

# MN Hockey District 9



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District 9 Associations

As most of you know, MN Hockey has been shut down effective 11/20/20 at 11:59pm. This is being labeled as a pause for 4 weeks.

1. No Hockey, after 11:59pm 11/20/20. This means practice, games, training, meetings, all gatherings more than 1 family.
2. Teams are not allowed to travel out of state to play
3. All rinks except for college and pro team rinks, are to be shut down.
4. Junior Hockey is shut down as are the Tier 1 programs.
5. No small group skates indoors or outdoors
6. You may do virtual coaching or create virtual meetings for your team.

MN Hockey has been told that any plan to get around the Executive Order by Associations or families, will jeopardize the re-opening of youth hockey for us. Traveling to outstate rinks rent ice is not a good idea. All MN Hockey teams are paused and not sanctioned to play. Failure to abide by the Governors orders could result in sanctions against the Association, or coach.

It is expected that more restrictions will be imposed when we do get back on the ice. MN Hockey is working on these presently. Many of you have asked about the extension to the season, this is a possibility. I would like to know of any ice concerns that you would have if the season moved out 4-5 weeks.

If you have a home tournament this weekend or traveling to a tournament, please be aware that MN Hockey will not reimburse Associations for any loss of revenue or costs. You are free to play Friday night up until 11:59pm. All games Saturday and Sunday are not allowed to be played as are any social gatherings with more than 1 family. I say this as I do not want to hear about Hotel gatherings on Saturday night creating a black eye for MN Hockey. I realize this pause is highly volatile, but please be reassured that MN Hockey has worked hard to keep hockey open and will continue to work towards a reopen plan again. We need all to take this pause very seriously. The list of restrictions I sent out earlier this week along with other options are being worked on with cooperation from MDH, State Commissioner Tarek Tomes and MN Hockey in putting a plan to get back on the ice.

Please send league game updates on all games played thru tomorrow to Kathy Thoen. As we find out more about the length of our season, changes to our league schedules will need to be reviewed.

As I learn more, I will communicate. If you have questions, please call, or send me an email.

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