



COVID-19 Return to Hockey – tracking document

Date	Action	Additional Information
June 4 th	Hockey Canada Safety Guidelines released	https://hnb.ca/images/hnb/pdf/HC_RTH_SafetyGUIDELINES_8.5X11_ENG_FINAL.pdf
June 4 th	HNB statement on Return to Hockey	https://hnb.ca/en/allcategories-en-gb/category-en-gb/latest-news/hockey-nb-statement-on-return-to-hockey
June 6 th	HNB Board of Directors approve two work groups.	Work groups consisted of representatives from HNB board, councils, commission, minor hockey associations and subject matter experts. <u>Operations work group mandate</u> - To create an Operations Plan that meets the Government of New Brunswick's requirements. <u>Seasonal Structure work group mandate</u> - To create a Seasonal Structure that meets the Government of New Brunswick's requirements.
June 30 th	Dr. Maurice Roy appointed Chief Medical Officer for HNB	https://www.hnb.ca/en/allcategories-en-gb/category-en-gb/latest-news/dr-maurice-roy-appointed-hockey-new-brunswick-chief-medical-officer
July 15 th	Version 1 - Return to Hockey Guidelines released	
July 23 rd	HNB Board of Directors approve Junior / Senior Return to Hockey work group	<u>Junior / Senior work group mandate</u> - To create a Seasonal Structure that meets the Government of New Brunswick's requirements, specific to Junior / Senior hockey.
July 23 rd	Hockey Canada Officiating Guidelines released	https://hnb.ca/images/hnb/2020/pdf/Officiating_Guide.pdf
August 19 th	Communication sent out – Return to Hockey (phases)	https://hnb.ca/images/HNB_-_Return_to_Hockey_Guidelines_phases.pdf
August 21 st	Hockey Canada – Planning a safe return to hockey course	https://hnb.ca/en/allcategories-en-gb/category-en-gb/latest-news/planning-a-safe-return-to-hockey
Sept 22 nd	Version 2 – Return to Hockey Guidelines released	Changes included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section 4 – Safety Guidelines – under ‘Physical Distancing’ – recommend teams reduce number of Team Officials on players bench. - Section 5 - Education: Appendix F and Appendix G – which includes updates on Coach and Officiating certification for the 2020-2021 season. - Section 6 – Return to Hockey Structure: Addition of limited ‘checking’ in drills under Phase 2. - Section 6 – Return to Hockey Structure: Phase 3 travel, changed to Exhibition games permitted within Zone.



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section 6 - Return to Hockey Structure: Additional resources for modified games which are permitted in Phase 2. - Section 6 - Return to Hockey Structure: Appendix H added, which includes a Regulations Review document with amendments due to COVID-19.
Oct 1 st	Communication sent out – Return to Hockey – Phases 3 / 4	https://hnb.ca/images/HNB - Return to Hockey update - Oct 1.pdf
Oct 21 st	Version 3 – Return to Hockey Guidelines released	<p>Changes included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section 4 – Safety Guidelines – masks are now required by Government of New Brunswick. - Section 6 – Return to Hockey Structure – additional information related to Facilities (spectators, contacting tracing, pre-screening, masks, dressing rooms / showers, arrival / departure times). As well as updates to ‘Areas of Focus’ during game play (altercations / scrums, spitting, benches, goal celebrations, handshakes, suspensions, regional play). - Section 6 – Return to Hockey Structure – Phases 3, 4 and 5 – under contact, addition of physical distancing requirements outside of the field of play (dressing rooms, team gatherings, etc). - Section 6 – Return to Hockey Structure – Phase 4 travel, changed to play within league or exhibition games within zone.
Nov 26 th	Version 4 – Return to Hockey Guidelines released	<p>Changes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section 4 – Safety Guidelines – revised protocols for members who are sick or showing signs of COVID-19, as well as additional information related to Screening Protocols. - Section 4 – Safety Guidelines - New Screening Protocols for health zones that are in the Orange Alert Phase. - Section 4 – Safety Guidelines - Outlined process for positive COVID-19 test. - Section 6 – Return to Hockey Structure – Minor Hockey Associations whose boundaries in a health zone that moves to the Orange Alert Phase 1, will revert to Phase 1 in HNB Return to Hockey Guidelines. - Section 6 – Return to Hockey Structure – For associations in the Orange Alert Phase, Affiliate players are not permitted at practice. - Section 6 – Return to Hockey Structure – detailed protocols for the hosting of tournaments.



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section 6 – Return to Hockey Structure - Goal Celebrations – added detail on what’s permitted. - Appendix C – Contact Tracing Registry – column added for ‘guests’ to be included. - Appendix I – Government of New Brunswick FAQ’s added
Dec 9	Version 5 – Return to Hockey Guidelines released	<p>Changes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section 6 – Return to Hockey Structure: Start date for tournaments moved from December 18th, 2020 to January 8th, 2021. - Section 6 – Return to Hockey Structure: During Phase 5, team travel is restricted to play within their league, exhibition games with their Zone (Zone A, B, C, D) or tournaments within the specific geographic region outlined on Page 10. - Section 6 – Return to Hockey Structure – specific guidelines for tournaments with less than and more than 150 people.
Dec 23 rd	Version 6 – Return to Hockey Guidelines released	<p>Changes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section 4 – Safety Guidelines (Contact Tracing) - During games, it’s the responsibility of the home team to collect the contact information for all players, coaches and spectators from visiting team. - Section 6 – Return to Hockey Structure - Between December 23rd-January 15th, each team can only play one other team per day. - Section 6 – Return to Hockey Structure: Based on Government of New Brunswick directives, Hockey New Brunswick is currently not sanctioning any tournaments or jamborees.
Feb 3 rd	Version 7 – Return to Hockey Guidelines released	<p>Changes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section 6 – Return to Hockey Structure – aligning the phases with the Government of New Brunswick’s alert levels (red, orange and yellow). - Section 6 – Return to Hockey Structure – during the orange alert level, practices are limited to skills and drills (1 v 1, 2 v 2, 3 v 3, 4 v 4) – with physical distancing.
Feb 26 th	Version 8 – Return to Hockey Guidelines	<p>Based on the February 26th Government of New Brunswick announcement, the following changes to the HNB Return to Hockey Guidelines have been made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section 6 – Return to Hockey Structure - During the Orange Alert Level, intra-squad scrimmages are now permitted within a single team’s practice.



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<p>March 8th</p>	<p>Version 9 – Return to Hockey Guidelines</p>	<p>https://hnb.ca/images/hnb/2020/pdf/Return to Hockey - Version 9.pdf</p> <p>Changes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section 6 – Return to Hockey Structure - Tournaments / Jamborees are permitted, with all team’s coming from the same Public Health Zone and less than 150 participants. The number of participants includes players, coaches and officials. - Section 6 – Return to Hockey Structure - Each tournament / jamboree needs to submit an event operational plan – specific details which need to be included are outlined on Page 10 of the Return to Hockey Guidelines.