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Hello Royals Families,

The first week of June has been upbeat around minor hockey's return to hockey, with Hockey Canada releasing guidelines on June 4 (you can read more on Hockey Canada's website: [CLICK HERE](#)).

There has been additional updates and information published through viaSport B.C. about the Return to Sport Guidelines ([CLICK HERE](#)). This guide will be used to help sport organizations across British Columbia develop their own plans for a safe return to sport in communities around the province. As stated in the guidelines, sport associations will create their own detailed plans and will look at how best to bring their sport, or aspects of their sport, back to the people of B.C. while considering the safety of participants, staff, suppliers, and the community.

New Westminster Minor Hockey Association ("NWMHA") will continue to monitor the updates published by Hockey Canada, the B.C. provincial government, viaSport B.C., B.C.'s Provincial Health Officer ("PHO"), and other related organizations. NWMHA will send regular updates to its members to keep everyone informed about what the upcoming season will look like and the steps that will need to be followed by all participants.

The Pacific Coast Amateur Hockey Association ("PCAHA") will be working closely with respective local municipalities to establish guidelines for individual facilities to ensure collective health and safety are in place.

NWMHA is continuing to communicate with the City of New Westminster regarding the timeline for ice to be back in the arenas. At this point we do not expect ice to be available in August for the pre-skate sessions. Ice may not be ready until late September. The City of New Westminster has not officially announced anything yet, however, we wanted to make sure our members understand the expected timing. NWMHA will be looking at alternative plans in case we need to adapt the hockey season based on recommendations from the government of B.C., B.C.'s PHO, and/or sports' authorities.

On a positive note, returning player registration has been strong (over 90% of last season's registrations by May 31). Numbers are also great for our new player registrations. NWMHA continues to offer the lowest registration fees for ice hockey in the province of B.C. We are all excited to get back on the ice and look forward to communicating when that will occur. Please keep checking your email for updates.

Thanks for being a part of our community.

Thank you,

"Jeff Nottingham"

Jeff Nottingham
President
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