



West Colchester Minor Hockey Association Live Streaming Protocol

We understand that live streaming has become a desire for our hockey community this week as parents are not permitted into facilities to watch games due to COVID-19 restrictions. It is important that our members have an opportunity to watch their children play, but we also need to respect the privacy of those same children.

It is important that we balance personal privacy with the digital recording and online streaming technology that many teams across Nova Scotia have embraced for some time. Protecting the privacy of those who wish to maintain it is paramount.

The West Colchester Minor Hockey Association (WCMHA) will be allowing live streaming of hockey games in our arena when the following criteria are met. Failure to meet all of the requirements below could potentially be putting our children and members at risk on the internet and their safety is of top priority.

1. **Live streaming must be kept confidential within the team:** the Photo and Video Streaming Waiver must be signed and collected from all WCMHA players, coaches, bench staff and officials before live streaming can happen. A separate Visiting Team Consent Form will be required from the visiting team's representative that will confirm their team's consent has been completed.
 - a. If all WCMHA participants do not sign the waiver the event will not be able to be live streamed.
2. **Private social media platforms must be utilized:** Live streaming during games must be done on a closed group space, such as a closed Facebook group. Managers of the home team will be allowed to set up this group and only accept members identified and approved by the two teams for the time period of the game only. Shortly after the game, away team members will be removed from the group.
3. Each team is responsible to designate a person already on the game sheet to perform the actual recording (i.e. manager or assistant coach). This person will stay in the warm room above the rink to record and will not be permitted to leave this area during the recording. The area must be wiped clean before and after usage by the person live streaming, as per COVID-19 cleaning protocols.

4. Each team will supply their own device to record. There are electrical outlets in the warm room for charging but you need to supply your own charging devices.
5. Videos will only be live streamed and **not recorded**.
6. **Signage** must be in place at all entrances to notify all members that the games may be live streamed.

We need to work together as an association to make this work. Please be aware that our internet feed can be glitchy at times. We are hopeful that this will work for all teams that attempt to do it. Rest assured that internet safety is our top priority and we are very lucky to have our children enjoying the sport they love at this time as most of the country is not able to enjoy these benefits currently. Finding a way for our relatives to enjoy watching the games is also something the association would like to see but only if it is safe for all involved. Thank you for your understanding.

Yours in Hockey,
WCMHA association