



Dear Ice Devils Families,

Hope everyone is having a good summer so far and looking forward to the upcoming hockey season. AMHA would like to thank everyone for signing up your player(s). This season is going to look a lot different than what we are used to seeing for minor hockey in Ontario. With the 'Return to Play' plan that has been put together by **OHF/ OMHA** following the Ontario Government and their guidelines I would like to let you know what the season is going to look like this year.

As of Sept 1<sup>st</sup> we will be entering Stage 3B of OHF Return to Play.

**U18 (Midget) / U15 (Bantam) / U13 (Pewee) / U11 (Atom) / U9 (Novice)**

There will be no Rep hockey or MPS league play this season as per the Return to Play set in place by **OHF/OMHA**. This is not a decision made by AMHA. During this stage the rosters will be capped at 9 skaters and 1 goalie per team. Skill development will be a big part of the start of the season. As the season goes on we will have the opportunity to play games that will be either 3 on 3 or 4 on 4. These games will have to be within the North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit, we will be reaching out to other associations within our health unit in the next week to gauge interest in playing games.

The AMHA is looking at providing 2 ice times per week for each age group then adding game play if we are able to find other associations to play.

**U7 (Tyke-Beginners)**

At this point we are waiting on direction from OMHA on this age group for framework to return to play. We will update the U7 players as soon as we hear something.

As for a start date we will be setting up a meeting with our 3 arenas to find out when they are expecting to put ice in the facilities. There will be some protocols in place for entering and exiting the facilities along with a health screening questionnaire and health screening tracking forms that will have to be filled out prior to every time coming to practices or games.

Below are links from OHF and OMHA for more information on Return to Play Plan.

<https://www.ohf.on.ca/risk-management/return-to-hockey-covid-19-response>

<https://www.omha.net/covid-19>

Thank you,  
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