



Shark Tank Reopening – Program Modification Summary

We are excited to get back on the ice! This will be a slow process as our club adheres to the County Guidelines. These guidelines set a 4 phased approach to full resumption of activities. These phases are planned to last two weeks each. If COVID-19 cases continue to fall during those two weeks, we will be able to move to the next phase. The guidelines create a challenging environment to conduct our programs as they limit both the number of players and the type of activities allowed. With the safety of players and families as our top priority, we began planning our return to the ice with our next priority to fulfill our current commitments to those registered for our Spring Programs. We have modified our programs to enable the most Shark players possible to be able to get on the ice and participate in hockey activities. We are moving forward with the understanding that Fall Season will begin on-time, as will player evaluations for the fall season. While that is very positive news, it does mean we have a very compressed timeline to conduct scheduled programs. Below is an explanation of each program and the respective modifications that were made. Unfortunately, there are two programs that we will have to cancel. We will not be able to host the Spring Skills Development with Synergy Hockey, nor will we host the Learn To Play (LTP) session. Refunds will be processed for everyone that was registered for these programs. Our other programs were altered to comply with the requirements of the different phases and get those registered on the ice as soon as possible. Details for each, including reasons for cancellation are described below. If for any reason, any members who signed up for these programs no longer wants to participate, refunds will be provided, no questions asked. Please find details regarding each program below:

Meramec Spring Select – This program was originally planned to include a try-out, tournament play, and a jersey. This program will now occur during Phase 1 and 2. There will be no tryouts, instead, all who registered to try-out will be able to participate. Each player will have 10 ice touches where the focus will be skill and skating development and will occur while observing social distancing parameters. While each player will still receive a Select Camp jersey, the players will not participate in a tournament, as was originally planned. All players previously signed up will have a balance due of \$125. Invoices will be sent to each family. There are some spots still open for the '08, and '06 birth years. Total cost of the program is \$150. Those interested in the remaining spots should contact Don Arias at Playerdevelopment@meramecsharks.com . If this program is no longer desirable as a result of the modifications, please contact our Treasurer, Kraig Spisak at Treasurer@meramecsharks.com for a refund.

Spring 4v4 – This program was originally designed to contain 12-45 minute games, with each player receiving a jersey. Under the County guidelines, full games with referees will not be able to occur until phase 4. This program was modified to enable players registered for 4V4 to get on the ice as soon as possible in spite of the restrictions. Each team will receive 4 1-hour ice touches during the first 2 phases of reopening. These will be utilized as skill development sessions with practice plans designed for each coach by our player development directors. During phases 3 and 4, scrimmages and games will occur to fulfill at least 12 touches. All games will be complete by August 15. This year, we had the highest 4v4 registration in the history of the program. Due to this high number of registrations, we recognized that the 4v4 program will serve as our main program for the majority of our players to get on the ice and be able to skate in advance of tryouts and evaluations later this summer. If this program is no longer desirable as a result of the modifications, please contact our Treasurer, Kraig Spisak at Treasurer@meramecsharks.com for a refund.

Synergy Spring Skills Development – This program is canceled and will be refunded in full. Rescheduling the Synergy crew was challenging as a result of the unknowns effecting their other ice commitments. We regret that we were forced to cancel this program, but we plan to include it next spring. All players that were registered for this program will have priority for the newly added Meramec Summer Skills Camp. Refund checks will be mailed on June 11th to the address listed in Sports Engine for each registered participant. If your address has changed, please update your Sports Engine account.

Meramec Summer Skills Camp – If the Phases occur at two-week intervals and without delay, this program will be added to enable players to register for skills-based development. This camp will be staffed by Meramec Coaches, and the training plan developed by our Director of Player Development. This program will likely begin during phase 2, more details will follow shortly.

Learn to Play - This program is canceled for spring and summer and will be refunded in full. Refund checks will be mailed on June 18th to the registered participant's listed address in Sports Engine. If your address has changed, please update your account in Sports Engine. Learn to Play will resume in the fall. The sheer number of very young players and the assistance they require by family members was the biggest factor for canceling this program. Our Learn to Play Manager will be contacting our LTP families in a separate communication with more details and information regarding our Fall LTP.

Programs Described by Phase

Below is a summary of each of the 4 phases as they relate to MHC programs. The schedule below assumes that all criteria are met to move forward to each new phase. **Please be advised**

that this template could change at any time based on meeting county guidelines to advance to the next Phase:

Phase 1 – June 15-29 – No more than 34 players on the ice at a time, social distancing at all times

- Meramec Spring Select – Adheres to max of 34 players per session. Social distance training.
Spring 4v4 – Each team will receive 2 practices. 2 teams per touch. Social distance training.

Phase 2 – June 29-July 12 – No specific restriction on group size, but group must maintain social distancing, brief 1v1 drills allowed.

- Meramec Spring Select – 18 players per touch, 10 touches completed by end of Phase 1 & 2.
Spring 4v4 – Each team will receive 2 practices. 2 teams per touch.
- Meramec Summer Skills Program – 2 sessions for 8U through 14U

Phase 3 – July 13-26 – Social distancing eased. Inters quad scrimmage allowed.

- Spring 4v4 – 6U/8U up to 7 games during this phase. 10U – Midget will receive 2 touches. These will be 2 team touches, scrimmages can occur.
- Meramec Summer Skills Program – 2 sessions for 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U.

Phase 4 – July 27

Spring 4v4 – All remaining games will be completed by August 15.

Fall Evaluations

MHC Fall evaluations for travel and house fall seasons will start around August 15, and will immediately follow the completion of the Spring 4V4 games. We will not host pre-skates this year as we have traditionally done before evaluations. Pre-skates have been offered in the past because many players limit their hockey activities in the summer months. The majority of our players will be involved in the 4v4 program. That activity, as well as the need to complete roster selections on time for fall season were the critical factors in the decision to remove pre-skate activities from this year's calendar. The ice schedule for Fall evaluations is not complete, so the start of some evaluations could be several days earlier or later. Details will be announced later, and the specific dates could shift drastically if there are additional delays due to COVID19.