



## Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Association Registration Support Document Version 2: September 20, 2020

Welcome back to hockey. The Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Association is pleased to welcome all players and families back to our new season. This season will be a little bit different than previous seasons as the COVID-19 pandemic has introduced some new challenges. Your Board and staff have put together a comprehensive return-to-play document that is currently under review at Hockey Newfoundland. We anticipate its approval in the next couple of days.

This document is intended to provide registration guidance for new and returning players. We encourage you to review this document fully prior to commencing registration.

### **DIVISIONS and SEASON STRUCTURE**

Our objective is to deliver a hockey season that resembles a normal year while adhering to current public health guidelines. The design of the 2020-2021 season will follow the current sport guidelines as published by HNL on August 31, 2020. You can view this document on the HNL website ([www.hockeynl.ca](http://www.hockeynl.ca)). We have built our season plan on these guidelines and will adapt programming if and when public health guidelines change. We highlight some of the main constraints below:

1. Access to changerooms will be limited (capacity is reduced). Therefore, we suggest you come to the rink with your hockey player mostly dressed. Space in the lobby will be provided to tie skates and to put on helmets. Goalies are special – they'll get a little more space.
2. You always have to wear a mask in the facility. Players and coaches, however, can remove their masks when their helmet goes on.
3. Players should arrive at the facility no more than 10 minutes prior and exit the facility no more than 10 minutes after their scheduled ice time.
4. The facility needs to be cleaned after each on-ice session. This requires a 30-minute break between ice sessions.
5. There can only be 30 total people on the ice at one time (including players, officials, coaches, technical directors, etc.)
6. 100 max in building (all players, arena staff, coaches, spectators, MPMHA staff)
7. No parents in the dressing rooms – limited capacity – let's be home dressers!

HNL's guidelines are centered around the creation of groups of 50 and working through phases 1-3 towards two-line game play. Two-line games (5 v 5) will be possible in phase 3. By the start of our on-ice activities, we anticipate that we will be operating in HNL's phase 2 which will limit on-ice activities to skills and drills in a practice format and some modified games.

As we move through the HNL-phased approach, we will aspire to regular, three-line, five-on-five game play. We cannot, however, guarantee that MPMHA will be approved to move to phase 4 at any point in the season.

The following table highlights the details for each age division.

| Age Division      | Formerly known as:      | Years                        | Registration Begins | Registration Deadline | Fee   | Season Hours (minimum) | Starting Week of: |
|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------|------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>U7*</b>        | Initiation Program (IP) | 2014 and under               | October 13          | October 16            | TBA   | TBD                    | October 18        |
| <b>U9</b>         | Novice                  | 2012, 2013                   | September 18        | September 24          | \$595 | 40                     | September 28      |
| <b>U11</b>        | Atom                    | 2010, 2011                   | September 18        | September 24          | \$595 | 40                     | September 28      |
| <b>U13</b>        | Peewee                  | 2009, 2008                   | September 18        | September 24          | \$595 | 40                     | September 28      |
| <b>U15</b>        | Bantam                  | 2006, 2007                   | September 18        | September 24          | \$595 | 40                     | September 28      |
| <b>U18</b>        | Midget                  | 2005, 2004, 2003             | October 13          | October 16            | \$595 | 40                     | October 18        |
| <b>Female U9</b>  | Female U9               | 2012, 2013                   | September 18        | September 24          | \$595 | 40                     | September 28      |
| <b>Female U12</b> | Female U12              | 2009, 2010, 2011             | September 18        | September 24          | \$595 | 40                     | September 28      |
| <b>Female U15</b> | Female U15              | 2006, 2007, 2008             | September 18        | September 24          | \$595 | 40                     | September 28      |
| <b>Female U20</b> | Female U20              | 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001 | October 13          | October 16            | \$595 | 40                     | October 18        |

\*note: we are currently not accepting "new" skaters (i.e., players with no prior hockey experience) at this time. Players in the U7 program must be able to skate by themselves to begin October. We will try and introduce something for new skaters as soon as we can.

## Phases

| Phase | Approximate Dates                            | Details   |
|-------|--|---|
| 1     | Now to September 27                          | Registration<br>Coach Applications<br>Orientation (Video)<br>Group formation  |
| 2     | September 28 to Mid-to-late October          | Skills and Drills<br>Some modified games (e.g., 4 on 4)<br>Roughly 1.5 hours per group<br>U7 and U18 excluded                                   |
| 3     | After Phase 2 until HNL approval for Phase 4 | Roughly 2 – 2.5 hours per group<br>2-line games (intra-association)<br>U7 and U18 begin<br>Some group changes based on phase 2 assessment by TD |
| 4     | Unknown (hopefully December)                 | Inter-association play returns<br>May remain 2-line hockey  |

### Future Updates:

#### DJHL, all-star leagues

The DJHL pooled leagues for U13 (formerly Peewee) and U15 (formerly Bantam) have been approved by HNL. Please visit [www.djhl.ca](http://www.djhl.ca) for more information regarding tryout eligibility and registration. If you are eligible and planning to tryout, you do not need to register for MPMHA at this time. If you are released from the DJHL, then you will register with MPMA. An announcement regarding association-based teams (e.g., Atom A (now U11A) and Peewee B (now U13B)) is coming soon.

#### Female Program

If you are a female hockey player, you need to decide between playing minor hockey or playing female-only hockey to begin the season. It is possible, in later phases, that players will be permitted to participate in both. Female U18 has been expanded to U20 for this year in order to accommodate Junior players.

#### Friend Requests

Unfortunately, due to our capacity and ice-time constraints, we will be unable to honor any friend requests this year.

## REGISTRATION

### Returning MPMHA players:

- Visit the [www.mountpearlblades.com](http://www.mountpearlblades.com) website. Select the 'Register' button located in the top right hand corner
- Login to the site using the same email and password you used for the 2019-2020 season.
- Follow the step-by-step instructions to register your children for the appropriate division

### New MPMHA players:

- If you are new to MPMHA, you will need to set up an account on the web page.

### Payment Methods:

1. *Payment in full:* You can pay the full amount of your registration when you register using your PayPal account or by using a credit card through the PayPal service (without setting up a PayPal account).
2. *Payment in installments:* If you wish to pay by installments, select the "pay at the office" option and make arrangements with the administrator, Dave Burry ([administrator@mountpearlblades.com](mailto:administrator@mountpearlblades.com) or 364-5352). You can make payments over the phone or contact Dave to arrange an appointment at the office.
3. *If you have volunteer credits that you wish to use,* select the "pay at the office" option and make arrangements with the administrator, Dave Burry ([administrator@mountpearlblades.com](mailto:administrator@mountpearlblades.com) or 364-5352). You can make payments over the phone or contact Dave to arrange an appointment at the office.

*Note: we are working on an EMT option. Stay tuned!*