



Return To School Sport Plan

Sardis Secondary School Field Hockey

Message To Parents/Guardians

First Practice:

The first field hockey practice for the Sardis Falcons Senior Field Hockey Team is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22nd, 2020. Start time is 3:30PM at Townsend Park Turf. The coaching staff anticipates practicing 2-3 times per week (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday). The first practices are open to all Sardis students, grades 9 through 12.

Safety Protocols for Fieldhockey:

The Sardis Secondary School field hockey return to play plan will adhere to the guidelines set forth under the B.C. School Sports- Return To School Sport Plan as well as the Provincial Sport Guidelines set forth by Field Hockey BC. As of September 10th, 2020, we are working in stage 2 of the plan. Stage 2 specifies that intra-School activities within educational cohorts are permitted. For clarity, during stage 2, we cannot compete against other schools in scrimmages and games. There is no inter-school competition permitted. Practices will, at minimum, respect the current regulations limiting contact within Provincially mandated cohorts. Out of cohort participants will be required to wear masks and physically distance. We will also have a safety officer (FHBC), record all participants for contact tracing (City of Chilliwack & FHBC).

In consultation with Mr. Brad Geary, Sardis Secondary School Athletic Director, and Mr. Dan Heisler, Principal, Sardis Secondary School, the field hockey coaches are aware of their responsibility to a

adhere to the Covid-19 policies and guidelines. Prior to the team's first practice, coaches will review risk mitigation strategies, outbreak protocols, and safety considerations. Coaches will be educated on several safety protocols which include: hand washing/ sanitization of equipment, masks, shared equipment, social distancing, group size (limits and designated cohorts), and facility preparedness. Each field hockey practice will be organized to ensure that safety protocols are followed.

Player Requirements:

If you are interested in playing field hockey this year, you must provide the following information to Coach Michelle Savich by email (michelle_savich@sd33.bc.ca) or arrive at the first practice with this information available (on paper):

1. Your name;
2. Your grade;
3. Your teacher's name for your current block;
4. Your email address and cell phone number; and
5. Your parent/guardian, name and emergency contact information including e-mail address.

If you do not pre-email Savich, you MUST be prepared with a mask in order to participate or stay on the field.

Due to Covid 19, field hockey practices will not be providing team water bottles, nor are the City taps turned on. You are expected to bring your own water bottle. Please label it with your name and do not share it with teammates.

There will be a very nominal charge for field hockey participation this season (turf cost divided by number of athletes). The small fee would be increased if the Province announces a return to limited competition with other schools.

As with Club sports, parents currently are asked not to watch practices. If a parent must stay, they are required to not enter the playing area and to stay back from the fence.

See you on the field.

Sincerely,

Michelle Savich

Head Field Hockey Coach, Sardis Secondary