



## Protocol for NYKHA Coaches and Safety Reps

All NYKHL coaches, assistants and team volunteers must adhere to all federal, provincial and municipal laws, regulations, by-laws and orders as they may exist from time to time. This includes but is not limited to compliance with:

- Physical distancing measures
- Health and safety regulations
- Size of permitted gatherings
- NYKHL regulations, rules, policies, and procedures including but not limited to certification and screening requirements and compliance with the NYKHL Insurance Guide
- All Safe Sport policies and procedures
- Applicable occupational health and safety requirements

ALL North York Knights Hockey Association coaches, staff, volunteers, players, parents, caregivers, siblings and any other persons accessing arena facilities during any NYKHA hockey programs, who are eligible to be vaccinated from COVID-19 MUST either:

1. have shown proof of full vaccination to the NYKHA, as is defined by the NYKHA; or
2. have been granted an accommodation by the GTHL pursuant to the process prescribed in the GTHL Vaccination Policy Accommodation Request Application and be in compliance with the terms of such accommodation.

Coaches of NYKHL Registered Teams may only conduct on-ice small group sessions with registered players providing such sessions meet all NYKHL and health requirements and that are conducted in facilities that are compliant with requirements.

The coach is responsible for ensuring execution of all on-ice activities are conducted in a manner that maintains physical distancing and upholds NYKHA safety protocols, and GTHL Game plan 2.0, and Public Health Agency measures.

Each NYKHL coach prior to a game, or conducting a practice, must implement and comply with the current version of the safety protocols. There must be a designated person in charge of each session who is responsible for the management, record keeping and reporting for all sessions during the season. Any non-implementation or non-compliance may have consequences including removal from the league and could jeopardize insurance coverage.

All coaches/trainers/volunteers/officials taking part in NYKHL sanctioned team activities must self-screen in accordance with current public health guidelines on the GTHL health screening program before attending any NYKHA session.

Individuals must not attend any team activities if they:

- Exhibit any COVID-19 symptoms, such as a fever, cough, difficulty breathing, or other symptoms identified by health experts
- Have been diagnosed with Covid-19 and have not been cleared for removal from isolation
- Have been in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the past 14 days
- Have returned from travel outside of Canada (must quarantine for 14 days at home)
- Are considered a vulnerable or at-risk individual (individuals over 70 years, weakened immune system or medical conditions such as heart disease, lung disease, cancer etc.).

The coach will ensure any players not feeling well or failing the COVID-19 safety screening will not be allowed to participate in any team activities and should instruct them to seek medical attention or return home.

The coach will instruct all players, officials, volunteers and parents to take proper steps to practicing good hygiene.

Coaches choosing to conduct on-ice activities must record the names of all participants/ coaches / trainers and other participants in activities on a session-by-session basis. This must be recorded and kept for 30 days in order to assist with contact tracing in the event of any positive COVID-19 cases within the league.

Personal items like equipment bags should be left in the individual's vehicle (in a safe and secure location) and not be brought into the arena. Players and coaches may carry their own water bottle, tissue box, zip lock container for mask while on ice, and puck and pylon bag etc. into the arena.

Coaches and on-ice volunteers are required to wear a non-medical face mask while coaching & must be in compliance in areas and facilities where it is mandated.

All coaching should be done using verbal cues from a distance. Coaches must coach from one spot on the ice or over the boards at rink side. Coaches are not permitted to skate alongside players; coaches and skaters/goaltenders must remain at least 2m apart from each other.

Coaches, trainers, volunteers and players must use individual water bottles, tissue boxes etc. during games and practice sessions. No sharing of these items is permitted. Players must have their own closed containers (i.e. Ziploc bag) for disposing of used personal items such as tissues. These must be disposed of at home or in a lidded garbage container in the facility.

Players must not touch hockey pucks with their hands. The lead on-ice instructor is responsible for the management of hockey pucks and pylons in a manner that is in accordance with health guidelines. If pucks and pylons cannot be safely managed, they are not to be used.

# Coach/Team Safety Representative Checklist

## SECTION 3

# Checklist to Success



### Review & Follow

- Provincial/territorial health authority guidelines
- Local health authority guidelines
- Hockey Canada Member guidelines



### Plan

- Assign someone to monitor updates
- Meet with your facility
- Team staff clarifies responsibilities specific to practices
- Arrival at facility organized to meet guidelines
- Hygiene requirements
- Physical distancing in the facility
- Guidelines around dressing rooms and showers
- Physical distancing during on-ice sessions
- Requirements for parents/guardians at the facility
- Departure from facility organized to meet guidelines
- Procedure if participant is sick



### Meet with Parents/Guardians/Participants

- Overview of what to expect
- Safety steps put in place
- Their role in creating a safe and healthy environment



### At the Facility

- Practice physical distancing
- Practice responsible hygiene
- Follow public health authority guidelines
- Follow Member and facility guidelines
- Have fun!

