

# Association Presidents Meeting

April 21, 2020



# Introductions/Overview

- Claudette Myre, NOHA President
- Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director
- NOHA Office Staff – Adam Morell, Andrew Corradini, Kiersten Maitland, Lindsay Morell
  
- Everyone is muted
- “Raise hand” via the chat for questions
- We will try to address questions that were submitted



# Agenda

- 1 hour
- General Update
- Sub-Committee – NOHA Programming
- Maintaining Interest in the Game
- AGMs
- Other Updates – U8/U9 Pathways, Electronic Game Sheets, Horizon Officials Assigning



# General Update

- When will the season start?
  - Hockey Canada/OHF/NOHA looking at all scenarios
    - Rely on Public Health Authorities
  - Looking at all options, including status quo, no hockey
  - OHF has formed task team(s) to look at tryout structures and what the game looks like post COVID-19
  - Providing updates as they are available
  - Hockey Canada has cancelled all events through to the end of June
- Return to Play Framework



# General Update

- Return to Play Framework
  - Training & Certification
  - Marketing/Communications/Public Relations
  - Seasonal Structure
  - Registration
  - Risk Management/Safety



# General Update

- Tryouts/Registration
- Timing of tryouts is subject to HC Board decision when season will begin
  - Opportunity to plan for all scenarios
  - What can Associations handle if tryouts begin in September?
- Registration
  - Players remain registered to their 19/20 team until tryouts can begin
  - Ability to pre-register with an Association is available



# NOHA Programming

- Look at opportunities to save costs when we come back
- NOHA has formed a sub-committee to look at programming in Northern Ontario
  - Encourage Associations look at areas where we can save/be more efficient
  - How can we all operate more efficiently/effectively?
  - What areas can we control?
  - Think outside the box
  - NOHA Board looking at all options – developing plans for multiple situations, including late starts, fewer registrants



# Maintaining an Interest in the Game

- Team Meetings
- Recognizing Volunteers and Positive Stories
- Online Registration
- Officials Learning Opportunities
- Coaching and Trainer Learning Opportunities





# Team Meetings/End of Year Party

- Hockey Nova Scotia - #HockeyComesTogether
- Zoom Party
- Celebrate the hockey season – share memories
- Interest in a NOHA day?



#HOCKEYCOMESTOGETHER

PARTY

**DATE:** Saturday, April 25  
**TIME:** 6 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Your computer or mobile device (via Zoom)

**HOCKEY**  
NOVA SCOTIA



# Recognizing Volunteers/Positive Stories

- National Volunteer Week
- Announcing all NOHA Award Winners this week
- Always seeking ideas for Awards (NOHA, OHF, HC)
- Positive News Stories
  - Recognizing what is happening in the local communities
  - Share photos



# Online Registration

- Pre-registration of participants, including potential volunteers
- Completes Rowan's Law acknowledgement requirement via waiver process
- Payment online not required
- Support available
  - NOHA Office
  - Hockey Canada Help Desk




# Officials Learning Opportunities


- Four sessions taking place in May
  - All are NOHA Alumni
- Additional sessions possible in June

**NOHA OFFICIATING DEVELOPMENT**


**WEBINAR SERIES**




T.J. Luxmore  
NHL Referee



David Brisebois  
NHL Linesman



Stephen Walkom  
NHL VP & Director  
of Officiating



Conrad Hache  
OHL Director of  
Officiating



**Tuesday, May 5th—7PM**  
T.J. Luxmore on the Coach and Official Relationship

**Tuesday, May 12th—7PM**  
David Brisebois on The Role of the Linesman—Not as Simple as you Think

**Tuesday, May 19th—7PM**  
Stephen Walkom on Path to Officiating Success and Integrity, Pride, and Image

**Tuesday, May 26th—7PM**  
Conrad Hache on — TBD

Individual Sessions available for \$5.65(HST Incl.), or purchase all four Sessions for only \$16.95(HST Incl.)



**REGISTER ONLINE AT**  
[WWW.NOHA-HOCKEY.COM/SERIES](http://WWW.NOHA-HOCKEY.COM/SERIES)



# Officiating

- Decrease of approx. 150 Officials over the last 5-6 seasons
- How can MHAs assist in the recruitment of Officials?
- How can MHAs assist in the retention of Officials?



# Coach Development Opportunities

- High Performance 1
  - Identification of candidates who need qualification
- Development 1
- How can we effectively use technology to deliver programming?



# Coach/Trainer Development Opportunities

- Coach and Trainer Development Opportunities being worked on
- 30-45 minute presentations
- Coaching Options include:
  - Introduction to Hockey Topics
  - General Hockey Topics
  - Introduction/Development Topics
- Trainer Presentations Opportunities:
  - Equipment
  - Medical



# Player Development Opportunities

- Checking Skills for Players
- Web-based with possibility of hosting ice session at the start of the season
- Provide players with additional education as they enter Body Checking





# Annual General Meetings

- NOHA Annual General Meeting
  - Postponed
  - Board looking at alternatives depending on when Hockey Canada provides direction to move forward
  - If we are able to proceed for September, we will plan to hold AGM in August
  - Looking at regulation changes to withdraw for this year due to various factors such as impact on costs, implementation challenges, etc.



# Annual General Meetings

- Member Annual General Meetings
  - Incorporated vs. Not Incorporated
    - OCA requirements suspended during Pandemic
      - Not-for-profit corporations must hold AGM within 15 months of last AGM; 90 day extension – must be held within 90 days of the termination of the emergency
- Electronic Meetings???
  - What do your By-Laws say?
  - Voting structure
  - # of Participants
  - Elections



# Other Updates

- U8/U9 Pathway
  - Feedback is important – email sent to all contacts
  - Is it feasible to form Leagues with the split age groups? Are there Leagues that can run as it?
  - Follow HC model of programming
- Horizon Officiating Software
  - Referee Committee recommendation to the Board to use the system across the NOHA
  - Memo to be sent out on April 23 requesting feedback



# Questions

- How do we handle board elections?
  - When safe to do so (following Government requirements, etc.), host your Annual Meeting.
- How are Associations handling Coaching Selection?
  - We will seek feedback from organizations on how they're handling this. Some have conducted interviews, while others are waiting until they know when hockey will start.
- Has interest from parents/players in hockey diminished?
  - We are planning for a decrease in registration, but unsure of the impact. We will see feedback from our Associations on this to help determine potential impact.



# Questions

- How should we handle team year end parties?
  - Up to each Association. Opportunity to host virtual meeting (as discussed)
- Will the U14 and U15 Camps run this year?
  - Both events have been cancelled
  - Depending on start of the season, we can work with organizations to run development camps
- Will the current situation impact plans to implement the U11 (Atom) Pathway?



# Questions

- Will there be adjustments to deadlines to register, etc.?
  - Discussing possible timelines with the NOHA Board to reflect current situation
  - Will update and work with all Associations
- Are we going to follow the model for Fall Tryouts for future years?
  - OHF has formed a committee to look at this for this season only and develop ideal calendars for organizations based on the different scenarios
  - No plans as of now to mandate Fall Tryouts for U13 and above



# Other Questions?

- “Raise your hand” via the chat function
- We will put together a FAQ document that will be made available on a regular basis

