



# Thunder Bay Elks Hockey Association

## RETURN TO PLAY



### STEP 1 - DEVELOPMENT & TEAM FORMATION

- ✓ October 13<sup>th</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ Elks Minor Hockey Thunder Bay reserves the right to adjust the start dates based on player registration and ice availability.
- ✓ Player Registration through HCR website.
- ✓ Cost to be \$100 (100% refund if Step 1 is cancelled due to COVID; 50% refund if Step 1 is cancelled with half or less of the sessions remaining due to COVID)
- ✓ Player bubble (50 or less players) will be determined by dividing players into U7, U9, U11 and U13 and further dividing based on where they register (A or AA). Players may be placed in a bubble with players from another association
- ✓ 10 - 12 sessions scheduled over 6 weeks (20 to 25 players per ice session sessions to be focused on skill development.
- ✓ for skill development with potential for small scrimmages at the end of the session per HNO guidelines for Stage 3 (Team Formation); on-ice sessions to be organized by Elks Minor Hockey coaches while screening/documenting protocols will be handled by Elks Minor Hockey Association.
- ✓ Coaches will be able to use the sessions for draft evaluations but limits on attendees are expected to be required due to restrictions on the number of people permitted inside arenas. Specific rules to be determined.
- ✓ U11AA and U13AA team formation will be based on a city-wide draft format. Details to follow.

### STEP 2 – COMPETITION STAGE

(\*If restrictions are lessened and it is possible to go to Step 3 prior to November 1, Step 2 will be skipped with draft rules remaining in place)

- ✓ If players did not participate in Step 1 they can still register for Step 2.
- ✓ A player can opt out of Step 2 after participating in Step 1.
- ✓ There will be a break between Step 1 and Step 2 to facilitate the formation of teams.
- ✓ December 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>
- ✓ Cost to be determined
- ✓ Players who registered in U11AA and U13AA who do NOT make AA will be placed in the U11A and U13A draft pool for either the North side of Thunder Bay (PAMHA) or the South side of Thunder Bay (Elks, KC, Nebing, Norwest and Westfort), based on where the player registers. It is possible that a player who has registered for U11 and U13 will be drafted on a team with a different association other than the one registered for in order to ensure all teams have a full roster, all teams are of equal competitiveness and to maximize ice allotments.
- ✓ Teams drafted per current guidelines in late November into 3 team loops.
- ✓ Game play and other rules to be determined
- ✓ If Step 2 commences, it will not end early and will continue until December 31<sup>st</sup>
- ✓ No games between December 24<sup>th</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup>
- ✓ No tournaments or jamborees will take place during this stage

### STEP 3 - COMPETITION STAGE

- ✓ January 1<sup>st</sup> to a date to be determined
- ✓ This will be a continuation of Step 2 OR, if permitted, could combine the teams that were originally drafted and combine two 3 team loops into 6 team loops and play traditional 5v5 games
- ✓ Tournaments or jamborees \*may\* be possible during this stage