



SCMHA U10 to U16 Programming Update



To the participants of SCMHA U10 to U16 divisions.

The Province has placed the City of Hamilton in the COVID-19 Control - Red Zone. These restrictions have impacted all sport organizations including minor hockey in our region. **The SCMHA board has made the decision to resume our U10 to U16 programming effective immediately.** Although the decision to suspend gameplay is disappointing, SCMHA believes collectively we can work with the safety guidelines imposed by the Province and City of Hamilton to keep everyone moving forward in a positive direction. We will ONLY be offering training during this time and sincerely apologize for any disruption and inconvenience these alterations to programming may cause.

After careful review and deliberation, we've decided to proceed with programming ONLY between the U10 to U16 divisions. Our polling of information came back with 80% of our participants looking to continue with some form of training, even given the current state of restrictions now imposed by the City of Hamilton. We have done our best to listen to our community and provide options to safely satisfy the demand. We appreciate all of your continued efforts to assist and stick with us during these times.

We will resume programming tomorrow, November 25th, 2020. All schedules are already updated.

We encourage everyone to reach out to their respective coaches for updated information. We understand the difficulty with the last minute information and can assure you we've done our very best to stay ahead of our own proverbial curve.

- These are TRAINING PODS - not game pods
- All GAME teams will revert back to their original state once/if we return to gameplay
- ONLY 10 WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE FACILITY
- Players are to arrive dressed where possible
- A Coach/Trainer will be required
- Pods are set up as 8 players
- All contact tracing and screening is still ongoing and mandatory, please visit the website for further details
- We will be running 1 SCMHA ice session per week
- All outside development is still moving forward as originally scheduled
- There will be no refunds at this time, any changes to fees will be addressed at a later date once we've had an opportunity to review all of the costs
- This will be in place until the City of Hamilton is opened back up. This is on two levels, both the Control Red Zone (Dec 14th - minimum) but also the City's allowable individuals within any facility

- **PROVINCIAL CODE LEVEL RED CONTROL:** Limits of 10 persons/participants per facility, no games, scrimmages and strict social distancing. <https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-response-framework-keeping-ontario-safe-and-open#red>
- **CITY OF HAMILTON:** Limits per facility have been updated to 10 persons total in the facility regardless of size or number of arenas. <https://www.hamilton.ca/government-information/news-centre/news-releases/covid-19-new-capacity-limits-city-hamilton>
- **OHF CODE RED STAGE 1:** limits of 10 participants total (coach and players) per ice, no games, scrimmages and strict on ice social distancing. [OHF Bulletin-COVID-19](#)

SCMHA will update the families and participants when more information becomes available and we ask our players and families to be patient during this ever-changing environment. The SCMHA Board of Directors wish you and your families well and to be safe during this unprecedented time.