

HOCKEY IS COMING BACK!

THE LINDSAY LYNX GIRLS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION IS EXCITED TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON OUR RETURN TO PLAY PLAN FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON.

We would like to thank everyone who has already registered and provided us with the info we needed to begin creating our return to play plan. As a member of the OWHA we are mandated to follow their Stage 3 Modified Programming for a safe return to play.

Our Rep Program will begin September 8th and our House League Program will begin in early October.

Hockey will look quite different this season and will require patience and understanding by all of those involved. A copy of the OWHA return to play guidelines can be found at **owha.on.ca**

We will try to provide an outline of our program and answer as many questions as we can in this update.

FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, players who are registered for Rep will be assigned to a group by birth year and in most cases, this group will be made up of the team they were a part of last year. New players will be added to a group by birth year.

It is our hope that this is just for the month of September; we have to follow guidelines put in place by the OWHA. The executive have exhausted several other scenarios and determined this route to be the safest and most efficient way to get the girls back on the ice. These will be groups of approximately 12-14 players and they will be led by 1-2 instructors and will be supported by a certified trainer and a group manager. Each group will receive two, one hour time slots per week at the Lindsay Rec Centre. You will be contacted by your group instructor in the next week with your starting date and time. If you are registered and are not contacted by **September 5th**, please contact us at **lindsay.lynx.registrar@gmail.com** Here is what a return to the rink will look like, and what will be expected of us when we return. Players will have to be dressed except for skates 10 minutes before their ice time, and will then be allowed into the facility to put on their skates. If a skater is 10 or younger, 1 Parent will be allowed in to help tie skates. As soon as the skates are tied, the parent will have to leave the facility, as there are no spectators allowed at this time. Player bags and shoes are to be left on the Visitors bench. Players then have to exit the facility after the ice time through a different exit door. Dressing rooms 2 and 9 will be open for washroom use only.

There will be a one-way traffic flow that must be followed as per the map below.



It has been decided that registration fees will be collected on a monthly basis for the time being to ensure a smooth and easy transition back to hockey for everyone. If the season is cancelled for any reason, refunds will be issued on a prorated basis. The fee for the month of September will be **\$100** and will need to be paid by **September 15th** by E-Transfer only to lindsay.lynx.registrar@gmail.com. Please include player's name in the notes section of the e-transfer.

Please understand that the guidelines we are working under are fluid and frequently being adjusted. That being said, it is our hope that beginning in October, the groups will be divided into balanced teams by age category. There will be no Tier 1 or Tier 2 at this point. As it stands right now, we are only allowed to travel and play modified 3on3 or 4on4 games within our own organization and our own Public Health Unit.

We are currently in the process of reaching out to other centres in the hopes of creating a modified return to play scenario to mutually benefit both associations. Again, this is just a work in progress that will require time and effort to coordinate. Please be patient. We will update the situation as soon as we can. We thank you for your patience and understanding in these trying times, and look forward to getting the girls back on the ice.

Stay tuned for updates.

GO LYNX GO!