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Question and Answer - Ontario Government Restrictions for Sports Programming January 4, 2022

1. Who is considered and Elite Amateur Sports League under Ontario Regulation 263/20?

[Ontario Regulation 263/20 Section 8](#) as of January 3 had the following list for Elite Amateur Sports Leagues or Associations. The Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries has not projected changes to this list. Minor Hockey is not considered Elite Amateur Sports Leagues.

TABLE 2
ELITE AMATEUR SPORT LEAGUES OR ASSOCIATIONS

	Elite Amateur Sport Leagues or Associations	Sport
1.	Canadian Hockey League	Hockey
2.	Elite Baseball League of Ontario U 18 Division	Baseball
3.	League 1 Ontario	Soccer
4.	Ontario Junior "A" Lacrosse League	Lacrosse
5.	Ontario Scholastic Basketball Association	Basketball
6.	Ontario Women's Field Lacrosse U 19 "A" League	Lacrosse

2. Are we allowed to continue with outdoor training as only indoor training was closed?

The OHF has paused all in-person programming, indoor and outdoor. Participants will not have insurance coverage through the Hockey Canada Insurance Program for any in-person on or off-ice activities during the pause.

3. Are there any sanctioned activities that are allowed during the pause?

Teams may request at the approval of the OHF Member to be sanctioned for virtual program offerings (Video Conference Training Sessions). It will be at the discretion of the Member if activities will be approved.

4. Will I still be able to participate in Virtual Training?

Such programming that is being offered will be done with the approval of the OHF or Member for the purpose of sanctioning and insurance. The following programming falls under the umbrella of virtual training as per the OHF Return to Hockey Framework: Sport Science – sleep, nutrition, fitness, training, dance, flexibility, yoga, mental training, and mental health.

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5. What insurance coverage is in place while on the pause?

The Directors and Officers Insurance will maintain in place for all Members and Associations during the break. There is no insurance for any in-person on or off-ice programming.

6. Has it been determined what will happen the rest of the hockey season?

From January 5, 2022, at 12:01am until 12:01am on January 27, 2022, the OHF will pause all in-person programming with limited exceptions. Once the Ontario Government deems in-person safe, OHF Members will advise on further scheduling.

7. Will my game schedule be reduced, or season extended?

Individual Members of the OHF will determine how best to handle game schedules within their leagues. Currently, the OHF has full intention of continuing to prepare for the execution of the OHF Championships, meaning all activity for the 2021-22 hockey season will end at their conclusion.

8. What are the current changes to the OHF Return to Hockey Framework?

The OHF and its seven Members will be working with the Ontario government in the upcoming weeks to determine how or if, the OHF Return to Hockey Framework will change based on what Public Health and Ontario Government changes.

9. Will the OHF require booster shots to be considered fully vaccinated?

The pause in OHF sanctioned activity does not affect OHF or Member vaccination policies.

10. Will the OHF require testing following the pause?

There has been no change with regards to testing requirements within OHF programming.

11. Will refunds be provided for lost ice time during the pause?

The status of refunds will be left to the decision or policies of the Member and/or Association with which you participate.

12. If I choose not to participate in the remainder of the hockey season, can I be issued a refund?

The status of refunds will be left to the decision or policies of the Member and/or Association with which you participate.

13. Will the OHF be hosting the upcoming Championships this spring?

Currently, the OHF has full intention of continuing to prepare for the execution of the OHF Championships.

14. Will outstanding suspensions count as time served during the pause?

The status of outstanding suspensions will be deferred to the Members.

15. Is my team still allowed to travel provincially (i.e. Quebec and Manitoba) for tournaments?

There will be no travel outside of the OHF jurisdiction for participation in programming during the pause.

16. Will there be a rescheduling of tournaments?

Tournament rescheduling will be discussed with the Members over the course of the coming weeks while under pause to determine in conjunction with overall programming coming out of the pause.