



## Crowfoot Development Season Gameplay Expectation

There have been many questions regarding how gameplay through the Development Season should look, I hope that this addresses most of the questions and provides some guidance on how to proceed.

As we discussed at the coaches meeting on Zoom, please set up a WhatsApp with all of the coaches in your cohort to communicate effectively and in real time.

Crowfoot Arena will be allowing spectators as of October 9<sup>th</sup> for games. Please refer to the Crowfoot Arena protocols at [www.crowfoothockey.com/covid-19](http://www.crowfoothockey.com/covid-19). Players are not permitted to enter the building until 20 minutes before the ice time. Different arenas will have different protocols than Crowfoot that must be followed accordingly. Information related to arenas is available on the Hockey Calgary website at <https://www.hockeycalgary.ca/page/index/id/590/>. Crowfoot is following AHS guidelines and ask that players not feeling well to stay away.

### - **How many players on the ice for games?**

- The main goal for the development season is to have it mirror a regular season as much as possible. For that reason, we encourage for U11-U18 5v5 gameplay as much as possible. We understand that in some Cohorts, or in situations with reduced players it may not be feasible to have full ice 5v5 games and it is up to the coaches involved to decide if 4v4 or even 3v3 half ice mini games are more suited to the time allotted.
- Players can be added to mini-team rosters for games as long as competing teams are within one player of each other for that game. If the rosters are too low to run a 5 vs 5 game coaches may call from other mini-teams in their cohort, but must reach out to the cohort lead for approval to do so. Using Whatsapp throughout the cohort will make this task simple and keep other mini-teams aware of what's happening.
- U9 will continue to be half ice of 4v4 or in the rare circumstance that they are short players they can move to 3v3

### - **Affiliations**

- Under no circumstances are affiliates to be used during the 2020/2021 season.
- Coaches may call players from another mini-team with the approval of the Cohort Lead, but cannot pull players or goalies in from another cohort
- In situations where goalies are not available, skaters are allowed to dress as an emergency goalie for a game

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### - **Time Clock/Scorekeepers box**

- There will be no official score sheets to keep players or game stats.
- The length of periods should be 13-13-13 for 60 minute ice times and 12-15-15 for 75 minute ice times.

- A maximum of two people should be in the scorekeeper's box and both should be wearing masks.
- U9 will continue to use 2 halves instead of 3 periods. The halves will be run time with 90 second shifts and a buzzer.
- **Officiating**
  - Coaches or on-ice helpers that are insured by Hockey Canada must be used as referees. Parent volunteers and managers are not insured and cannot be used for refereeing.
  - All coach-officials must have a mask with them and should be worn while dropping pucks or in cases where they need to interact players when physical distance cannot be maintained. .
  - In 5v5 game play for U11-U18 off-sides, icing and face-offs after the goalie freezes the puck are recommended to mirror regular season gameplay. Teams can choose to have one official and two linesmen or just two officials call the game
  - U9 can have a maximum of two coaches on the ice per half. The officials will drop the puck at the beginning of the game and after the half. There will be no off-sides or icing will be called. Penalties will be called in accordance with the Hockey Canada Officiating Program (HCOP) standard of play. On a penalty call, the official will raise their arm and blow the whistle immediately signaling a penalty has been called. The official will conduct a change in possession and signal to the offending team to back off 3 meters. The official will do their best to make the player aware of the infraction. However, at the conclusion of the 90 second shift, the official will approach the bench and communicate to the coach what the penalty was for and who was the infracting player. The infracting player will miss their next shift and play continues at even strength
  - Penalties at U11-U18 should be assessed as per Hockey Canada Officiating Program (HCOP) standard of play. The goal of having penalties called is that players should continue to be held accountable to actions that would result in a penalty during a regular game so that they do not acquire bad habits for the regular season. Major penalties should still be assessed by the coach-officials and the penalized player should be ejected from the game. If any further disciplinary actions are required coaches should refer the incident to the coach and age group coordinators. It is possible that those infractions may be referred to the Crowfoot Discipline Committee for further action.
- **Bench Rotation**
  - There will be no more than four coaches on the bench for game play at any age level. Any additional coaches can be used for time keeping but will not be allowed as spectators in arenas where they are not permitted.
  - Equal play will be followed across all age groups.
- **Goalie Rotation**
  - U9 Goalies will rotate through practices and games as per Novice Development League Resource Guide
  - U11 will rotate goalies as per the Hockey Calgary Hybrid Goalie Policy. If a full-time goalie is playing against a team with two hybrid goalies then all three can dress and rotate through both mini-teams during the game to ensure that there are no players

sitting out. If a mini-team has two full-time goalies they can rotate in at the discretion of the mini team head coaches.

- U13 – U18 goalies will be expected to rotate in as per a regular season where teams have the same number of goalies. We encourage mini-team head coaches and cohort leads to communicate so that equal play is established as much as possible. Goalies are fluid through the cohort and can play on different teams throughout a game to make sure that all goalies are getting comparable ice time.

- **Dressing Room Etiquette**

- As per Hockey Calgary, coaches must wear a mask while in the dressing room and while on the bench regardless of whether they are part of the Cohort.
- Parents of players are not part of the cohort and should not be allowed in the dressing rooms before or after ice times.
  - Some arenas have opened up and allowed spectators to be in the viewing areas, this should not change the expectation that parents are not allowed in. For younger divisions this may mean that kids need to come dressed and that a coach with a mask is required to tie skates. Hand sanitizer should be used before and after helping a player in the dressing room or on the field of play. Food should not be allowed in the dressing rooms, all snakes should be eaten before enter the arena or the dressing room.
- A reminder that two coaches should be in the dressing room at all times and this is even more important this year to try to ensure that players are still trying to maintain as much separation as possible.
- Every arena has their own protocols and it is an expectation that all mini-teams, including parents and other family members, abide by these rules.

- **Hurt or sick players during the game**

- Players that are not feeling well during a game should be removed from the bench and the players parents should be called immediately.
- If a player is hurt during a game, they should be removed from a bench and two coaches should accompany that player to a dressing room where the parent's players are called if spectators are not allowed.