



Dear Association President's,

Based on the Governor's mandate to allow only 25 people at an indoor gathering and USA Hockey/MidAM's requirement that we follow local governments rules - and will not sanction games as currently written - the PIHL will start the season at the end of September as follows;

#### Middle school/JV

- 9 players, including goalies (per team) allowed per game
- 1 coach per team
- 2 referees
- 2 game coordinators
- 1 EMT
- 2 period games, 8 or 9 minute periods
- 3-minute warm-up before each game
- Only 1 roster is needed for each team- players for both games will be from this roster
- A separate score sheet will be used for each game
- Games will be non-checking
- No ice cut between games

After the first game, a second game between the same organizations and same level team (same roster) will be played. Players on the roster who did not play the first game, will play the second (up to the nine player limit). If there are not enough players on the roster to field a complete second team, players who played in the first game can fill out the second roster. One coach is permitted to coach both games that are played. Each two-period game will count as one game in the standings and individual statistics will be tracked for each game. In addition, the number of games played for each player will be tracked.

Coaches must wear a mask when entering the building until they leave the building, including the locker rooms and on the bench. If a coach is having a discussion with a referee, they must practice social distancing.

If government restrictions are lifted at any time, games will be able to resume as scheduled with normal playing rules and full bench participation.

If a team would have a corona virus outbreak, they would not be charged any forfeit fees and if possible, missed games would try to be rescheduled

Referees will communicate with game coordinators by hand signals rather than yelling through hole in glass. Between periods referees cannot sit in penalty box area.

EMT's and Game Coordinators will have a mask on at all times

At this time there will be no spectators, parents or fans permitted in the arena.

The EMTs and referees have been contacted and in agreement with the two games being played in one normal game slot. There will be no additional fees incurred for this arrangement.

Teams must follow USA Hockey, MidAM, Governor's Office, CDC, PIAA, PIHL and your school district's policies. Additional rink protocols will follow.

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### Varsity

Varsity games will not start until there are changes that permit 5 on 5 varsity games with full benches. If there are no changes that would affect varsity games, we will revisit varsity hockey December 1st for other options.

There have been discussions with the Eastern part of the state and there is a willingness to push back the date of the state championship game. This will allow us to start varsity hockey with full benches in January and complete a shortened season before the start of the Penguin Cup play.

The deadline for declarations originally asked for by September 1<sup>st</sup> has been changed to **September 5<sup>th</sup>**.