

Email to all KCIC Adult Hockey teams on Monday November 16th, 2020

To All KCIC Adult Hockey Team Captains:

Last Friday, the Johnson County Board of County Commissioner's issued another Public Health order, which requires all residents to wear a face mask, in addition to abiding by continuing social distancing guidelines.

This is not a suggestion - it's required in order to help prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus. And now that the election is over, it's not a political thing. In order for businesses to remain open, all of these guidelines need to be followed.

Refusing to wear a mask when entering KCIC means that person or persons will not be admitted to the rink. And regardless of the reason, (it doesn't matter if it's a religious or a freedom of speech thing), any person not wearing a mask will not be allowed inside the rink. There are no exceptions to this rule!

It's also a good idea to keep an updated roster in your team bag - just in case. If you're having issues coming up with enough players for a game, give me a call and we can discuss your options. Once you get to the rink and realize your team needs a sub, make sure the other team's captain knows your picking up a player whose not on your official roster. After the game please text me the game score. It's important to include if the game went to overtime because the losing team gets a point.

Also a couple things to keep in mind.

If a player receives a penalty in the last two minutes of the third period - it's a penalty shot. And any player on the team can take the shot (as long as they are not in the penalty box). Same thing applies to the overtime period.

If a team can't field a team and fails to notify me, 24 hours prior to the start of the game, it's a 3-0 forfeit. Also, the opponent of the team who forfeited gets the option to play that team's next game (or any game on that team's schedule) as compensation for losing out on playing a game. Yikes, this seems kind of severe - and it is. The schedule is posted on the website and there's no reason for a last minute cancellation that's not somehow related to the virus. And if it is a virus related then your team will be removed from the schedule for 14 days. If that does happen I will certainly try and reschedule your teams games - whenever we have available ice.

Finally, arguing with the rink staff is pointless - rude and always inappropriate. The people taking your temperature don't necessarily want to be doing that, it's their job. The score keeper doesn't care which team wins. If one of your players receives a penalty and then slams the penalty box door and uses profanity in the process, that player will be in time out the next game and possibly two! Please remind your players that they are paying to play - and are not getting paid to play. They won't be losing their spot on the team if they end up with a deficient plus minus rating!

This is a recreational adult hockey league and the participants need to remember that. There's a whole lot of other things going on right now and it seems like getting to play in a competitive hockey game is a good thing - all by itself. It's something that allows for a return to normalcy, even if it's only for an hour.

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