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GTHL RELEASES UPDATED GAME PLAN 2.0 FRAMEWORK AHEAD OF RESUMPTION

The Greater Toronto Hockey League has released the updated [Game Plan 2.0](#) framework today as the League prepares to return to the ice beginning January 31.

The [Game Plan 2.0](#) framework was formulated with the expert advice of medical and public health professionals at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto as well as Toronto Public Health. The framework has worked to safely and effectively get GTHL players back on the ice in a safe, fun, and secure environment while minimizing the risk of infection. The [Game Plan 2.0](#) is a fluid and living document that has required revisions throughout the 2021-22 season.

[Following new restrictions from the Government of Ontario and the provincial Ministry of Sport](#), the GTHL has made the corresponding updates to the [Game Plan 2.0](#) document. The updates include, but are not limited to:

- Indoor capacity for facilities is 50 per cent of the building's seating capacity.
- Overall capacity for a facility is also 50 per cent.
- For those 12 years of age and older, proof of vaccination is a requirement and only QR codes will be accepted to enter any facility. Medical exemptions must be included in the QR code.

The GTHL strongly encourages all members, participants, families, coaches, officials, volunteers, and staff to review the updated [Game Plan 2.0](#) framework prior to returning to the ice this week.

[To review the updated Game Plan 2.0 document, click here.](#)

It is important to note that each facility may have specific protocols and restrictions, so it is also recommended to review your local facility's arena protocols prior to returning. The GTHL will continue to assist participants in staying up-to-date with all arenas in the greater Toronto area through maintaining [a list of local facility guidelines which can be viewed here](#). Not all arenas will have protocols listed on their website. If protocols cannot be found, the GTHL encourages all participants and members to call a local facility for more information.

Please be kind to GTHL and arena staff as they are working very hard to ensure the safest and best experience for all participants.

[On January 25, the GTHL announced that beginning January 31](#), the League's competitive teams ("A," "AA," and "AAA"), the Mississauga Hockey League (MHL), North York Hockey League (NYHL), House League, and other programs may resume practices and skill development, provided they are doing so within any restrictions put in place by the Government of Ontario and/or the respective local Public Health unit.

On February 4, competitive ("A," "AA," and "AAA"), NYHL, and House League teams may resume games. The MHL, receiving approval from the GTHL Board, will restart games on February 2.



The GTHL is eager and excited to get back to the ice. As the League makes its return, we kindly remind all members, participants, volunteers, and staff to treat everyone with respect and courtesy. The pandemic and restrictions continue to present ongoing challenges and obstacles for many. It is important we remain patient and understanding with one another as we all navigate the return to the ice safely, together.

About the Greater Toronto Hockey League

Founded in 1911, the GTHL is a non-profit organization and the largest minor hockey league in the world. The GTHL registers more than 40,000 annual participants in Markham, Mississauga, Toronto, and Vaughan. The purpose of the GTHL is to govern organized hockey for youth within its jurisdictions, and to foster participation that reflects the cultural demographic of the League's territory while promoting an environment that is welcoming and inclusive for all participants.

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