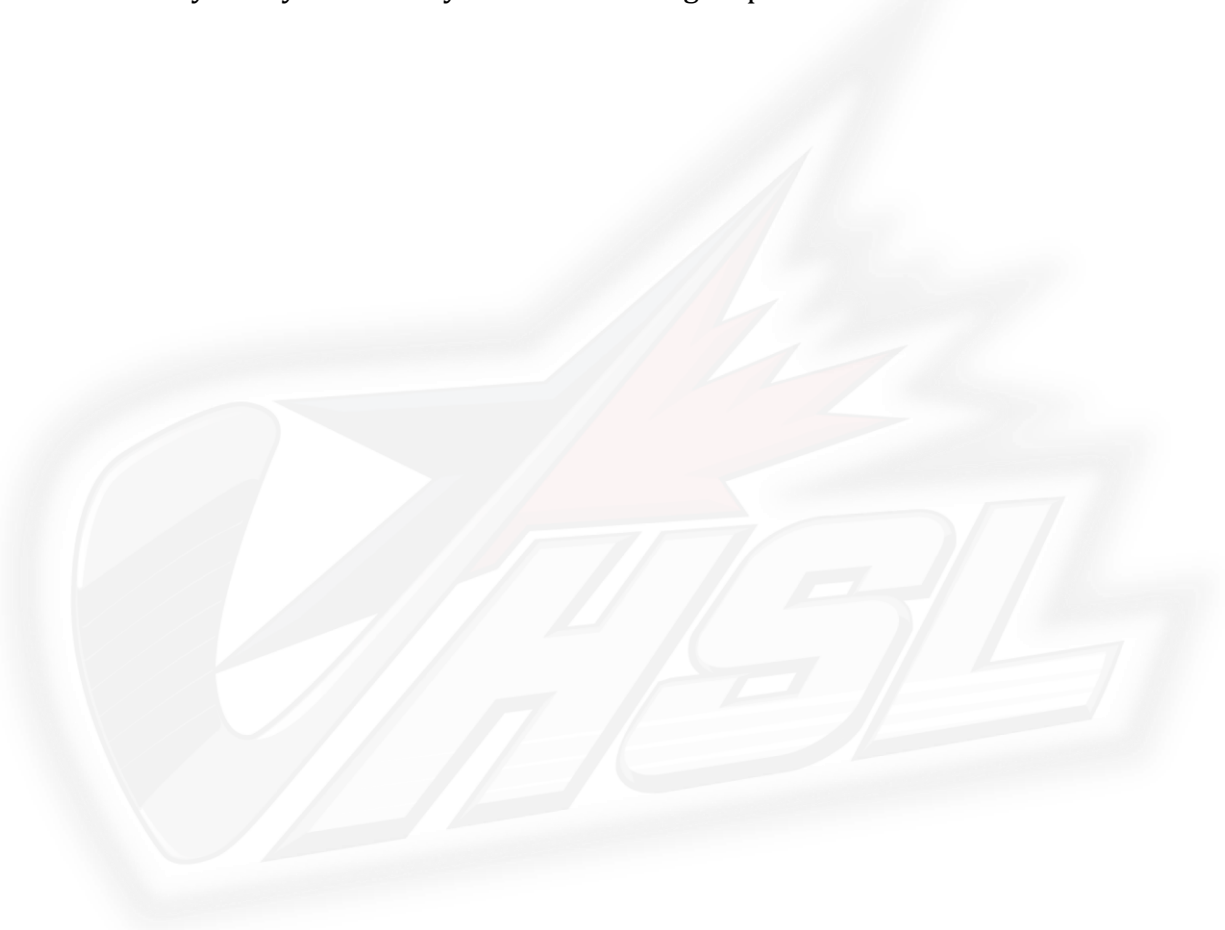
Where spectators are permitted, they are expected to:

- Confirm their attendance and complete a personal self - assessment through the RAMP Team App to ensure they do not have symptoms or have been in close contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19.





- Limited to a maximum of (2) spectators per athlete in the stands without exceeding a total of 100 spectators. Teams may however be forced to minimize their spectators according to facility policy and facility policy on number of spectators will prevail.
- Always wear a mask while indoors.
- Refrain from yelling as yelling creates a high risk of spreading droplets. If spectators cannot follow this standard they will be removed from the facility.
- Adhere to all facility specific guidelines as it pertains to social distancing.
- Follow all direction from their team's **COVID-19 Team Compliance Officer**. The **COVID-19 Team Compliance Officer** does have the right to remove a spectator from the facility at any time if they are not following all protocols listed.





6.0 HSL OFFICIALS

Officials are not required to be included in the cohorts of 50. Officials are not permitted to shake hands with the coaches prior to the game and players are not permitted to shake hands with the officials following the game. It is important for all HSL stakeholders to understand that the development of our officials is equally important to us as our players. We are proud of our officiating crew and we have zero tolerance for the abuse or disrespect towards our officials and staff.

6.1 Attendance Tracking

- Officials will be mandated to confirm their attendance and complete their personal self – assessment through the RAMP Team app for all games.
- The HSL will work directly with the officials to ensure they are comfortable with app.
- Attendance information will be held for a minimum of 14 days in compliance with the AHS guidelines as it directly relates to tracking.
- Representatives should proactively and regularly monitor for symptoms; symptomatic individuals are prohibited from participating.

6.2 PPE and Safety

- Masks will be worn at all times off ice while in the facility.
- All officials will always be mandated to have hand sanitizer on them or in the penalty box within quick reach.
- Hands are to be washed or sanitized prior to entering the facility.
- Hands are to be washed prior to and at the conclusion of the game.
- Hands are to be washed between periods which have intermissions.
- Do not touch your face during the game.
- When approaching a team bench, officials must practice social distancing with the coaches.

6.3 Officials Dressing Rooms

- Officials need to be aware of the facility rules in respect to social distancing, etc.
- Spots will be marked on the benches where officials are to get dressed.
- Masks are to be worn at all times in the officials' room.
- Hand Sanitizer will be readily available in all official rooms and is to be used before and after every game officiated.
- Whistles are to be disinfected at the conclusion of every game.



7.0 EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Due to the nature of the current scenario we find ourselves in we must take it upon ourselves to be entirely comfortable with knowing the symptoms of COVID-19. If you or your athlete are sick or just don't feel right, you are not permitted to attend, no questions asked. It is simple, we are all in this together and must take every precaution necessary. If anyone on your team attends a team related event and has shown or shows symptoms, we must take immediate action.

7.1 Attendee Showing Symptoms

Should an athlete, guardian or staff member exhibit symptoms such as a cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose or sore throat, and has a suspected case of COVID-19, the individual must adhere to the following protocol:

- The individual will be removed from any activity immediately.
- Parents/guardian must notify their **COVID-19 Team Compliance Officer** immediately.
- The individual experiencing symptoms will be instructed to contact the local health authority to determine if a COVID-19 test is required.
- You are legally required to isolate for a minimum of 10 days if you have a cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose, or sore throat that is not related to a pre-existing illness or health condition. The mandatory isolation period is 10 days from the start of symptoms, or until symptoms resolve, whichever takes longer.
- If the test result is negative, but symptoms continue, the individual should remain isolated until their Family Doctor agrees they can return to play.
- If the test result is positive, the individual is legally required to isolate for a minimum of 10 days. Isolation period is for 10 days from the start of symptoms, or until symptoms resolve, whichever takes longer.
- The member team / cohort who has an athlete test positive for COVID – 19 will be notified and will not be allowed to participate in any further events until instructed by local health authorities.



7.2 Attendee Tests Positive for COVID-19

Should an athlete, guardian, or staff member test positive for COVID-19, the individual must adhere to the following protocol:

Immediately notify your ***COVID-19 Team Compliance Officer***



The ***COVID-19 Team Compliance Officer*** must then notify their ***Franchise Communications Officer***, who will pass this along to the HSL league office and their respective franchise owner, names will not be released as per Alberta Privacy Laws.



Local Health Authorities will provide direction on contact tracing and direction for other team members



Any individual who tests positive is required to get a note from their physician or the Public Health Authority prior to returning to play or attend team events in any capacity, following the legally required 10-day quarantine period.