

# DURHAM WEST GIRLS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION RETURN TO HOCKEY COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN

## **COVID-19 Team Designate (Team Role)**

Each team must designate at least 1 person to be an on-site person responsible for the management of the COVID-19 protocols, record keeping and reporting for each session. The team designate(s) will work in collaboration with the COVID-19 Association Liaison.

## Responsibilities include:

- Health status questionnaire (HSQ) completed by all participants and spectators before each team event
  - Participants are encouraged to use the RAMPTeam APP
  - Should the module not be available, the designated team representative can collect HSQ verbally from participants and track on the DWGHA Contact Tracing Form
- Tracking attendance (players, staff & spectators) at all team event for contract tracing purpose and retain for 30days
  - Collect attendance for team members and spectators using the DWGHA Contact Tracing Form
- Manage any team COVID-19 incidences and report incident and/or noncompliance to the DWGHA COVID-19 Association Liaison

Teams must provide the name and contact information of their COVID-19 Team Designate(s) to the DWGHA COVID-19 Association Liaison.

## **COVID-19 Response Plan**

## 1. DWGHA COVID-19 Association Liaison

Rebekah Simmons, Association Registrar, <a href="mailto:registrar@dwgha.com">registrar@dwgha.com</a>

# Responsibilities

- Ensure all coaches, staff, players and families (association members) are aware of COVID-19 protocols
- Develop and update any association COVID-19 protocols in keeping with any COVID-19 requirements
- Communicate any changes to the COVID 19 protocol to association members
- Report any COVID-19 incidents to the OWHA



- Work with teams, public health and facilities in the event of a COVID-19 incident
- Review and address any incidents of COVID-19 protocol non-compliance by association members

## 2. DWGHA COVID-19 Related Protocols

# <u>Compliance</u>

- All coaches, staff and executive member have reviewed OWHA Return to Play protocol and will adhere to rules and regulations outlined
- All coaches, staff, players and families will be required to read and understand all COVID-19 protocols
- Development and circulation of COVID-19 Protocols

#### **DWGHA COVID-19 Protocols**

## If a participant\* becomes unwell and exhibits signs/symptoms of COVID-19

- \* Participant is defined as any coach, team staff, player or spectator that participates in or was in attendance at any DWGHA hockey activities.
  - If a participant becomes unwell with symptoms of COVID-19, or if someone is aware of a participant that becomes unwell with symptoms of COVID-19, that participant must immediately stop participation in all hockey activities
  - The participant should be isolated from all others in a well-ventilated area, or outside and provided and put on a face mask
    - All teams are encouraged to purchase a box of disposable face masks and keep them in the Trainer Kit
  - The participant shall be sent home and instructed to follow all public health guidelines regarding self-isolation and testing
    - The participant *MUST* be tested for the safety of all who have come in contact with them
  - The facility should be informed to determine whether any areas need to be closed off and/or require additional cleaning/disinfecting
  - The COVID-19 Team Designate must contact the DWGHA COVID-19
     Association Liaison via e-mail (registrar@dwgha.com) to advise them of the situation
    - The COVID-19 Team Designate will contact the participant or their parent/guardian to determine what next steps are being taken regarding testing and report back to the DWGHA COVID-19 Association Liaison
  - The DWGHA COVID-19 Association Liaison will inform the DWGHA President and Director of Rep of the situation as soon as possible



## If a participant is tested for COVID-19:

- Any participant who has been part of a hockey program that has been tested for COVID-19 must not participate in hockey activities while waiting for the results of the test and not until a negative test result is received
- The COVID-19 Team Designate will consult the DWGHA Contact Tracing Form to inform other participants who might have been in close contact with the individual
  - Communication example: We have been informed that on (enter date) at (enter name of arena) participants have been in close contact with an individual who is being tested for COVID-19. Until their test result is received, all team events are cancelled. If any member of your household is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, please contact your physician or public health authority and advise us immediately. We will advise on next steps once the test results are available.
- Any individual(s) who were in close contact with the individual being tested should not participate in hockey activities and should follow all public health guidelines until the diagnosis of COVID-19 is confirmed negative
  - All team events MUST be cancelled until the participant's test results are available
    - The participant must provide a copy of their test result to COVID-19 Association Liaison so that hockey activities can be reinstated
  - o If the test results are positive, please follow the procedure outlined below

## If a participant tests positive for COVID-19

- If an participant tests positive for COVID-19, they should inform the DWGHA COVID-19 Association Liaison who will immediately notify the DWGHA President and Director of Rep as well as the OWHA President and/or Director Operations as well as email <a href="team@owha.on.ca">team@owha.on.ca</a>
- The COVID-19 Association Liaison will work where requested with the COVID-19
  Team Designate, the team, the facility and public health officials to assist in
  contact tracing. The DWGHA Contact Tracing Forms may be used to assist
  public health officials in informing participants who may have been in close
  contact with the individual
- Any participant who was in close contact with the COVID -19 positive participant should not participate in hockey activities for 14 days and should follow public health guidelines regarding self-isolation and testing
- The DWGHA President will inform and work with the ice facility in the case of a
  positive COVID- 19 result and determine if any additional cleaning/disinfecting
  should be performed as per the facility's guidelines



## Return to hockey activities following illness / COVID-19

Following a positive COVID-19 test, a participant must follow all public health guidelines regarding return to activities. The participant will need to be re-tested for COVID-19 and provide the negative results to the COVID-19 Association Liaison before they can return to play.

## Modification/restriction/postponing or canceling of hockey development activities

- Based on the evolving COVID-19 Pandemic, the DWGHA is prepared to follow public health, municipal/provincial government, and sport recommendations regarding modifying/restricting/postponing or cancellation of activities
- Associations/teams should establish a program cancellation policy if one does not exist already
- DWGHA members will be informed as soon as possible of any modifications, restrictions or cancellations
- The DWGHA and their member teams will keep any modifications and restrictions in place until advised that it is safe to resume activities by public health, government, or sport officials

### **Public Health Guidelines**

DWGHA members will follow all public health guidelines regarding COVID-19. These include:

- Any DWGHA member who themselves have travelled outside of Canada, or has someone in their household who has travelled outside Canada must self-isolate and not participate in club/skating school activities for 14 days
- Any DWGHA member who has been exposed to someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19 should self-isolate and is not permitted to participate in hockey activities for 14 days or until a negative COVID-19 test result is received
- Any DWGHA member with symptoms of COVID-19 is not permitted to take part in hockey activities
- Any DWGHA member who has someone in their household exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, should not participate in hockey activity