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Barrie AAA Zone Hockey Return to Play - Update #4

Registration Payment for November

As a reminder your registration payment for the month of November in the amount of \$450.00 will automatically be charged to your credit card on file (when you initially registered), on November 1.

Spectators in the Arena

We have been restricting spectators to concentrate on getting the players on the ice in a safe environment. I realize this has been frustrating for parents as I know you all want to watch your boys on the ice.

With the current rise in Covid cases in our area and the roll back to Stage 2b in York and Toronto, we have taken the decision to continue to restrict spectators for the time being.

In the event of a rollback in our area, we would be forced to shut down our hockey program as the potential restrictions could ban indoor sports or at the least limit the numbers allowed on the ice. As a result, we could not continue as the financial impact and lack of available ice time would make it impossible.

Currently, Holly arena has a streaming service and the City is also looking at other opportunities for additional rinks. As well IRC has an internal streaming system. These both provide at least a limited ability to watch the practices.

Now that we have the Health Screening and Attendance Tracking online and it seems to be working well, we have a system in place that we can use in the future as conditions improve.

We will continue to monitor this situation and will adjust accordingly when conditions improve. For now, your cooperation and understanding are appreciated as our first priority is to keep the boys on the ice in a safe environment.

Games with NCP

We had planned on having 4 on 4 games with NCP, but due to the current rise in Covid cases in the area, the management of Rama arena will currently not allow games. We will continue to monitor this and hope to see these games happen in the future.

Future Plans

At this point our current program, is planned to stay in place until December 23. We are starting to look at what changes or improvements we may be able to make for the January to March timeframe. I had certainly hoped we would have seen some positive improvements in the number of cases but to date that certainly has not happened. Our goal right now is to continue to keep the players on the ice and do everything we can to avoid any further restrictions. In the event conditions improve, we remain ready to expand our program as conditions warrant.

Thank you to everyone for your understanding and cooperation as we all work together to safely keep our hockey program going.

Hugh Campbell
Chairman, Barrie AAA Zone Hockey