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OHF Return to Hockey FAQs

Minor Hockey Associations, Female Hockey Associations, Junior & Senior Hockey

1. Do Minor Hockey Association coaches also have to become certified as a Hockey Canada Licensed Development Specialist to coach small groups of players who were registered for the 2019-2020 season?
 - a. No, MHA coaches who will be coaching small groups of players according to MHA approved programming are not required to become certified as a Hockey Canada Licensed Development Specialist.
2. Can an Association begin to fundraise for the 2020-2021 season?
 - a. Associations are permitted to begin fundraising. Any association who chooses to begin fundraising should disclose to donors the purpose of them fundraising and outline the uncertainty around the timeframe of the upcoming season. No team based fundraising is available at this time, as no teams have been formed.
3. Can an Association/Club/Team run off-ice training in person for 2019-2020 registered participants?
 - a. Off-ice training is permitted in small groups. An itinerary of dry land training activities should be submitted to the Member to verify that these activities fall within the parameters of the Hockey Canada insurance policy. Some activities may not, and therefore in the event of an injury the registered participant may not be covered.
4. Why rush creating a Return to Play for young children?
 - a. A Member or a Minor Hockey Association is not required to Return to Play immediately and may wait to begin programming until a later date. The Return to Play Framework is provided in the case that Public Health and the Member or Minor Hockey Association wishes to return, they can do so in a safe manner.

OHF Hockey Canada Licensed Skill Development Program

1. Who provides the Certificate of Validation for a Hockey Canada Licensed Development Specialist?
 - a. The Ontario Hockey Federation will provide the Certificate of Validation to a Hockey Canada Licensed Development Specialist.
2. Do HCLDS need to complete the clinic prior to being permitted to return to the ice?
 - a. Yes, they must complete the clinic prior being permitted to return to the ice.
3. Is a MHA coach permitted to run private programming without taking the HCLSDP?
 - a. No, a MHA coach is only permitted to operate MHA approved programming without taking the HCLSDP. If the coach is deemed to be operating programming contrary to Ontario's Emergency Order, Hockey Canada Regulations/Return to Hockey Safety



Guidelines or OHF Regulations/Return to Hockey Framework they will be subject to Hockey Canada and OHF disciplinary processes.

4. My Minor Hockey Association would like to run on-ice training/programming facilitated by an instructor that was not a registered coach within my Association for the 2019-2020 season, would they be required to become a Hockey Canada Licensed Development Specialist?
 - a. Yes, the instructor would need to be a Hockey Canada Licensed Development Specialist in accordance with the OHF Hockey Canada Licensed Skill Development Program.

Facilities

1. Can a facility be approved to operate hockey activities?
 - a. The OHF is not approving facilities, but rather the instructors to operate programming at a facility. Facilities need to abide by the requirements outlined by the government and labour laws.

General

1. As of June 12, people are permitted to gather in groups of up to ten outside of the GTA, does this also apply to hockey?
 - a. All individuals are asked to follow the Province's emergency order, but also must be provided with clearance from your local municipality to comply with the most recent restrictive numbers in place.
2. Can the OHF offer electronic registration to reduce face to face contact with registrants?
 - a. Yes, this process is currently in place through the Hockey Canada Registry. Please contact your Member if you need support in using this tool.