



December 22, 2020

Barrie AAA Zone Hockey Return to Play - Update #8

Grey Zone Protocol

As you all know we are moving into “lockdown” effective 12:01 am December 26th for a period of 28 days (at least) to January 22, 2021. Currently all the rinks in our area will remain closed during this period.

We will get more details in the new year as to when and under what rules the arenas plan to open.

At this point there is not much more info and I hope we are able to return to Orange so that complete teams can return to the ice.

Survey

Over the past week we have conducted a survey to get your input on what type of program you would like to see under Red protocol. We received 115 responses (about 66%).

Would you prefer to continue with Barrie AAA Programming or Determine your own for your player?

89 want to continue with Barrie AAA programming and 26 to determine their own programming.

Of the 89 who wish to continue with Barrie AAA programming,

57 wished to maintain the same number of sessions (knowing costs could increase) and 32 wished to reduce the number of sessions to 2 per week (costs similar)

As you know we were offering approx. 4 ice times per week per team under Orange.

Under Red with the 10-player limitation this dropped to approx. 2 ice times per week per player for the last few sessions in December.

Of course, all of this is on pause for the next 28 days or so.

For now, we will take this information into consideration when we start to review various scenarios for return later in January.

It is difficult to forecast what hockey may look like in early 2021 and it will require input from the arenas as to ice time available, other user groups plans and overall cost structure to our membership.

Our goal is to safely provide the best program possible under the conditions at the time.

Recognizing we are faced with an ever-changing landscape it is difficult to forecast with any certainty right now.

In the meantime, I hope you are able to enjoy a safe and happy Christmas season in spite of the difficult restrictions.

Hugh Campbell
Chairman, Barrie AAA Zone Hockey