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

• <u>1 hour</u>

- 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?





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



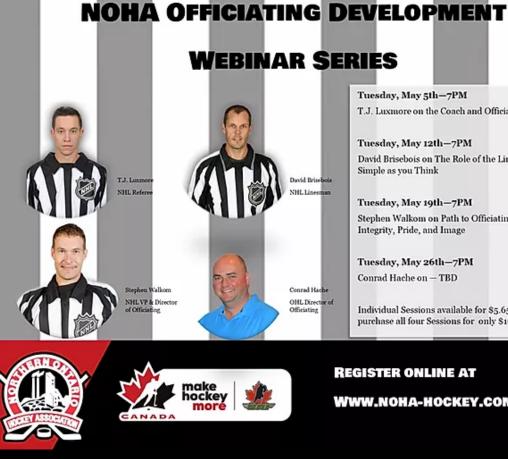
Online Registration

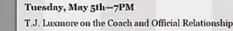
- Pre-registration of participants, including potential volunteers
- Completes Rowan's Law acknowledgement requirement via waiver process
- Payment online not required
- Support available
 - NOHA Office
 - Hockey Canada Help Desk



Officials Learning Opportunities

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





Tuesday, May 12th-7PM

David Brisebois on The Role of the Linesman-Not as

Tuesday, May 19th-7PM

Stephen Walkom on Path to Officiating Success and Integrity, Pride, and Image

Tuesday, May 26th-7PM

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



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

