

OWHA BULLETIN

TO: OWHA Members DATE: June 10, 2020

RE: OWHA Return to Hockey Framework

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association is announcing its initial Return to Hockey Framework and specifically the implementation of Phase 2 - Stage 1, following Hockey Canada's Return to Hockey's Board of Directors decision last week and based on the current Ontario Government Emergency Order Amendment.

Currently there is no programming approved to be run anywhere in Ontario.

Over the past three months, the OWHA has worked in conjunction with guidance from Public Health, the Government of Ontario, Hockey Canada and hockey organizations within Ontario to develop this Return to Hockey plan that will promote the health and safety of all stakeholders in the game. It is important to keep in mind that as both the environment and Emergency Order evolve within the province, so will the framework detailed in the document.

Within the Return to Hockey Plan, the OWHA has provided a detailed Phased approach to reintroduce hockey activities throughout Ontario. The safety of all our Members, players, participants and supporters will continue to be the priority. This staged approach does not have a specific timeframe, but will evolve at the guidance of public health, the provincial government and our governing body, Hockey Canada. At any point during the progression we may need to pause or return to a previous stage in order to protect and support our participants and the public.

The OWHA's Return to Hockey plan can be found here: Return to Hockey - COVID-19 Response.

We support the Province's encouragement for the public to continue to adhere to public health measures, including practicing physical distancing or wearing a face covering when physical distancing is difficult or not possible and regular handwashing and staying home when ill.

Kind Regards, Ontario Women's Hockey Association