



COVID -19 Policy York Ice Hockey Club

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the York Ice Hockey Club presents the following guidelines for the 2020-2021 Season.

Parent/Guardian, Player, Coach and Other Participant Representations (Other Participants include: Team Managers, Scorekeepers, Penalty Box Attendants)

In consideration of the York Ice Hockey Club by allowing the player to participate in team activities, including but not limited to practices, games, workouts and in person meetings, and as an express inducement therefore, the Parent/Guardian, Coaches and Player(s) hereby state, affirm, and agree to the following:

1. The Parent/Guardian and the Player(s) have no reason to believe the Player(s) has COVID-19.
2. The Player(s), Coach or Other Participant does not have any of the following symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle pain, chills, headache, diarrhea, nausea, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, or any other symptoms associated with COVID-19.
3. Within the past 14 days the Players(s), Coach or Other Participant has not had close contact with a person having or suspected of having COVID-19.
4. Parent/Guardian, Player, Coach and Other Participant always agree to wear a mask when inside the ice arena. Player is not required to wear a mask while on the ice or on the bench during games.

Guidelines

1. The Parent/Guardian and Coach and Player(s) understand that the World Health Organization, the US Center for Disease Control, and the Governor of Pennsylvania have declared a global, nationwide and statewide pandemic of the coronavirus that causes the disease called COVID-19, that there is currently no vaccine or medical cure for COVID-19, that the coronavirus that causes the disease is said to be extraordinarily easy to transmit between people, and that gatherings of large numbers of people or people in close proximity to one another are believed to be the main cause of the spread of COVID-19. Accordingly, any gathering of people, team activities, is or can be inherently dangerous and unpredictable, and that serious illness or even death can occur because of a person's participation in such an activity.
2. The Parent/Guardian, and the Player(s) understand and agree that the Player(s)' participation in team activities shall be at the Parent/Guardian's and Player(s)' sole risk, and that, while YIHC seeks to do what is reasonable to ensure that participants in team activities are safe and protected, YIHC cannot guarantee the Player(s)' safety, and expressly disclaims any representation or undertaking that tryouts and evaluations are safe for the Player(s) and further disclaims any and all liability or responsibility for any illness or infection, including, but not limited to COVID-19, that may occur from or in connection with team activities.

3. The Parent/Guardian and Player(s) affirm that they are aware of the kinds of risks the Player(s) will face in connection with tryouts and evaluations and recognize that YIHC is unable to protect the Player(s) from all such risks. The Parent/Guardian and Player(s) expressly agree to assume such risks, and they understand YIHC has relied upon this assumption of risk in permitting the Player(s) to participate in team activities.
4. The York Ice Hockey Club reserves the right to modify these guidelines to reflect changes to conditions set forth by federal, state and local agencies, rink operators and sanctioned league guidelines. Modification of any guidelines does not impact the Waiver and Release of Claims and its survivability during the term set forth.

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS: By participating in team activities, the Parent/Guardian and Player(s) hereby waive any and all claims and demands for relief, whether past or future and regardless of the legal or factual basis thereof, that could be asserted in any forum or manner whatsoever, based upon, related to, or concerning the Player(s) participation in team events, expressly including but not limited to any claim arising from infection, illness, or death, including from COVID-19, to persons or any economic damages, including those claims based on any alleged or actual negligence, any breach of any express or implied statutory or other duty of care, or mistakes or errors in judgment of any kind, and expressly release, discharge, indemnify and hold harmless the York Ice Hockey Club, its Board of Directors, and its coaches from and against any and all such claims and demands regardless of when or by whom asserted.

Player/Coach Return to Play Guidelines:

- Situation #1: Player/Coach has had close contact, as defined as within 6 feet for >15 mins of a person who has tested positive or is presumed COVID-19 positive. Return to play: 14 days after the last known close contact and free of any symptoms or fever
- Situation #2: Player/Coach tests positive for COVID-19 or is presumed positive. Return to play: 10 days after onset of symptoms AND greater than 3 days of no fever (without aid of medicine) AND Improving respiratory (cough and shortness of breath) symptoms.

Team Activities:

- If more than 3 players or coaches test positive over a period of 14 days AND other players were exposed, team activities should be suspended for 10 days and players should follow protocols above on an individual level for return to play, based on their level of exposure and symptoms.

Communication:

- Player names will not be shared with the team unless written consent is given by the parent/guardian.
- If there is a Team based exposure the club will work with the coaching staff and team to identify close contacts and recent dates of potential exposure and will work with parents/guardians of the player who tested positive.
- If a player or coach tests positive for COVID-19 or is assumed to be positive for COVID-19 based on symptoms or exposure, the parent/guardian will notify York Ice Hockey Club via their Team Manager immediately to allow for identification and notification of close contacts/potential exposures. This will hopefully prevent further spread among the team and club.