

Port Colborne Minor Hockey Association will be participating in the non-traditional hockey program. (subject to approval)

NDHL 2020-21 Return to play 2020-21 Proposed Framework Highlights

- League Centres - Fort Erie, Garden City, Niagara On the Lake, Niagara Falls, Pelham, Port Colborne, Thorold, Welland, West Niagara. League members outside our Public Health Unit - Dunnville, Glancaster & Stoney Creek seeking approval to remain within our league bubble.
- Non-traditional hockey program for the 2020-21 season until such time as we reach Stage 4 within the OHF Return to Play Framework
- The first two weeks minimum of all programs will consist of development – target start date October 1st, 2020
- Port Colborne hopes to start developmental program on September 12th if OMHA approval and insurance certificate is obtained.
- Rosters will consist of 9 players and 1 goalie. Players are only allowed to play on one team and there will be no affiliation
- The teams will be based on the last seasons roster with the associations placing players on the teams based on skill level. 3 Tiers will be offered: Tier 1 – AAA & AA players, Tier 2 – A & BB players & Tier 3 – AE players /local league. Centers may enter multiple teams in each Tier and age group.

Port Colborne's players not placed in Tiers 1 – 2 or 3, will be rostered to teams of 9 skaters and 1 goalie, mirroring this model. We will participate in a 'Tier 4' if arranged by the Local League or create pods of 4 or 5 teams (max. 50 player bubble) with teams from Wainfleet and Fort Erie.

- Teams will be placed in Age Division League Bubbles of no greater than 5 teams (50 Players). For example: Tier 1 - U13(Major Peewee) may have 10 teams which will be placed in 2 bubbles of 5 teams in each.
- Play will consist of 3 on 3 or 4 on 4 as outlined in the OHF Return to Play
- Teams will play 4 - 5 weeks segments within their bubble including a home and away with each team.
- After each 4-5 weeks segments there will be a 14 days game break to reorganize each league bubble.
- Game day play can have 20 on the ice with practices allowing 30 once we reach 3B and the approval of the Public Health Unit
- NRP players can remain with last season's rostered association or return to their home association
3.5 movement players can remain with last season's association or return to their home associations.
- House league players can stay with the team from last season or return to their home association.
- No other player movement will be allowed if home center is offering a program.
- The return to play checklist, facility plan for use, Public Health Unit approval, Associations plan for return to play must still be reviewed by the Regional Director for approval prior to any on ice activities.
- Registration with the collection of funds is to commence Sept 1
- Carryover suspensions will be served during the games once they commence

Port Colborne Minor Hockey Player development

Our registered players will be on the ice as of September 12th if approval and insurance certificate are received.

We plan on offering 8 pre-season development skates for groups of 20 to 25 players with Jay McKnight. Every child will be on the ice 2 x per week until Thanksgiving.

Port Colborne Minor Hockey will be following the U7, U9 and U11 Player Pathways respecting the Modified Season Structure as well as the practice: game ratios.

In October we will break into teams of 10 (1 goalie and 9 players) based skill level of each player and begin modified games when the NDHL is in place.

Any remaining players will be placed on balanced teams and participate in modified games in pods of 50 with Wainfleet and Fort Erie, all depending on the number of teams we have in each age group.