

DYHA Members,

The DYHA Board completed our **August 2020 Board Meeting** last week and we continue to make progress in planning our 2020-2021 Season. We remain in Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois Plan with the Illinois Department of Health (IDPH). Youth Hockey is classified as a Level 1 Sport which allows for no contact, practices at this point. We continue to monitor the IDPH, Restore Illinois, USA Hockey, AHAI, and All Sport Guidelines and we are committed to a safe and fulfilling hockey experience this season.

Please see a summary of the main developments for the 2020-2021 season:

1. **Member Survey** – 116-responses with 110-members wanting to play even if our season is a development, no contact, practice season
2. **2020-2021 Fees** – The Board is committed to ensuring we have a reasonable cost program with a lot of value for our members. Therefore, we are maintaining or lowering our hockey fees depending on the youth division.
 - a. \$200 – Beginner
 - b. \$450 – 6U-8U
 - c. \$400 – House
 - d. \$825 – Travel (Note: If we are able to play games and travel this season, our travel dues will be updated at that time.)
 - e. 2nd Payment = October 26, 2020
 - f. Final Payment = January 8th, 2020
3. **Covid-19 Playbook** – The Board has developed a draft Covid-19 Playbook which will provide guidelines for our members and ensure the safety of our players. A final version will be published to our members ahead of the season.
 - a. We will have specific practice guidelines, including players, except high school and goalies, arriving dressed, all participants Covid symptom free, signed waiver on file, only coaches, players, and managers in the ice arena, cleaning / disinfecting continually in the lobby and between practices on the ice, and limited people per the Restore IL guidelines in the Civic Center lobby.
4. **Live Camera Feed** – The Board is working to establish a Live Camera feed from the ice arena which should be great to allow family and friends to view practices and games in the future.

We are also working with the Civic Center and City to ensure alignment on our 2020-2021 hockey plans and we are currently planning to install the ice on October 2nd. We are also finalizing our tryout schedule for travel teams with an announcement to come from our Hockey Director soon. Our Hockey Director is also finalizing coaching plans for all youth divisions, both House and Travel. We are looking forward to a safe and productive season and we appreciate our Members support as we work through this challenging time.

Thank You,

Decatur Youth Hockey Board