

# MN Hockey District 9



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District 9 Associations

An update from our District Directors meeting last night.

There will be an announcement tomorrow from Governor Walz. The best guess (from internal meetings with the State & Commissioner Tomes) will be that games will be allowed to start either 1/11 or 1/14 with the 3<sup>rd</sup> option being 1/18. Now this could be way off, so let us hope our leaders are correct. MN Hockey is planning to finish the year with Region and State tournaments. Other restrictions on top of what was relayed last week will be a POD size reduction, not significant but a reduction from 25. We hope that 2 teams can still share the ice. For HS, the most likely plan will be for games to start 1/14, allowing 2 games per week with the last few weeks having 3 games per week. The plan is to still offer a state tournament ending 4/3/21. Again, all could change.

Other Discussion topics

1. **Various plans for District leagues** - Many Districts are starting over, reducing their league game counts to get them in. Some will be doing full leagues as normal (up North Districts). A couple districts are undecided, waiting on the Governor.
2. **Tournaments** – Much discussion, with the outcome being to not cancel Invitational Tournaments. Major reasons are money, stopping teams from going elsewhere for tournaments, to how can MN Hockey hold tournaments and not Associations. Most did not want to cancel. Each Association can do as they see fit.
3. **Mite Season** – Run these through the MN Hockey season. POD reduction will be a concern.
4. **Overnight Stays** – No rule on these, hard to dictate what families can do.
5. **Masks** – Plan on players having to wear these.

I would like to schedule a Zoom meeting for Monday night 12/28 at 7:30 pm. I will send out an agenda tomorrow along with the Zoom invite. Main topic will be how we organize league play.

I attached a few documents showing how Buffalo Youth Hockey obtained a \$20,000 grant through the CARES Act and their County. Please review as there may be more money appropriated.

Let us see what Governor Walz says tomorrow.

Happy Holidays

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