



ATTN: Minor Hockey Associations of the Parkissimo Hockey League

With the recent fears of an H1N1 pandemic, the Parkissimo Hockey League, along with many other associations, is taking measures to protect their participants. Having several different views on this topic and how serious to take it, the executive has decided to proceed with the following measures and ask the associations to do the same.

Effective October 30, 2009 and until further notice the following guidelines must be followed:

In place of shaking hands, players will now go through the traditional handshake line-up at the conclusion of the game. However, in lieu of the traditional handshake, players will do a waist-high gloves-on fist bump as a show of respect and sportsmanship.

Referees will no longer do the pre-game handshake with the coaching staff, however the practice of greeting and speaking with each should continue. We would ask the referees to remind teams of the new procedure until it becomes common place.

Coaches will instruct all players to bring their own water bottles and advise that they are not to share bottles with anyone.

Teams should also encourage players to keep hand sanitizer in their bags and at very least it should be kept by the team and be readily available to all team members.

All players, coaches, team officials and referees should be strongly encouraged to remain at home if they are ill.

Coaches are asked to advise their players on proper cough/sneeze safeguards to aid in this preventative initiative.

We thank-you in advance for your anticipated co-operation in dealing with the deadly potential of the H1N1 virus and we fully anticipate 100% co-operation in this initiative.

Thank you,

**Craig Geekie
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