



ALLIANCE Hockey – Return to Hockey Plan Registration, Rosters & Next Steps - Appendix 8

Understandably, most participants, families and administrators wish we could continue with hockey where we left off but given the current pandemic, some things will be different. The ALLIANCE Hockey Return to Hockey Plan will follow the direction of the OHF and will provide a framework for Associations to develop smart and safe programming.

In conjunction with the [OHF Return to Play Framework](#) released on July 31, 2020, Appendix 8 of the [ALLIANCE Hockey Return to Hockey Plan](#) was developed to assist with the next stages in the return to hockey plan specifically for ALLIANCE Hockey Member Associations.

ALLIANCE Hockey has worked with the OHF and the other Member Partners over the past 4 months to provide a framework that offers flexibility in programming while maintaining the strict health and safety standards and protocols set forth by the Ontario Government and the local PHU's.

The ALLIANCE Hockey Return to Hockey Plan is dynamic and will adjust to any updates and/or changes provided by Hockey Canada, OHF, Ontario Government, Public Health Units, and facilities

OHF Stage 3 is based on the following philosophies:

- *Flexibility on registering players for the participation in the 2020-2021 season and the cooperation between Associations and Members.*
- *Processes put in place for new participants to register as*
 - *Participants and families become open to registering for hockey programming, and*
 - *More arenas become available for use.*
- *The opportunity for adjusted program offerings on a four-week cycle as the Government updates numbers for gathering and group participation.*
- *To allow for staggered opening or closure of programming based on Ontario's regional approach to reopening with minimal disruption to programs operating.*
- *Individual and Group Training remains a focus in August and September with addition of participants.*
- *No tryouts for the formation of Teams. Members to determine approach for tiered structure based on category of participation last year.*
- *No affiliation or integration allowed between leagues.*
- *May only participate in one league/team within the OHF.*
- *The boundaries of the PHU will be a guideline for competition between teams.*

- **July 28, 2020 - August 31, 2020 the OHF including ALLIANCE Hockey will be in Stage 3A**
 - Refer to the ALLIANCE Hockey Return to Hockey Plan for guidelines to submit your Association's local Return to Hockey requirements
 - NOTE: 2019-2020 season insurance coverage expires as of August 31, 2020
- **Beginning September 1, 2020, the OHF including ALLIANCE Hockey will move to Stage 3B**



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OHF Stage	Ontario Gov. Stage	Outline	Player Contact	# of Participants¥	Structure	Travel
STAGE 1 Return to Ice	Phase 2 Stage 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strict On-Ice Physical Distancing • Skill Development Only • Off-ice Training & Activity • Limited/No Use of Bench • Variety of On-Ice Set Ups 	None	Limited to 10 in group including instructor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private Instruction • Association Instruction • Team Instruction 	Community Based Only
STAGE 2 Return to Practice	Phase 2 Stage 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strict On-Ice Physical Distancing • Group Skill Development • Off-ice Training & Activity • May be Limited Use of Bench 	None	Limited to 15 in group including instructor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private Instruction • Association Instruction • Team Instruction 	Community Based Only
STAGE 3a Return to Play	Phase 2 Stage 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strict On-ice Physical Distancing • Off-ice Training & Activity • Limited or Normal Use of Bench 	No Physical Contact	Maximum of 25 for individual training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MHA/Leagues/Teams • May be Modified Game Play or Cohort Groups 	Limited Public Health Unit (PHU)
STAGE 3b	Phase 2 Stage 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strict On-Ice Physical Distancing • Off-ice Training & Activity • Limited or Normal Use of Bench • Registration of Players for the 2020-2021 programming • Allocation of Player Groups • Group Training Prep Phase 	No Physical Contact	Maximum of 30 for individual training and game play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration is based on last year's registered Association.* • No program offered by MHA eligible to move for a program within PHU. • MHA providing some form of programming, must stay where registered last year, exception, players on AAA Waiver and LOR movement have option to stay or return home. • Leagues are Ontario Health Maximum of 50 (July 27) and based on the PHU. 	Limited Public Health Unit
STAGE 3c	Phase 2 Stage 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Training/Practices with Physical Distancing • Game Play 3 v 3 or 4 v 4, with No Physical Contact 	No Physical Contact	Maximum of 40 for individual training and game play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration is based on last year's registered Association.* • No program offered by MHA eligible to move for a program within PHU. • MHA providing some form of programming, must stay where registered last year, exception, players on AAA Waiver and LOR movement have option to stay or return home. • Leagues are Ontario Health Maximum of 50 (July 27) and based on the PHU. 	Limited Public Health Unit
STAGE 3d	Phase 2 Stage 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Training/Practices with Physical Distancing • Game Play 3 v 3, 4 v 4, 5 v 5, with No Physical Contact 	No Physical Contact	Maximum of 40 for individual training and game play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration is based on last year's registered Association.* • No program offered by MHA eligible to move for a program within PHU. • MHA providing some form of programming, must stay where registered last year, exception, players on AAA Waiver and LOR movement have option to stay or return home. • Leagues are Ontario Health Maximum of 50 (July 27) and based on the PHU. 	Limited Adjacent Public Health Units
STAGE 3e	Phase 2 Stage 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Training/Practices with Physical Distancing • Game Play 3 v 3, 4 v 4, 5 v 5, with No Physical Contact 	No Physical Contact	Maximum of 40 for individual training and game play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration is based on last year's registered Association.* • No program offered by MHA eligible to move for a program within PHU. • MHA providing some form of programming, must stay where registered last year, exception, players on AAA Waiver and LOR movement have option to stay or return home. • Leagues are Ontario Health Maximum of 50 (July 27) and based on the PHU. 	Expanded Local Health Integrated Network



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STAGE 4 Return to Regular Competition	Phase 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No On-Ice Physical Distancing • Regular Practice • Off-ice Training & Activity • Standard Competition • May be Normal Use of Bench 	Contact Allowed	Regular Team Sizes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules TBD • MHA/Leagues/Teams • Regular Game Play 	Expanded Tournament Year end events
<p>Disclaimer: The content of the chart if there is discrepancy is superseded by the contents of the specific sections for each Stage in the OHF Return to Hockey Framework.</p> <p>* Players that played the 2019-2020 seasoning the GTHL will follow GTHL rules for movement as well as criteria laid out in the OHF Return to Hockey Framework for AAA Waiver and LOR.</p> <p>‡ Number of Participants is a maximum number outlined by the OHF for sanctioned programming, however, all participant numbers are dictated by the restrictions for gathering that have been established by the Ontario Government, local Public Health Unit, facility or Member. Maximum numbers are based on the largest ice surface 100x200 and should be adjusted accordingly for smaller ice surfaces and/or age and size of players.</p>						

- **Insurance**

- Under Hockey Canada’s current General Liability policy, there is a specific definition for the term ‘bodily injury’ and that definition includes sickness and disease. Many insurance companies are implementing Communicable Disease/COVID-19 exclusions on policies, but **Hockey Canada has successfully negotiated to leave that exclusion off until September 1, 2023 at the earliest.**
- As with all claim scenarios, the insurance company would investigate all claims presented against any Member of Hockey Canada that falls within the ‘bodily injury’ definition and would confirm coverage based on the framing of the allegations.
- Remember that insurance is only one part of the risk-management process. It is important that we all pay special attention to preventing COVID-19 in the hockey environment.
- <<[Hamilton Spector Article 7.29.2020](#)>>
- <<[KW Record Article 8.3.2020](#)>>

- **Registration**

- Associations may gather fees for the 2020-2021 season over 2-month increments, *i.e. September 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020*
- Participants registering as of September 1st and beyond, will have full Hockey Canada insurance coverage for the entire 2020-2021 season
- Some families may not be prepared/ready to register so this flexible registration allows for families to register when they are ready
- Rationale for these increments is based upon the monthly announcements to be provided by the Ontario Government and to allow for programming adjustments, etc.

- **Rosters**

- “Team” = 9 + 1 players. A suggested unit for practice and game play.
- “Cohort” = 2 ‘Teams’ from same tier, creating a (suggested) 20+2 group on-ice (perhaps that would *normally* be a full-sized team in other seasons). Cohort would share ice for practice purposes for ice cost efficiency. 4-5 others on ice for coaching and/or officiating.
- “League” is the group of Teams for game play, subject to the Stage 3x restrictions from OHF Return to Play document

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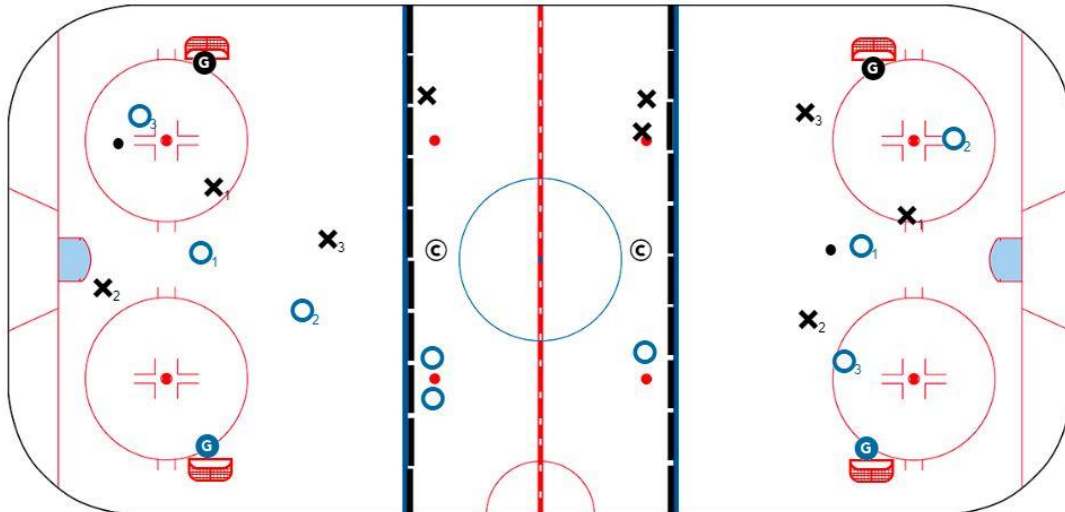
- Zones and Minor Hockey Associations may opt to work together to form cohorts and leagues to provide variety of competition.
- Regional Vice Presidents and Structure to work with Regions to create leagues.



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- **Programming**
 - Skills, drills, fun games <<KMHA baseball drill>>
 - [Alternative Skills Instruction](#)
 - 3 on 3, 4 on 4, variations of competition
 - See example diagrams below
- **Next Steps**
 - Minor Hockey Association's are required to submit their RTP proposals to tpauli@alliancehockey.com for approval (if not already completed)
 - Minor Hockey Associations to continue to work closely with their Facilities
 - MHA's and ALLIANCE Hockey to determine how many ice-times are required for various levels of tiered hockey i.e. Tier 1 = 2 sessions/week, etc.

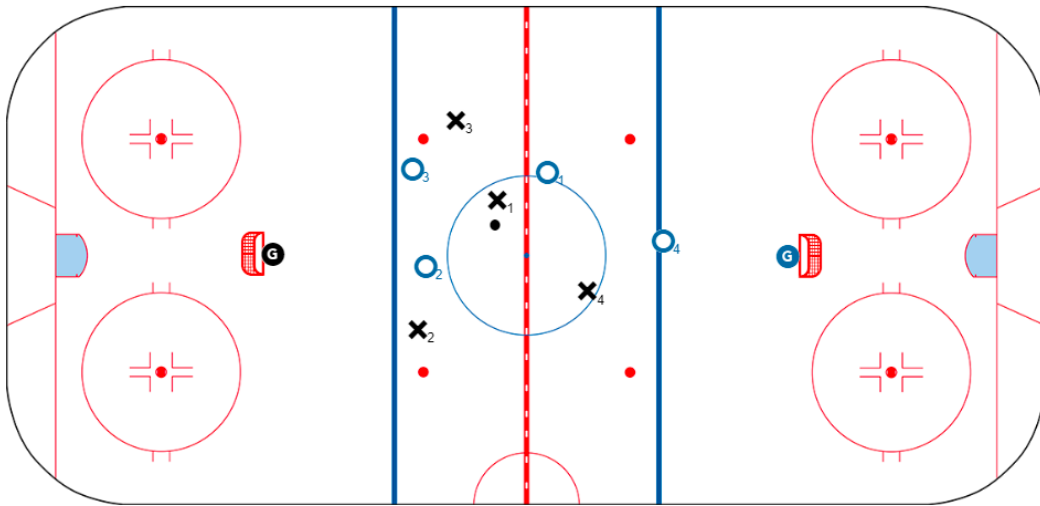
Programming – Diagram examples



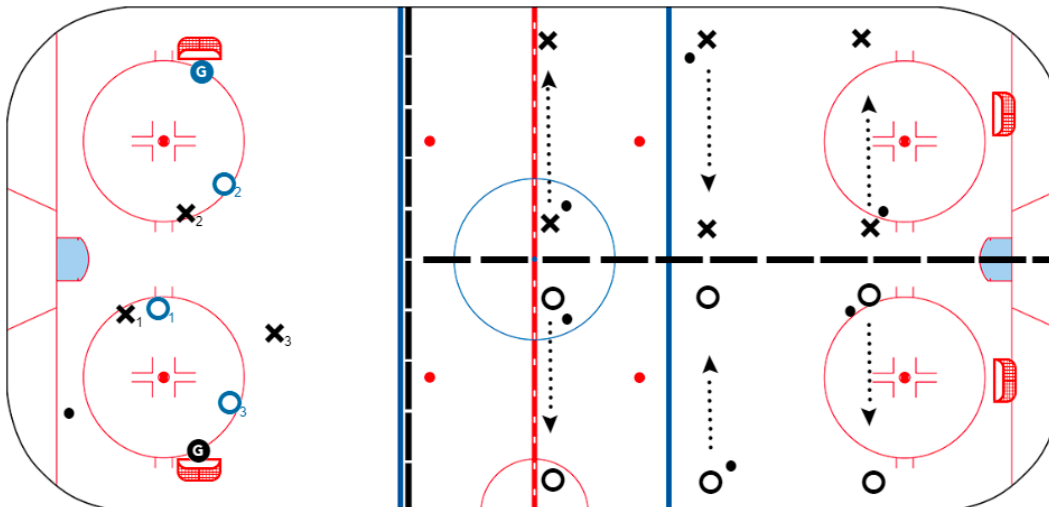
- Two cross-ice games of 3 v 3, 18 skaters + 4 goalies
- Continuous movement with little rest for players
- Note: Need to add two extra goalies from the original 9+1 Rosters for two games being played at once
- Note: no need to use benches



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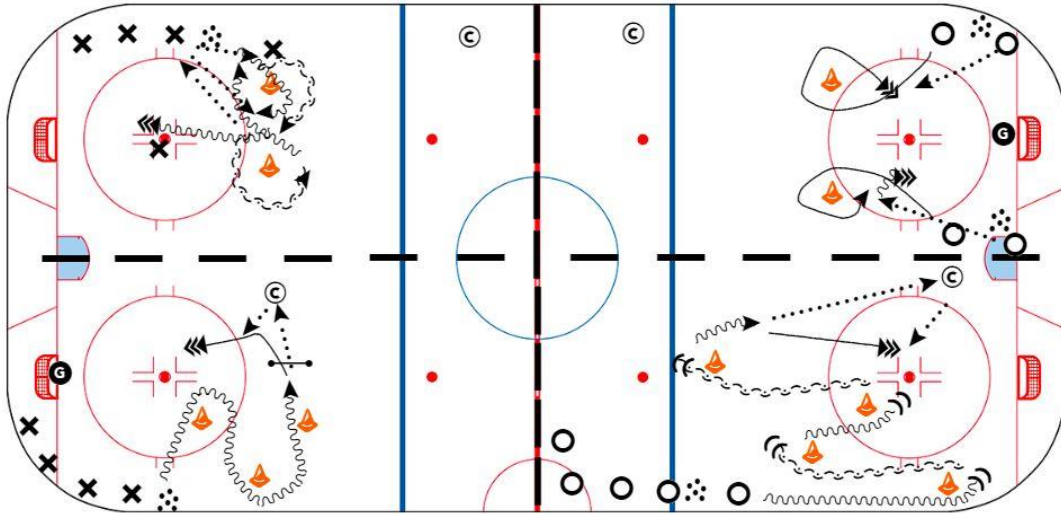
- Variation of 4 v 4 with nets brought to the top of the circles
 - Play 3 v 3 or 4 v 4, on a whistle change, players coming onto the ice need to go around the net before engaging
 - Note: benches are required, safely social distance between each player



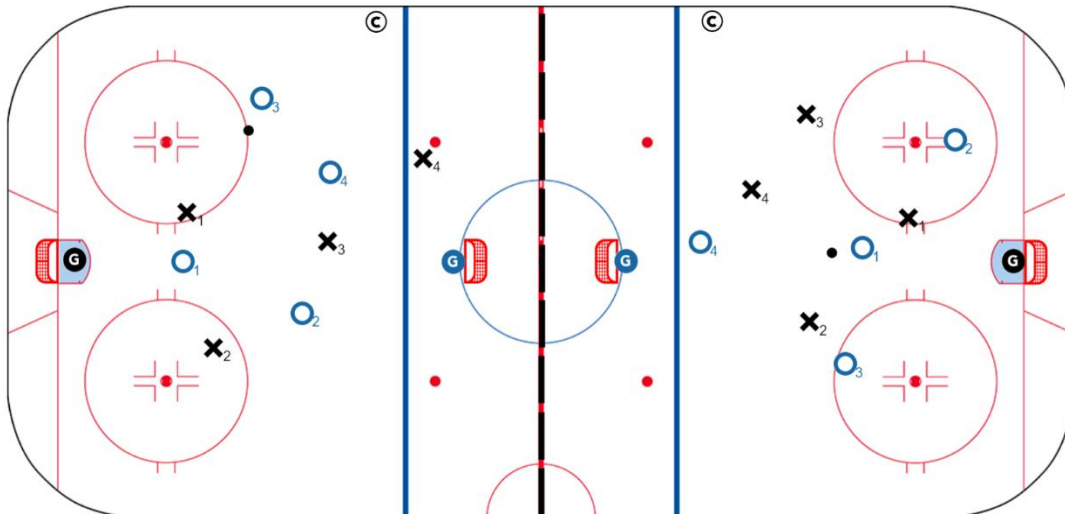
- Practice session with 3 Stations rotating
 - Station A: Individual Skills
 - Station B: Individual Skills
 - Station C: Small Area Games 3 v 3



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- Station-based practice with 18 Skaters + 2 Goalies.
- 50-minute ice sessions: 30-minutes of individual skills & 20 minutes of 3 v 3 or 4 v 4
- Note: no need to use benches



- 4 v 4 half-Ice game
- Recommend: U13 (Minor Pee wee) and below play half-ice games
U14 (Pee wee) and above play full-ice games
- Note: benches are required, safely social distance between each player