



Covid – 19 & Coaching:

1. Must ensure that players maintain physical distance at all times, while in change room.
2. Must ensure that all drills will allow physical distancing at all times.
3. Coaches are to consider splitting group into 2 and using both ends of the ice during practices to reduce standing and talking and keeping players moving.
4. Coaches must ensure at all times if playing modified games or scrimmages of no more than 4 on 4 plus a goalie at each end, players do not initially have any physical contact with others players
5. Coaches must ensure when they are communicating with each other or players that they maintain physical distance.
6. If using benches, players must maintain physical distance and sit on the designated x's. Coaches must where mask at all times while on the bench.
7. Coaches must promote the rules set out by the OWHA, Public Health and the Arena. This will ensure we are working to the best of our abilities at all times to keep safe and follow the rules.
8. Modified games are to be played only when scheduled on the website schedule.
9. If using half ice boards, please inform arena staff prior to taking the ice so they can plan for this. Coaches moving half ice boards on and off the ice must where masks while near arena staff.
10. If you wish to have no flood, please advise arena staff prior to your scheduled flood time. Floods in Mooretown are at the start of hour. In Walpole they are at the end of the hour. The staff may indicate they still need to do cleaning in between the switch of the groups prior to your group going on. If this is what they need to do, then allow them to do so and wait until surface is ready with the sound of the buzzer.
11. Head Coach must advise arena staff when entering that they are going to ensure that his participants will adhere to all Covid -19 rules while in the arena.
12. When a modified game is scheduled, the asst. coaches should be the referee's. This will allow for the Head coach to skate back and forth to each bench and coach from the ice with player, while maintaining the physical distance.
13. In addition to these, coaches if coaches are required on the bench, these bench coaches should be designated prior to the game and leave skates off and just go on the bench.
14. On rink 1, 4 total bodies are allowed on the bench and 2 total bodies are allowed in the penalty box. On rink 2, 3 total bodies are allowed on the bench, and 1 total body is allowed in the penalty box.
15. Coach is to advise players of their jersey colour for each modified game prior to them coming to arena, so players can come dressed and not need to change. They should bring both jerseys in the case of a player not showing and numbers need to be evened out.
16. Changing on the fly is encouraged at the U11 & U13 age levels. With the U9 and U7, the designated ref should have a stop watch and every 2 minutes, should signal a change. The puck should be left where it was and players are to chase and keep moving. If a change in ends happens, at the U9 and U7 levels, the teams should change benches, otherwise the puck if in the defensive team's end zone provides a huge advantage to the offensive team. No face offs are permitted at any level.
17. No pregame cheers are permitted, please have kids slap sticks on ice in place of this. No shaking hands after. Have kids salute their fans after for fun as an idea.



Reference:

Modified Game Rules:

<https://cloud.rampinteractive.com/whaontario/files/Bulletins/OWHA%20%20MODIFIED%20RULES%20September%2025%202020.pdf>

Mandatory Coaches Course that must be completed by all coaches that will be rostered. This must be completed to roster a team: (free)

<https://ehockey.hockeycanada.ca/ehockey/ClinicDetail.aspx?cid=131510>

Alternative Drills Guide from Hockey Canada:

[https://cdn1.sportngin.com/attachments/document/4490-2255286/HC\\_Alternative\\_Skills\\_Instruction.pdf](https://cdn1.sportngin.com/attachments/document/4490-2255286/HC_Alternative_Skills_Instruction.pdf)

PHYSICAL CONTACT The Government Laws state, "Team sports may only be practised or played within the facility if they do not allow for physical contact between players or if they have been modified to avoid physical contact between the players." It is important to recognize that the Ontario Government has permitted competition with the express understanding that rules have been modified to eliminate intentional physical contact. Playing the game of hockey without intentional physical contact represents a significant shift from traditional hockey and, as such, it is the equal and collective responsibility of all participants (players, team staff, officials) to create and adhere to the gameplay structure that eliminates intentional physical contact.



## ONTARIO CONSIDERS GOOD FAITH IMMUNITY FROM COVID-19 LAWSUITS



- ▶ **Bill 218** – First Reading October 20, 2020. **Final wording must be reviewed if Bill is passed.**
- ▶ Not law; may be amended; may not become law; Bill includes Municipal Elections change.
- ▶ If passed, liability immunity will relate to COVID-19 exposure or infection claims **on or after March 17, 2020.**
- ▶ Province has said that liability immunity is for good actors who:
  - **acted** in accordance with: applicable COVID-19 public health guidance & COVID-19 law;
  - **made a good faith effort to act** in accordance with: applicable COVID-19 public health guidance & COVID-19 law.
- ▶ “good faith effort” includes an honest effort, whether or not reasonable.
- ▶ Proposed immunity would **not** apply to actions involving “gross negligence”.
  
- ▶ Proposed immunity would **not** apply to COVID-19 exposure or infection claims arising in:
  - (a) employment situations; or
  - (b) ‘performance of work for or supply of services to a person’.
- ▶ The Government says that the proposed legislation is intended to ensure Ontarians who make good faith efforts to follow public health guidance and laws on COVID-19 are not discouraged from making a difference in their communities because they are afraid of civil liability.
- ▶ The Government says that the Bill – subject to its terms – is intended to “provide targeted protection” for, among others:
  - ▶ health-care workers and institutions;
  - ▶ front line retail workers;
  - ▶ charities and **non-profit organizations**; and
  - ▶ **coaches, volunteers and minor sports associations.**
  
- ▶ The Government says that the Bill – subject to its terms – is intended to “ensure court resources are used where they are needed most: to hold accountable bad actors who ignore public health guidance and laws or act with gross negligence”.