



## COVID-19 UPDATE

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS BY MHA's

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1. If an MHA's Bylaws state a specific date for their AGM, or presentation of Financial information, etc., how should they deal with it? Should associations (MHA's) be cancelling AGM's?

Alberta Registries has stated that non-profit entities may postpone their annual general meetings for a period of 3+ months (this is effective immediately and runs to the end of June 2020).

Prior to making any plans, Minor Hockey Associations (MHA's) should first check their bylaws to see what flexibility may exist within them. Check to see if there are any requirements for an in-person meeting and/or in-person voting to take place. If there are no restrictions stated within your own bylaws, consideration could be given to hosting a video or teleconference meeting and still completing the process within your regular timeframe. If you are restricted to an in-person meeting, refer back to the guidelines and recommendations from Alberta Registries and postpone your meeting in accordance with those recommendations and ensure you follow the provincial health authority rules on public gatherings.

2. With cancelling all minor hockey sanctioned events, would an MHA be insured to run a minor hockey operated (and insured) concession?

No, insurance coverage for this type of operation, as well as all other sanctioned activities ended effective March 13.

3. Can MHA's have in-person Board and/or executive committee meetings?

Hockey Alberta "strongly recommends" that all meetings be conducted remotely (using conference call and/or video conference). Consideration should always be given to the advice of the provincial health authority on public gatherings and social distancing.

4. Can teams continue with fundraisers/lotteries?

No. All team activities are cancelled.

5. Can we host banquets and team gatherings?

No. All team & MHA activities involving teams are cancelled.

6. When does the season end?

Hockey Canada technically defines the end of the season as May 31. Given the current circumstances, hockey may be cancelled into the start of the next season as well and Hockey Canada's Board of Directors will determine when sanctioned hockey will be able to resume.

7. Is the HC insurance still in place if a player or team personnel contracts the virus while the cancellation is in effect?

No, the insurance stopped on March 13, 2020.



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8. Are MHA's allowed to collect Jerseys?

It is recommended to set up a procedure to collect jerseys that minimizes interaction (ie - one player dropping off at a time). Also, remember to follow the guidelines of the local and Provincial Health Authority.

9. Is there financial compensation available for an MHA who sustained a financial loss when Hockey Canada decided to cancel our tournament?

It is possible that every organization (including Hockey Alberta and Hockey Canada), and every participant, within hockey may have sustained some kind of financial loss because of these unforeseen circumstances. At this time, there will be no compensation provided by Hockey Canada nor Hockey Alberta.

10. Is there financial compensation available for a family who sustained a financial loss when Hockey Canada decided to cancel the season?

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11. Who would be financially liable, the tournament host, Hockey Alberta (who sanctioned the event) or Hockey Canada (who cancelled it)?

The tournament host is financially liable.

12. Are tournament hosts allowed to keep each team's individual tournament entry fee now that tournaments are cancelled?

MHA's that were planning to host a Tournament are not able to keep the Tournament entry fees that each team paid. The cancellation of all hockey was an unforeseen circumstance that no one could have planned for. Full refunds should be given to all teams, if at all possible.

13. When are MHA's allowed to start taking registration for the 2020-2021 season?

MHAs are encouraged to plan for the 2020-21 season. MHAs that are planning to take registrations for the upcoming season, the online registration site on the Hockey Canada Registry will remain open for MHAs to access and use. MHAs must ensure that the season is set to 2020-21 when setting up online registration. Should the COVID-19 pandemic cause delays/cancellations to the 2020 -21 season, refunds can be issued.