

## Mark Coleman

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We have now finished week 1, I feel it went well and our members have been more than patient and understanding of the new protocols. I feel the arena field staff have been great and patient as well. We have 1 week left of skills and then we would like to transition into team play. For many of our members, being a part of a team and playing games keeps them more engaged and active. This is especially noticeable in our older age groups.

I have a couple concerns with the 30 min rule.

1) This 30 minutes has pushed our ice times into the late evenings, We are dealing with multiple complaints brought forward from different age groups about their children getting off the ice so late.

2) To ensure we are within the OMHA and the OWHA guideline to play games we will be splitting into small teams, once done we will require an estimated additional 10 hrs of ice to ice all our teams. Splitting into teams will reduce our group sizes entering the arena at one time. This should lessen the burden on the arena staff and allow our membership to transition into game play.

I'm asking the town to look at removing or reducing the 30 min rule so Walkerton Minor Hockey does not have to purchase ice from another town, with the elimination and even reduction of the 30 min rule the municipality would be capable of providing us with the ice time we need.

I have come up with a couple suggestions on how elimination or even a reduction in that break time can be of benefit to both the Municipality and the users of the facility:

### **Option 1 - Removal of the 30 min between ice times**

~ Remove the rule completely. Play with just a flood between ice times.

~ Arrive 15 min prior to ice time

~ Zone A - Lobby for dressing only.

~ Zone B - Arena South side of zamboni/Ice Surface - Parent must watch from here until Zone C Sanitized.

~ Zone C- North of Zamboni and Hawks rooms - Undressing only.

### **Option 2 - Removal of 30 min between ice times**

~Remove the rule completely. Play with just a flood between ice times.

~ Arrive 15 min prior to ice time

~Zone A - Front Door/ Lobby Dressing rooms and cold area North of Zamboni.

~Zone B - Hawks doors/ Rooms and Cold Area South of Zamboni.

~WMH can easily show on our schedule which door is to be used and this will allow the staff to sanitize 1 zone as the other is being used.

### **Option 3 - Reduction down to 15 min between ice times**

~ Current protocols still being followed

I think any of these options are more than achievable and safe. The safety of our members is our number one priority and we feel we can keep them safe with all three options. The purchase of an additional fogger would allow for quicker sanitation as both staff can complete this together. WMH can move the nets for practices and we are willing to make arrangements to complete net removal for games as well during this unusual season.

Although I have listed some Options to consider I truly believe it is up to us to ensure our community members, our taxpayers, and WMH members are all offered the best possible solution to this issue. I am more than willing to work with you until we can come up with a way that Walkerton Minor Hockey members and your tax payers don't have to drive their children to another municipality for ice time.

Any questions please feel free to give me a call

Adam Batte

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