



# WINTER IS COMING

OHSAA Ice Hockey

October 2, 2020

Good afternoon! I wanted to reach out and provide some updates regarding recent developments throughout the state and with our association. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out!

## COVID-19, OHSAA AND GOVERNOR'S ORDERS

### ODH ORDER UPDATE

On September 25, the Ohio Department of Health amended the requirements for youth, collegiate, amateur, club and professional sports so that schools can participate against more than one other school in a 24-hour period. This is good news as it does open up the ability for schools to host and participate in tournaments with a format calling for multiple games in one day. **Please note that no other sections of the order were adjusted. This means all requirements for coaches, participants and spectators are still in place. Please use the following link to view a summary of the requirements set forth in this order:** <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/Youth-Collegiate-Amateur-Club-Pro-Sports.pdf>

### ICE HOCKEY SPECIFIC GUIDANCE

As I am sure you have seen, our office has developed guidance for each of our sports. We have sent the ice hockey guidance along to the department of health and are awaiting their approval. Once that is finalized in its entirety, you will be receiving a copy. The main purpose of the document is to touch on rules modifications set forth by the NFHS along with additional recommendations to halt the spread of the virus.

## ICE HOCKEY UPDATES & REMINDERS

### ICE HOCKEY NON-INTERSCHOLASTIC DATE

At the October 1 OHSAA Board of Directors Meeting, a proposal to adjust the non-interscholastic date from the start of the season to December 30 was approved by our Board. As a reminder, the non-interscholastic date is the date at which students must cease competition with a club/travel/pre-post team and join their school team in order to be eligible for the OHSAA tournament. The date of December 30 falls in line with the USA Ice Hockey deadline for those USA Ice Hockey teams to set their rosters. This date will remain December 30 for the foreseeable future.

A big thank you goes out to the Ice Hockey Advisory Committee for their feedback on insight into this matter! This is precisely why the advisory committee exists.

### REMINDERS

I've received several questions multiple times over the past week, so I'd like to use this opportunity to address those. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to reach out!

- The first day teams are permitted to practice is October 30
  - This means the four acclimation days begin on October 30, with the final acclimation day being November 2; schools **are not permitted** to complete the four acclimation days prior to October 30
- Scrimmages/Previews may begin on November 3
  - If you'll be competing against a Special Olympics or similar team, please be sure to fill out the contest waiver and submit to me prior to the contest taking place ([https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Ice-Hockey/2020-21/SpecialOlympicsWaiver20\\_21.pdf](https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Ice-Hockey/2020-21/SpecialOlympicsWaiver20_21.pdf))
- The Rules Interpretation Meeting will be available for you to view on October 14 through myOHSAA
  - If you do not remember your login, please let me know and I will get a reset password email out to you pretty quickly

### THAT'S ALL (FOR NOW)

I cannot express how excited I am to get this season underway! It is going to be a stranger one, but it is certainly nothing we cannot handle. Please let me know if you are in need of anything at all!

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