

CYDA COVID Policy Effective Sept. 2020

The Belfry Hockey Program is committed to providing the safest environment for our players and families during the 2020-21 hockey season. CYDA's Board has authorized the COVID policy below, based on current best evidence and regulations provided by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) for the return of contact sports and to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

On August 19, 2020 the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) issued a public health order ("PHO") (Updated on 8/28/2020) that provides the minimum mandatory standards that must be complied with by all who play, coach, officiate, or attend sports. This policy is based on the PHO and highlights the requirements specific to youth hockey. The requirements and recommendations provided below are not exhaustive. To better keep your team safe we encourage each coach, Team Compliance Officer, and parent to read the order in its entirety.

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/publicorders/DO-Sports-First-Amended-08.28.20-Reader.pdf>

CYDA's Compliance Officer is Nathan Hyatt. The following are required by all CYDA teams until further notice:

1) Coaches Responsibilities:

- Coaches must coordinate with the Team Manager to designate one or more Team Compliance Officers (TCO). The coach will serve as the alternate Team Compliance Officer in cases where the TCO is not available.
- All coaches and players must view the following videos about how to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in sports, how to prevent COVID-19, and how to recognize symptoms of COVID-19:

- o **CDC video: Youth Sports: Tips to Protect Players From COVID-19**
- o **CDC video: Know the Symptoms of COVID-19**
- o **CDC video: How Does COVID-19 Spread**

- Link for above material can be found at:

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/responsible-restart-ohio/sector-specific-operating-requirements/coaches-and-student-athletes>

- Face masks/coverings are required when entering a building for practices or games.
- If there is a player known to be at an enhanced risk of developing complications from COVID coaches should work with that player's parent(s) or guardian(s) to take reasonable extra precautions that player consistent with the involvement of that player's parent(s) or guardian(s).
- Coaches must take responsibility for their team when conducting off ice practice events such as conditioning, warmups, video sessions and similar events.
- Whenever possible, if the rink makes locker rooms available, coaches should request that two locker rooms are obtained, and the players should be split evenly among the two, seeking to maintain six feet of separation whenever possible.

- While under the jurisdiction of an applicable Public Health Order (i.e. while in the state or county to which the order applies), teams should comply with relevant PHO guidelines applicable to the team (e.g, regarding restrictions on game play, etc.).
- When possible, plan drills that allow for distancing and/or establish subgroups of players.
- The coach should coordinate with the Team Compliance Officer who is to notify CYDA's Compliance Officer of any reported COVID cases.

2) Team Compliance Officer Responsibilities:

- It is the responsibility of the players, coaches, athletic trainers, and other event participants to conduct daily symptom assessments before each practice or game.
- Coaches or players who are ill cannot participate in that day's event.
- The Team Compliance Officer must notify the CYDA Compliance Officer if any players, coaches, or other event participants test positive or have been exposed for greater than 15 minutes to a person known to have COVID.

3) CYDA Compliance Officer Responsibilities:

- Ensure Team Compliance Officers are established and actively executing their responsibilities.
- Maintain this policy and respond to questions and concerns related to this policy.

4) Spectator/Parent/Guardian Responsibilities:

- Must conduct daily symptom assessments; anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home. The CDC website has a list of symptoms and "self-checker" for this symptom assessment.
- o Parents must ensure their players arrive at the rink according to local guidelines and regulations.
- o In many rinks (local and non-local) only one or two spectators per participant is permitted. Please consider the policies of the arena before making a trip to the venue to avoid unpleasant surprises and possibly being denied entry.
- Spectators must follow state, local, and rink guidelines regarding face coverings.
- Spectators may not congregate before or after games in the arena or entrance to the arena.
- If you have a child at higher risk (asthma, diabetes, etc.), please inform your coach so that you, your child, and your coach can discuss and take reasonable extra steps to protect your child.
- If a household member tests positive then the player shall not play or practice but shall quarantine for 14 days. The player should be isolated during quarantine from the COVID-19 positive household member. The parent/guardian must report this to the Team Compliance Officer.

6) Player Responsibilities:

- Players must conduct daily symptom assessments before each practice or game and should not come to the rink or practice facility if they are feeling ill.
- If a player tests positive for covid-19 a parent/guardian shall immediately notify the coach/manager and withhold the player from all further activities with the team and teammates until obtaining a clearance from the player's doctor or health professional. If the player had recent contact with other teammates, then the coach or manager shall attempt to determine what other players or coaches had significant contact with the player. Depending on the circumstances, some or all the team may be required to quarantine for 14 days (or less if they test negative or it turns out the test for the player at issue was a "false" positive for COVID-19).
- Players must follow the rules and requirements of the rink that they are playing in.
- Players must wear face coverings at the rink or facility when not participating in games or practice.
- Masks may be removed once player is ready for game play or practice (on or off ice practice).
- Players must bring their own water bottles marked with their names. Players are **not** permitted to share water bottles.
- Players may not have any physical contact with other players or coaches, including huddles, handshakes with opponents after games, etc.
- Players may not use showers.
- Social distancing must be maintained as much as possible while in the arena and other practice areas.
- Players may not share gear.

7) Suspected and Confirmed Cases Guidelines:

- Players, coaches, officials, or other individuals who either (a) had close contact (within six feet of an infected individual for at least 15 minutes) with a person who had Covid-19 at the time of the contact, or (b) who had direct physical contact with the person (e.g., who physically touched or were coughed on or sneezed on by the infected person) must self-quarantine for 14 days following exposure or until they are confirmed by a test to not have become infected.
- Any players, coaches, officials, or other individuals who become ill or develop symptoms must be immediately isolated and seek medical care.
- The affected person should seek COVID-19 testing as soon as possible.
- Coaches, administrators, parents, and players must work with the local health department to identify individuals who were potentially exposed to help facilitate contact tracing. This includes but is not limited to players, coaches, officials, volunteers, parents, and other support personnel.
- The CYDA Compliance Officer or Team Compliance Officer will notify all players and parents/guardians associated with the affected team regarding a positive test.
- If the affected individual participated in competitive play, the Team Compliance Officer must notify all opponents played between the date of the positive test and two days before the onset of symptoms. If the teams reside in different counties, the health departments in each county must be notified to help facilitate effective contact tracing.

8) Refund Policy

- CYDA will not issue refunds for players who do not participate as a result of COVID and the current pandemic.
- The CYDA Board must review and vote on any exception to this policy.

9) Incident Reporting

CYDA will monitor team compliance with these regulations. CYDA's Compliance Officer and the CYDA Board will continue to stay up to date with any new regulations published by the Ohio Department of Health for youth sports and will communicate with the teams any changes required. If at any time a State issued Public Health Order (PHO) conflicts with this policy, the PHO will supersede this policy.

10) Conclusions

CYDA appreciates the hard work our coaches, team managers and volunteers do to ensure that each season is as safe and fun as possible.

The current environment definitely demands more from all of us but your commitment to adhering to these new safety regulations will help us complete a successful hockey season. Thank you in advance for doing your part!