

## **To Our CYHA Hockey Community:**

We hope that everyone had an enjoyable Summer. It is now time to start thinking about and preparing for another Camillus hockey season at Shove Park. We will be opening Player Registration for the 2020-21 season very soon. Please be on the lookout for Registration information, which will be sent via email and posted to the new CYHA website and social media platforms.

Below are updates on some general topics that are of interest to our CYHA families. We will continue to provide updates and information on these topics and more in the near future.

### **Shove Park Opening**

The Town of Camillus plans on opening the rink for hockey activities on Monday, Sept. 28.

### **Registration Fees**

CYHA will incur a cost increase for ice rental at Shove Park and other local facilities where we rent ice for the program. Due to this increased cost, there will be a modest increase in our Registration Fees for the upcoming season to help offset our increased ice rental cost. The Registration Fee for Tykes will increase from \$240 to \$260. The Registration Fee for all other age groups will increase from \$350 to \$380. We will offer a prorated refund for all players if stay-at-home orders are restored at any time during the season or if Shove Park is forced to close for any reason.

### **Ice Schedule**

We have finalized our seasonal ice schedule at Shove Park. We will also be renting ice on weekends in Skaneateles again this year to help meet the increased demand for ice time within our program. We are also prepared to rent ice at other local facilities if the need arises.

### **On-Ice Activities**

As of August 19, 2020, USA Hockey and the New York State Amateur Hockey Association have approved hockey activities to include organized and no/low-contact group training, which includes team practices and player clinics. This plan does not yet include scrimmages or games within NY State.

### **House & Travel Teams/Meeting Dates**

Team formation has been approved by USA Hockey and NYSAHA, so we can begin the team selection procedure immediately. We will have Travel Team tryouts soon after Shove Park opens on Sept. 28, and House/Snowbelt teams will be formed shortly thereafter. Travel Team tryout dates will be released in the near future.

The mandatory Parents Meetings are scheduled for Monday, Sept. 21 and Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 7pm. At least 1 parent is required to attend and sign-in at 1 of these scheduled meetings. Location is TBD and will be communicated at a later date.

The mandatory Coaches Meeting will be held immediately following the Parents Meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 7:30pm. Location is TBD and will be communicated at a later date.

The mandatory Travel Team meeting will be held following the Parents Meeting on Monday, Sept. 21 at 7:30pm. Location is TBD and will be communicated at a later date.

### **Shove Park COVID-19 Mitigation Plan**

In order to minimize the risk of COVID-19 exposure and infection while at the rink, the Town of Camillus has developed the following protocols that will be strictly enforced by Shove Park staff and the CYHA Board of Directors. We need to have our entire CYHA Hockey Community on-board with these policies and procedures to ensure that we do everything possible to keep everyone in our community safe.

Below is detailed information on what to expect as you return to Shove Park, and what will be expected of you before, during and after entering the rink. More information will be provided at the Parents Meeting, and questions can be asked at that time.

- Signage will be displayed at the entrance and throughout Shove Park with information on social distancing, proper hygiene, and steps that can be taken to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- **Everyone entering Shove Park must wear a mask, follow common health practices, and maintain 6-foot social distancing guidelines at all times.**
- There will only be 1 entrance (main lobby doors) and 1 exit (side door next to community room facing the parking lot) to the facility.
- **Masks are required to be worn by everyone at all times inside Shove Park. Players may remove their masks only during practice sessions and must put them back on immediately after exiting the ice surface after practice.**
- Players must arrive at Shove Park no sooner than 15 minutes prior to their ice time. Everyone must enter through the main lobby doors. Everyone entering the facility must fill out a health screening and have their temperature taken. Anyone who answers 'Yes' to any of the screening questions or whose temperature is 100 degrees or higher will be required to leave the facility.
- Parent of minors must accompany the child to the main door while temperature check and health screening are conducted.
- Players must come to the rink dressed with equipment on. Skates, helmet and gloves may be put on at designated chairs located throughout the main lobby. Parents may assist children who are unable to tie their own skates or put the remainder of their equipment on by themselves.
- Arrows will be located on the floor in Shove Park to help direct traffic flow properly throughout the facility. X's will be located throughout the facility to assist with proper social distancing.
- After players are dressed in the main lobby, they will then transition themselves and their bags to a rink-side chair location and await a Coach's instruction to enter the ice surface.
- After practice is over, players will proceed to their rink-side chair locations to take off their skates, gloves and helmet and leave the rink immediately after. All players & parents must depart Shove Park no later than 10 minutes after leaving the ice. Once all players have exited the arena, the new group from the lobby may transition to the rink-side chair locations to drop off their equipment and await a Coach's instruction to enter the ice surface.
- Players waiting to go on the ice will not be permitted to enter inside the arena doors until the group ahead of them has completely exited the ice surface, removed their skates, helmet and gloves, and completely exited the building down the back hallway by the locker rooms and out the side entrance facing the parking lot.

- The group waiting to enter the ice must remain socially distanced and cannot gather together by the door to the ice surface. Coaches will be responsible for maintaining social distancing of their players and directing them onto the ice.
- Locker rooms, snack bar and the upstairs mezzanine will be closed.
- Bathrooms in the lobby will be available. Only 1 person will be allowed in the bathroom at a time. Parents may accompany children in the bathroom, if necessary.
- Drinking fountains will not be available. Kids should bring their own water bottle marked with their name on it, which should not be shared with others.
- Bleachers will be open to 1 parent per child during practice. X's will be located on bleachers where the parent may locate. If necessary, a parent may sit in the bleachers with their children as long as the children remain next to the parent at all times. If it is not possible to keep children on or near the 'X', the parent & children must leave the facility. **This 1-parent policy will be strictly enforced and subject to cancellation or modification if social distancing guidelines are not followed in the arena.**
- A maximum of 25 people, coaches included, are allowed on the ice during practice.
- **The Town of Camillus is currently working on an active disinfecting plan with a local cleaning company. Details of this plan will be provided as soon as they are communicated with the CYHA Board of Directors.**

\*CYHA parents will be responsible for conducting temperature checks and health screenings. There will be more information on this responsibility, including sign-up sheets, released in the near future.

#### COVID-19 Infection Scenario

If a member of our CYHA community or their immediate family becomes infected with COVID-19 at any time during the season, the infected person should be isolated and treated as necessary. Tim Carvel, CYHA President, should be notified as soon as possible. The infection will be immediately reported to the local public health department and their recommendations will be followed. We will communicate the infection within our CYHA community accordingly, while adhering to required privacy guidelines.

As always, please feel free to reach out to any CYHA Board Member at any time with questions, concerns, suggestions, etc. We are all here to help in any way possible.

Thank you.

**CYHA Board of Directors**