

General:

Q. Can my child be involved in multiple sport cohorts? For example, can they be in a soccer cohort as well as a hockey cohort?

A. The Government of Alberta cohorting guidelines state “Individuals should limit the number of cohorts/mini-leagues they belong to.”

Within the Hockey Calgary program, we will follow these guidelines. Players, coaches, and referees will only be assigned to 1 cohort at a time.

Families have choices. When making decisions, we ask families consider the health of all participants as it relates to their cohort involvement outside the Hockey Calgary program.

A. Furthermore, in an October 26 update, AHS placed further restrictions recommending that people in Edmonton and Calgary limit themselves to no more than three social cohorts. This includes sport, school, and core cohorts.

Team Placement:

Q. Are evaluations going to be re-done?

A. Associations have the discretion to conduct further evaluation sessions as long as they abide by all AHS and Government guidelines. However, it is not required. Associations have had the opportunity to monitor and evaluate players within their current cohorts. Additional evaluation sessions must be completed within their current cohorts unless a 14-day isolation period is completed which would allow a new cohort to be formed or a participant to change cohorts.

Q. How will traditional teams be formed?

A. Teams placement decisions will be at the discretion of each association.

Team Training, Regular Season, and Playoffs:

Q. Can two separate cohorts participate in half ice practices at the same time?

A. Beginning November 16, 2020, if a physical barrier (dividers or hard boards), or a distinct visual buffer zone are used to separate the two cohorts. Individuals must remain on their half of the ice at all times, and not interact off the ice or entering/exiting the ice. [Click Here](#)

- Q. Why do practices in the Team Training Phase need to be physically distanced?**
- A. Not every team will be required to do this. If the team is made up members entirely from the same 'Development Season' cohort, the team is permitted to continue without physical distancing. If the team is made up of members from multiple 'Development Season' cohorts, the team will need to either complete physically distanced practices until the end of the Team Training phase OR keep the members from different 'Development Season' cohorts apart during the Team Training Phase (ex. players from 'Development Season' cohort A on one half of the ice, and players from 'Development Season' cohort B on the other half of the ice, with NO interaction between the two).
- Q. Why do we need to have a Team Training phase?**
- A. The team training phase accomplishes a couple of goals.
1. It will give a chance for newly formed traditional teams to develop and get acquainted with each other.
 2. Several teams will be formed with players from multiple cohorts which requires a 14-day isolation period prior to these players engaging in contact, both in a practice and game environment
- Q. How will associations place teams into tiers?**
- A. No different than in previous seasons, all teams are placed on tiers as per the Hockey Alberta Standardized Tiering Grid which is designed specifically to place teams based on total team numbers in a specific age category with the purpose of providing parity teams in each division.
- Q. Why won't there be a seeding round this year?**
- A. We are forming traditional team sizes later in the season than normal. There is not enough time left in the year to adequately complete separate seeding and regular season rounds.
- Q. How many different teams will each team play?**
- A. Teams will play only one team in each cycle. There are four cycles. Therefore, each team will play four different teams during the regular season

House League/RHC:

Q. Why are the House Leagues and RHC remaining the same?

A. Hockey Calgary and member associations have been able to offer the key components of House League and RHC from the onset. Given this, Hockey Calgary does not believe a transition is needed and may add unnecessary risk.

Contact Tracing/Screening:

Q. How will Hockey Calgary handle symptom screening?

A. All participants are required to go through [Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#) on their own to ensure they are fit to participate in a scheduled activity. Proof of completion is not required. If a participant answers YES to any of the questions, they are not to attend, and must complete all AHS and Government of Alberta Isolation Requirements prior to returning to hockey.

Q. How do I know if my child can attend hockey?

A. See this handy guide – [Click Here](#)

Q. How will Hockey Calgary handle Contact Tracing?

A. Hockey Calgary and its member associations must track all participants and interactions and will be utilizing 'Availability Feature' on **TeamSnap** to track all interactions. [Parent Guide](#)

COVID-19:

Q. What happens if there is a positive test in a Cohort? If that participant gets tested and the result is negative, can they return to the activity?

A. There will be a formal reporting process if any participant contracts COVID-19. Hockey Calgary will take all direction from the Alberta Health Services.

Coaches:

Q. Are coaches part of the cohort number?

A. Coaches will either be classified with a cohort as a 'Cohort' coach or a 'Physical Distanced' coach. 'Cohort' coaches are part of the cohort, do not need to physically distance and are part of the cohort number. 'Physical Distanced' coaches must always maintain appropriate distance from all members and are not part of the cohort number. Most of the coaches at the U7 and U9 level will be 'Cohort' coaches. Most of the coaches at the U11 and older levels will be 'Physical Distanced' coaches, however, 'Cohort' coaches can be used at this level provided the cohort does not exceed 50 total members.

Q. Can a coach be part of a 'Cohort' coach in one cohort and also a 'Physical Distanced' coach with a different cohort?

A. Yes

Q. Why do 'cohort' coaches need to wear masks when in the dressing room and on the players' bench?

A. Hockey Calgary strongly believes that to help reduce the potential spread, masks should be worn when not performing a physical activity (ex. on the ice). Additionally, Hockey Calgary recommends that whenever possible, coaches wear masks on the ice. Therefore, all coaches are required to wear masks unless they are on the ice.

Referees:

Q. In the Regular Season, will officials be part of the cohort?

A. Referees are not part of the cohort unless