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New Westminister Minor Hockey Association
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Dear Royals Families,

We recognize that it's a challenging and uncertain time for everyone and we are aware of current COVID-19 developments. NWMHA will continue to monitor conditions and follow all recommendations and guidelines from the BC Provincial Health Officer, Hockey Canada, BC Hockey, Viasport, PCAHA, and the City of New Westminister.

We have chosen to take a proactive and more cautious approach to managing COVID-19 risks, with additional protections in place for players and families. We want to keep our players safe and keep them on the ice for as many weeks as possible. The current Delta variant is more easily transferable and cases in children are increasing. There are many kids within our association who are not of age to receive a vaccination.

The rules noted below will be in place until September 30, 2021, or such time that there are other recommendations and guidelines from the organizations noted above.

We are in this together. The success of this hockey season will depend on every parent and player following procedures, being honest, and being smart. If you are reading this, we know you care so let's all model the following behaviours so that we can have a great hockey season.

NWMHA Interim Rules for Participation (from August 2021)

1. If your child has been directly exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19:

- Do Not Come to the Rink
- Notify your Team Manager

2. If your child has tested positive for COVID-19:

- Do Not Come to the Rink
- Notify your Team Manager



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3. If your child is not feeling well or has COVID-19 symptoms:

- Do Not Come to the Rink
- Notify your Team Manager
- Monitor your child's health
- Return to the Rink only when there are Zero Signs or Symptoms of COVID-19

4. When you are at the rink:

- All players, Team Officials, parents and spectators must wear a mask when in the arena, except that
 - players may go without a mask only while they are on the field of play (which is the ice surface, the bench, and the penalty box) and when they are moving between the field of play and the change room in full gear.
- To be clear, all coaches must wear a mask when in the arena, including on the field of play.
- Socially distance yourself from people not in your household -- Do not sit down or stand close to others (not within 6 feet).
- Always follow additional rules set by the arena facility rules, which will change as public health regulations change.
- Sanitize your hands when entering and leaving the arena.
- If there is any reason to believe that you are at high risk of contracting COVID-19, please stay home to protect yourself.

We look forward to getting the hockey season started and being able to watch our kids play. Thank you for your patience and understanding. NWMHA is a small association and 100% of our Executive and Team Officials are volunteers. There is always room for new parents who want to take a more active role in the association to get involved. Please continue to be understanding, patient and compassionate towards your fellow colleagues, volunteers, friends and our hockey community.