



WLMHA PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE  
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Welcome to November – and another fall back on the clocks. I watched a lot of hockey this weekend and I'm very impressed with the coaching, officiating and overall play. WLMHA stated goal is to have kids play hockey. With COVID the available options have certainly been limited - no tournaments - limited teams due to cohort rules etc. However, all of the on-ice and off-ice volunteers are making the most of the opportunity for kids to play.

### KIDS ON ICE – ITS THAT SIMPLE

Key changes the last couple of weeks

- WLMHA applied to the complex for an exception to the dressing room limits so we could have full teams in the rooms. To increase our ability to use the rooms each player, coach, official and volunteer MUST wear a mask while getting dressed, the mask shouldn't be removed until they don their helmets, and helmets must remain on until they return to the room and can put their mask on. Supervision is also a MUST at all times.
- all spectators must log in when they arrive providing name and phone number - different teams have found different methods to capture this, but it MUST be done
- spectators must exit via a secondary exit from each arena
  - Rink 2 using the exits past the female change room
  - Rink 1 using the exit down the back stairs through the doors at the end of the concourse
- Participants – Coaches, Volunteers, Players, Officials, will continue to exit through the arena exit following the path noted
- Coaches are required to wear masks when on the benches during games WLMHA rationale is that social distancing isn't maintained at all times while on the bench – both between coaches and between coaches and players
- Spectators are required to have masks on at ALL times, temp removal while properly social distanced to drink coffee/tea/water etc. is acceptable, but the mask must be returned to proper placement. Volunteers will remind you to wear your mask properly.

WLMHA and CMRC continue to be a shining example across much of the province on how we can safely bring back both players AND spectators and we are committed to that on-going success with your help. Please continue to be respectful of each other and especially the volunteers. To the volunteers – please continue to put the best of WLMHA forward and ensure we correct behaviours with a smile and respect. This is tough for all.

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