



With the ongoing status of COVID-19 in the province, Hockey Alberta is implementing the following measures to keep our players and coaches as safe as possible while operating a Provincial Championship.

Please note that these protocols have been developed based on the current environment and government restrictions and are subject to change (either more or less restrictive) prior to Provincials.

1. All Coach/ Manager Meetings will be held in advance of the tournament via an online meeting platform.
2. Players, coaches and officials will not shake hands prior to or after a game. After the game, Teams will line up on their respective blue lines and recognize their opponents by way of 'stick taps'.
3. Because of ongoing gathering restrictions, Opening Ceremonies/ Special Events with all teams in attendance at the same time will not be permitted. Instead, host committees should look to other options such as ceremonial puck drops that limit the number of people and the amount of time spent together in a large group. Should special guests be participating, be mindful there is enough space for them to distance from one another and all participants. If multiple guests are addressing the attendees and using a microphone, have multiple microphones on hand or properly sanitize it after each use.
4. Awards Presentations at the conclusion of the Championship will be completed by having 1-2 coaches of each team present the medals and awards to their players. Host Committees should set out the awards so they can be easily picked up and handled by the coaches to make the process as efficient as possible. Should sponsors or committee members be present for the awards, they must be masked and where available physically distanced from all participants.
5. Host Committees should identify entry and exit expectations for teams (ie: separate entrances from spectators) to help limit congregation in the facility entry way.
6. Teams will be notified to reduce the amount of time their players, coaches and spectators spend in the arena before and after games.

Some other things to consider:

1. In order to maximize the ability to have spectators in attendance, implementation of the Restrictions Exemption Program (REP) is recommended for all hosts. This program would require that all spectators provide proof of being fully vaccinated or provide a valid negative Covid-19 test result to be able to enter the building.
2. Utilize an online platform for your local raffles and 50/50's to minimize crowding in lobby and touch points.
3. Sell admission passes in advance and mail out to spectators or go completely digital.
4. Work with apparel companies to set up an online store to purchase clothing ahead of time.
5. Consider using a digital format for a program (see Official Event Program Information).

Any questions regarding COVID-19 protocols in place can be directed to:

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