



NORCAL YOUTH HOCKEY ORGANIZATION

To: All NORCAL Member Associations

December 3, 2020

Re: NORCAL 2020-2021 Digital Tryouts / Purple Tier CA status

All,

This notification serves to provide all members an update regarding NORCAL’s position for “digital” rostering for A/B/BB on Friday 12/11/2020. During our NORCAL Special Executive Meeting on 12/3/2020, the Board recognizes and discussed that hockey is still a very restricted environment in Northern California. As we weighed out all our options as a board, we have found we have no direct control of the current restriction in California nor are we in a position to challenge these State restrictions.

We are advising all USA Hockey Membership Organizations in NORCAL that **NO** on ice activities shall be conducted under any circumstances on the weekend on 12/11-13/2020. Conducting these activities will void all USA Hockey insurance protections due to Purple Tier designation in participating counties. NORCAL organization can sign players to rosters starting at 5pm on 12/11/2020 for future participation, but there will be **NO** on ice evaluations to be conducted for those signings. We will review current guidelines after 1/6/2020 to see where we stand in accordance with CA state / local county restrictions.

USA Hockey’s official information:

<https://www.usahockey.com/page/show/5902638-covid-19-updates>

Return to the Rinks Document:

https://cdn2.sportngin.com/attachments/document/df28-2280768/Returning_to_the_Rinks_October_2020.pdf#_ga=2.131814283.521988485.1602459135-567950419.1549408422

Fig.1 Section 1 of Return to the Rinks document above. **Designate a staff member to monitor state and local government websites for updates or changes to guidelines.** Currently most of our ice facilities fall into the Tier 1 Purple zone as of 12/3/2020. Any facilities in the Purple Tier are closed and are not open for any on ice hockey evaluations.

California Tier Matrix

SECTORS	Widespread Tier 1	Substantial Tier 2	Moderate Tier 3	Minimal Tier 4
Bars, Breweries, and Distilleries (where no meal provided) (follow restaurants where meal is provided)	Closed	Closed	Open Outdoors with modifications	Open indoors with modifications • Max 50% capacity
Family Entertainment Centers	Outdoor Only with modifications e.g. • Kart Racing • Mini Golf • Batting Cages	Outdoor Only with modifications e.g. • Kart Racing • Mini Golf • Batting Cages	Open Indoors for naturally distanced activities with modifications • Max 25% capacity • Bowling Alleys	Open indoors for activities with increased risk of proximity and mixing with modifications • Max 50% capacity • Arcade Games • Ice and roller skating • Indoor playgrounds

We understand this is a difficult time and we are looking forward to when we can operate in a “normal” environment. Please stay safe and healthy. Looking forward to seeing out young athletes on the ice soon.

Sincerely,

NORCAL Youth Hockey Board of Directors