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Current Environment – ‘What we Don’t Know’

- *How long will social distancing last?*
- *When will Phase 2 end? August? Sept? January?*
- *What does Phase 3 look like? Normal? 100 player cohort?*
- *Arena Guidelines:*
 - *Dressing Room Access?*
 - *Gaps between Ice Slots? 15 mins? 30 mins? More?*
 - *Spectator Access*



Hockey Calgary Commitment

- *Safety of our players, coaches, volunteers is paramount*
- *We will offer a ‘Positive Hockey Experience’*
 - *Players will have Fun!!!*
 - *Players have opportunity to continue to develop*
 - *Players will be grouped in appropriate skill levels (tiering)*
 - *Players have the ability to compete (games will be planned)*
 - *Players will have the ability to interact with peers & socialize*

Hockey Calgary’s preference is to start the hockey season as per usual, but we are building plans for a Phase 2 Implementation



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Return to Play – What we need to know

- *Safety of our players, coaches, volunteers is paramount*
- *Within the current Alberta Government Phase 2, there are 2 formats we can use to operate our programs:*
 - ***With Physical Distancing*** – *all participants must remain 2 metres apart at all times, including coaches*
 - ***Using Cohort Groups*** – *up to 50 participants grouped together to participate in a program – no physical distancing required*
- *Programs should operate within a specified, community, zone, region, where travel is limited*



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Return to Play – What we need to know

- *Physical Distancing*
 - *All participants must remain 2 meters apart, including coaches*
 - *Coaches & Players can be part of multiple groups as long as they maintain the 2 meters of social distancing*
- *Skill based Programming*
- *Focus on Development*
- *Station Based Practices are strongly suggested*



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Return to Play – What we need to know

- *Cohort Groups*
- *Definition – a small group of no more than 50 individuals who participate in the same sport or activity and remain together for the duration of Stage 2 of the Alberta Government relaunch*
 - *Once declared, this group ‘MUST’ remain together for the duration of Stage 2 of the Alberta Government relaunch, unless participants enter into a 2 week isolation period after which they can move to a new Cohort Group*



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Hockey Calgary – Vision For Phase 2 (not final)

- *Community Hockey/Rec Hockey*
 - *Associations utilize skill based ice sessions to ‘sort’ like skilled players into cohort groups (pre-set drills & skills that will be evaluated)*
 - *Associations create cohort groups of up to 50 players that will remain together for the duration of ‘Phase 2’ of the Alberta Government relaunch*
 - *The cohort group will be split into 3-4 ‘equally balanced teams’ (11-12 players)*
 - *Association can have all 3-4 teams practice together or split into 2 groups, will depend on age category and access to ice (may be a combination of both)*
 - *Teams will be only be permitted to play games vs. the other 2-3 teams in the cohort*
 - *Different formats of games may be utilized 3 on 3, 4 on 4, 5 on 5*
 - *Coaches will not be included in cohort, so they ‘Must’ physical distance*
 - *When the Alberta Government moves out of phase 2 we can re-evaluate all players, or using existing cohorts to re-sort teams for traditional league play*



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Hockey Calgary – Vision for Phase 2 (not final)

- *Elite Hockey*

- *Associations utilize skill based ice sessions to determine top 30-40 players, this will become Cohort 1 for the purposes of evaluations*
- *Only these top 30-40 will have opportunity to earn a spot on AAA team*
- *Cohort 1 will now evaluate in traditional setting, full game play etc.*
- *AAA team will be chosen, and begin to practice as a team*
- *Following 2 week, isolation (only practicing with the 20 members of their team) they may be provided with a ‘sister team’ to enable game play*
- *This ‘sister team’ now is part of the new cohort*
- *These teams will practice and develop individually, but play a 2 game set every 2 weeks versus each other to maintain a ‘game play’ component*
- *When phase 2 is complete, teams will move to traditional schedule as is*
- *Similar process will be done with AA programs*



Next Steps

- *Community Hockey*
 - *Create Sub-Com to discuss details of plan and further options*
 - *The goal is for all Associations to follow the 'Same' plan*
- *Elite Hockey*
 - *Meet as group to discuss details of plan and further options (July 6)*
 - *The goal is for all Associations to follow the 'Same' plan*
- *Communicate*
 - *We need to share overview of plan with membership*
 - *They need to know what they are registering for!!!*



***Thank you to all Volunteers
for making our game great***



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