

Association Presidents Meeting

May 20, 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
- Hockey Canada Update
- OHF Update
- NOHA Update
- Support of Associations
- Questions



Hockey Canada Update

Return to Hockey

- Open Letter
 - Provincial Government and Health Authorities deem safe to return
 - Hockey may return in different areas of the country at different times
- Tom Renney Interview – TSN
- Committees looking at many areas of the game
 - Health/Safety Regulations
 - Communications
 - Seasonal Structure
 - Customer Engagement

WHEN CANADA IS READY,
WE WILL BE READY!



Hockey Canada Update

Insurance

- Director and Officer Liability Coverage is in place to allow Associations to make decisions
- Communicable Disease Exclusion in CGL Policy
 - Allow Members to make return to hockey decisions knowing they are protected in the event of a claim

OHF Member Call – June 4

- Additional details available soon
- Tom Renney/Scott Smith





RETURN **to** HOCKEY

COVID-19 RESPONSE



OHF Update

Tryout Task Team Update – Kiersten

Tournament Update

- No tournament sanctioning until we know the structure of programming
- This does not mean there will be no tournaments in 2020/2021
- Teams will not pay up front to participate



OHF Update

- **Discussion w/Facilities (ORFA)**

- ORFA is working through a number of recommendations to provide a safe environment for participants which they would provide to their Members as recommendations
- Nothing is set in stone at this point
 - How to sanitize dressing rooms?
 - How to sanitize benches?
 - Longer breaks between ice times?
- Has your organization engaged in conversations with the municipality about re-opening of facilities?



OHF Update

Non-Traditional Structures/Alternate Programming

- Different Commitment Levels (i.e. 1, 2, 3 times per week)
- Hockey School Structure
- Informal Competition (3 on 3, 4 on 4)
- Local Tiering
- Non-Unified Return to Play (i.e. one area can open before another)
- Based on public health sectors
- Recreational before Rep
- School Partnerships
- Reduced access to facilities



OHF Update

Registration Survey

- Has your Association started pre-registration? Have you collected funds?

Support for Funding Subsidies

- Providing support materials, calculation formulas to determine eligibility/information on funding subsidies



NOHA Update

Annual General Meeting

- Postponed – tentatively looking at the end of August
 - Uncertainty about gatherings
 - Will be withdrawing some motions due to the situation
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- Virtual Options
 - Investigating voting processes
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- Has your Association determined how it will host its AGM?



NOHA Update

Strategic Planning Sub-Committee

- A small group of Board and Staff are working on updating the NOHA Strategic Plan
- We will be seeking feedback from our Associations/Teams as we go forward
- Planning Calls with Associations the weeks of June 1 and June 8
- Further engagement with hockey families as we go forward



NOHA Update

NOHA Programming Sub-Committee

- What does hockey look like in Northern Ontario in 2020-2021
- Discussing many options, working in conjunction with OHF and HC plans
- Committee's concerns relate to safety and cost barriers to the game while taking into consideration other potential challenges and the LTPD Pyramid



NOHA Update

Cost Saving Opportunities

- Board has conducted a review of Financial Policies to determine efficiencies
- Investigating more use of virtual meetings vs. face to face
- Government Subsidies
 - CEWS
 - Rental Subsidies
 - Emergency Loan



NOHA Update

- Has your organization started looking at alternatives to the traditional structure of hockey?
- Has your organization engaged with families about return to play? What has the feedback been?



Support of Associations

- Online Registration – Kiersten
- Supporting Documents – Lindsay
 - Tournament Guide
 - Team Guide
- In which other areas do Associations need support?



Recognizing Volunteers/Positive Stories

- Always seeking ideas for Awards (NOHA, OHF, HC)
- Positive News Stories
 - Recognizing what is happening in the local communities
 - Share photos



Officiating

- How can MHAs assist in the recruitment of Officials?
- How can MHAs assist in the retention of Officials?



Coach/Trainer Development Opportunities

- Coaching Association of Canada Online Learning Opportunities
- Respect in Sport Activity Leader
- Level 1 Trainer – Refresher and Certification
- HU-Online Coach ½
- Online Checking Skills for Players
- Other



Questions

- Will US players be able to register in Canada next season?
 - At this point in time, it is status quo. Unless things change between now and June 1, Junior Players can be placed on the HCR as of June 1. No impact on Imports at this point in time.
- Are there liability implications to Associations regarding COVID-19? Does HC insurance have a provision in it or will waivers be required to protect the Associations?
 - D&O Liability is in place to allow Associations to make decisions. HC's Commercial General Liability Policy does not have a Communicable Disease exclusion which protects the Associations as well.



Questions

- Will each Association be responsible to speak to their Municipality regarding possible changes in ice rentals, etc.?
 - The OHF is engaging with ORFA to better understand expectations and possible scenarios going forward. ORFA will provide recommendations that could be implemented with all of their Members. There is no downside in engaging in discussion to better understand the plans locally.
- Can we arrange a payment plan over the summer for families?
 - We are awaiting feedback/direction from the OHF about registration going forward and whether Associations will be able to collect payment. Encourage you to make a mention of this issue in responding to the survey.



Questions

- What travel restrictions are the NOHA looking at?
 - We have considered a number of options, based on the situation that we are in and based on the potential costs of the game going forward. Among the ideas discussed is play within the local Health Unit area, but again there is uncertainty around what we will be able to do.
- Are Playoffs to be planned for?
 - The OHF Tryout Workgroup is preparing a seasonal structure that will include playoffs. This may need to be looked at depending on when the season starts.



Questions

- What will happen with Travel Teams if travel is limited? What is the distance that would be considered “travel”?
 - Depending on the format that hockey takes on for next season, may need to look at local play and as opposed to having a AAA Team, AA Team, may need to consider equal Teams. These are unknowns at this time, however.
- Will there be a reduction in insurance costs if there is no season?
 - At this time, Hockey Canada has changed the process by which they collect fees. They are basing this process on there being a season. We will work with the appropriate groups if there is no season.



Questions

- Can an Association identify and name Coaches for next season?
 - Associations can name Coaches, but they cannot contact potential players. Registered players from last season remain committed to their last registered Team until tryouts can begin. As well, the structure of programs may be different than anticipated.
- Can Teams/Associations hold on to funds that were allocated toward end of the season events?
 - Recommended that parents are provided the opportunity to obtain a refund for any unused funds, if available.



Questions

- Will there be protective measures when arriving at the arena?
 - ORFA will be providing a number of recommendations for their facilities. Local health units may also have recommendations to provide, as may the Government.
- Does the NOHA think there will be hockey starting the Fall?
 - We are awaiting direction from various levels, but we are planning for hockey to start in September, and also looking at different start times and different formats.



Questions

- Will players have to wear a full clear shield and come fully dressed to the arena?
 - Those are things that are being discussed in different places to assist in providing a safe environment for participants, but nothing has been confirmed. There are also a number of companies looking at face masks, but must be CSA approved.



Other Questions?

- “Raise your hand” via the chat function

