



Rosemount Area Hockey Association

COVID-19 Policy

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Rosemount Area Hockey Association (RAHA) remains committed to the safety and well-being of our community and our hockey families. As Phase 3 of Minnesota Hockey's Return to Play Guidelines began September 1, 2020, this policy was created and adopted by the RAHA Board of Directors. This policy has been, and will continue to be, updated as necessary to comply with the State of Minnesota and Minnesota Hockey Return to Play guidelines.

RAHA adheres to guidelines provided by Minnesota Hockey, Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), local government and rink officials; however, this is not a guarantee that participants (players, coaches, volunteers, etc.) will not be exposed to COVID-19. Understanding and evaluating risks associated with hockey activities is imperative for all participants and parents/legal guardians; to reduce the risk, the hockey community must follow MDH/CDC guidelines, including but not limited to:

- Stay home when possible
- Socially distance yourself from others
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Wear face coverings in public
- Thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water regularly; especially after being in public or blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- Use a tissue, cover your mouth and nose, or cough/sneeze into your elbow

Mandatory "Health Screening" for Players, Coaches, and Spectators:

Participation in any RAHA event means the parent/guardian validates that neither the player, nor anyone in their household, nor anyone the player has been in immediate contact within the past two weeks has exhibited any of the following COVID-19 symptoms:

- Fever (100.4+)
- Chills
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Nausea or vomiting
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Muscle or body aches
- New loss of taste or smell
- Congestion or runny nose
- Diarrhea

Players/coaches who begin to feel sick or display symptoms during a team event are required to report the condition to their coach/assistant coach and will need to leave the premises immediately (when applicable, a player's parent/guardian will be notified of the need to immediately pick up the player). The Team Manager or Head Coach will immediately notify the facility and the RAHA COVID-19 Preparedness Committee Chair so the area can be closed until properly sanitized.

CONFIRMED CASES & POSITIVE TEST RESULTS

Positive tests and confirmed exposures are **required** to be reported to RAHA's COVID-19 Preparedness Committee Chair, Kevin Bigalke. For purposes of contact tracing, all positive cases will be reported to the Minnesota Department of Health.

- Parents/guardians are responsible for reporting any positive cases or close contact within the player's household.
- Coaches are required to self-report.
- Participants (RAHA players and coaches) with a positive test are required to quarantine as directed by the MDH or local health official per the most current MDH guidelines.
- Siblings and household members are required to quarantine as directed by the MDH or local health officials and follow the MDH guidelines on when to return. If a second member of a household tests positive, the quarantine clock would reset.
- If a positive case is revealed on the team of an opponent, it is likely the entire Rosemount team will need to quarantine. RAHA will work with the team in contacting MDH and to seek advice in this instance to get specific guidance. The RAHA team must closely monitor the players health for the duration of the required quarantine.
- If a player/coach has symptoms and takes a test, he/she must refrain from all team functions until the test result is obtained.
- Upon a player/coach testing positive, all team activities will be paused until local health officials and/or MDH is consulted.
 - RAHA's COVID-19 Preparedness Committee (COVID-19 Committee) will notify all team members and parents/legal guardians if a teammate tests positive.
 - In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), the person who tested positive will remain anonymous.
 - The team manager is responsible for notifying any opponents or teams that practiced or played with the infected player during the 48 hours prior to symptoms or a positive test if asymptomatic, while adhering to the ADA practice of confidentiality.
 - If it is found that a parent/legal guardian or coach intentionally neglected to report the positive test or confirmed exposure, the COVID-19 Committee and RAHA Board Officers will determine corrective action, up to and including suspension from the team.

COVID-19 Cases in Players and/or Coaches

- **Individual Team**
 - If there is a player or coach on the team that tests positive for COVID-19, team activities will be halted while contact tracing and guidance from MDH is received. It is likely the entire team will need to be quarantined. RAHA will work with the team in contacting the MDH for specific guidance.

- **All Association**

- 1st team with a positive COVID-19 tests must quarantine as directed by MDH or local health official following the most current MDH guidelines.
- 2nd team with a positive COVID-19 tests must quarantine for as directed by MDH or local health official following the most current MDH guidelines.
- After a 3rd team has a positive COVID-19 tests, the Board of Directors will determine the best action based on guidelines established by the Minnesota Hockey, USA Hockey, District 8, CDC, and MDH.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND REFUND POLICY

1. If Minnesota Hockey cancels the season, RAHA members are still responsible for all non-recoverable expenses that accrued up to the date of cancelation.
 - If the season is canceled **before** tryouts, members will receive a full refund, minus the cost of jerseys and socks for traveling levels.
 - If the season is canceled **after** tryouts, members will receive a prorated refund based on the amount of ice used and operational costs.
2. If the season is altered due to revised government/local mandates (i.e. number of people allowed on the ice at a time, game play limitations, etc.), fees for ice and operational costs may be adjusted accordingly.
3. If a player tests positive or is ordered to quarantine by a medical professional or other policy and cannot participate in team functions for a period of time (0-27 days), he/she remains responsible for all fees during his/her absence. If the period extends beyond 28 days, RAHA will follow its current Injury Hold policy.
4. If a player and/or coach tests positive and it is determined that the entire team needs to quarantine per MDH guidelines, RAHA will cover the cost of the first three RAHA assigned ice sessions of a temporary or longer quarantine, provided the team first makes a good faith effort to reassign or sell the affected ice sessions. The team is responsible for covering the cost of any ice that can't be reassigned or sold after the first three RAHA assigned ice sessions.

RAHA will cover 50% of the cost of a RAHA scheduled tournament in the event a team cannot participate due to a COVID-19 quarantine. The team is responsible for the remaining 50% of the cost of RAHA scheduled tournaments.

Additionally, the following items are team responsibilities:

- The team is responsible for any extra ice it has purchased beyond the amount of ice originally assigned by RAHA.
- The team is responsible for any RAHA assigned or extra ice that is unused due to adding an extra tournament during the quarantine period.
- The team is responsible for the cost of any extra tournaments it registered for and cannot participate in due to a COVID-19 quarantine.

In accordance with the RAHA Member Handbook, players whose accounts are not paid by the 15th day of the month after they appear on the overdue list will not be allowed to continue participation in RAHA until their account is brought current. If necessary, the Board of Directors will take the necessary legal actions for collection.

CONTACT TRACING

Team **must** maintain accurate rosters and attendance for all games, practices and activities using the SportsEngine tool as the system of record.

- Team managers and coaches are responsible for ensuring parents consistently utilize the RSVP feature throughout the season.
- The RAHA COVID-19 Preparedness Committee will immediately notify teams if they have been reportedly exposed to COVID-19 at a RAHA event.

MASK AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with the State of Minnesota Return to Play Phase 4 mandate, face coverings are required while inside a facility at all times. This includes participants during on-ice practice and game play. Players are expected to follow all rink and RAHA protocols.

- Any player refusing to follow and/or frequently violating the rules will be removed from the premises and must appear in front of the RAHA Grievance Committee before they are allowed to resume team activities.
- Per Phase 4 of MN Hockey's Return to Play Guidelines, all coaches must wear a mask before, during and after practice.
 - Coaches are expected to wear their masks on the bench and in the locker-room.
 - Coaches refusing to adhere to a rink's mask requirement will not be allowed on the bench until they are able to appear in front of the RAHA Grievance Committee.
 - On-ice officials are not required to wear a mask while officiating on the ice.
 - Attendees in the booth will be limited to allow for social distances.
 - Scoreboard, scoresheet and door attendants must wear a mask.

RAHA-owned goalie gear which is shared at the IP level will be distributed to teams per usual.

- It is the responsibility of the individual family utilizing the gear to ensure it has been properly cleaned and sanitized prior to their player's use.
- IP goalies are encouraged to wear their own helmets (goalie-specific helmets are not mandatory at these levels) and may choose to wear their own skater gloves in lieu of the goalie glove and blocker.
- Players are not required to play goalie and can opt out without consequence.

WATER BOTTLES

- Everyone is responsible for bringing their own clearly labeled water bottle; players should not count on refilling their containers at any rink at this time.