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INTRODUCTION

This 2020/21 Images/Photography Protocol (“Images Protocol”) governs all credentialed still photographers covering NHL Games during the 2020/21 Season. Individuals subject to this Images Protocol are also subject to any applicable requirements and recommendations from local, provincial/state and federal health authorities. It is intended to provide for uniform and consistent application of health and safety standards in order to operate in a manner aimed to reduce the spread of COVID-19. If the applicable local, provincial/state or federal regulations impose less stringent standards than are set forth in this Protocol (and related documents in and associated with the 2020/21 NHL Season COVID-19 Protocol), this Protocol will govern, unless expressly otherwise stated herein. To the extent that local, provincial/state or federal regulations impose more stringent standards than set forth in this Protocol (and related documents in and associated with the 2020/21 NHL Season COVID-19 Protocol), all photographers shall observe those more stringent protocols.

Established violations of and/or lack of compliance by photographer(s) with the requirements in this Images Protocol may result in sanctions, including, but not limited to, revocation of credential(s) and access to Club Facilities, as set forth in the 2020/21 NHL Season COVID-19 Protocol, as applicable.

STILL PHOTOGRAPHER ACCESS

In the 2020/21 NHL Season COVID-19 Protocol, all participants are assigned to “Groups” based on their roles and responsibilities, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, the level of their required access to: (a) Player areas (hereafter, “Restricted Areas”), which include without limitation, locker rooms, team benches, penalty benches, on-ice, training rooms, rehabilitation areas, exam/procedure rooms, weight rooms, hydrotherapy rooms, equipment rooms, coaches rooms, strength and conditioning areas, laundry rooms, dressing rooms, areas of ingress and egress into the Club Facilities (including to and from the parking area), General Managers’ work spaces and seating areas, On-Ice Official rooms, Off-Ice Officials work spaces and seating areas, and the corridors and paths of travel connecting each of the foregoing (to the greatest extent practicable); and (b) other areas (hereafter “Non-Restricted Areas”).

All credentialed still photographers will be designated as **Group 4**, meaning they are never permitted in a Restricted Area at a Club’s Game Arena or at Club practices, and are only permitted in Non-Restricted Areas.

The Non-Restricted Areas where still photographers are permitted access are:

- Media areas
- Upper/ Lower bowls
- Press box
- Ice Level Photo holes
- Goal frames when not on the ice
- Catwalk/Rafters
- Other Non-Restricted Areas within the arena and event level

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Because Group 4 individuals are restricted from having interactions with Group 1-3 individuals while at the Club Facility, information regarding Groups 1-3 is also set forth below.

Group 1 individuals include:

- Players
- Coaches, including Video Coaches
- Athletic Trainers (at least 2)
- Strength and Conditioning Coach(es)
- Equipment Managers (at least 2)
- Massage, chiropractic and other performance personnel
- Club Neuropsychologists (Training Camp and initial/follow-up evaluations only)
- Club's Physicians and dentists
- On-Ice Officials

Group 2A (Club) personnel include:

- General Managers and Assistant General Managers
- Other necessary Hockey Operations Personnel
- Club Public Relations/Communications/Social Media Personnel (limit of 4 individuals at any one time)
- Club Transportation Personnel
- Club Travel Coordinator/Club Services Coordinator
- Club IT Support requiring access to Restricted Areas (e.g., during interviews, etc.)
- X-Ray Technician(s)
- Locker Room Attendants (if different from Club-engaged cleaning crews) (limit of 2 individuals per Club)
- Security assigned to Restricted Areas
- COVID-19 Collection and Testing Personnel
- NHLPA personnel designated as "Player Contact Representatives"

Group 2B (League) personnel include:

- Off-Ice Officials and IT support (Arena Technical Managers and Coordinators)
- PESF Collection and Testing Personnel
- Certain Essential League personnel (e.g., League Executives, Events, Security, etc.)
- Officiating Managers

Group 2C (Arena) personnel include:

- Limited number of representatives of national and local rightsholders
- Security assigned to Restricted Areas
- Ice maintenance personnel (ice shovelers and ice resurface crew)
- Arena Staff whose essential duties require transient interaction with Group 1 individuals
- Ambulance crew for Players
- Facility Compliance Officer

Group 3 personnel include, but are not limited to, the following individuals:

- Club Governors
- Club Business Executives such as Club Presidents
- Club Business staff not needing access to Players or those with access to close contact with the Players
- Game presentation personnel (not including ice maintenance shovelers referenced in Group 2(c))
- National, Local, and Club Broadcast Personnel (tv and radio)
- Certain League Personnel (NHL Technical Operations and NHL Broadcast personnel)
- Other Club Public Relations/Communications/Social Media Personnel
- Club Scouting Personnel
- NHLPA personnel not designated as Player Contact Representatives
- Fire marshal/police
- First Aid Services/Medical personnel for Non-Restricted Area individuals (e.g., Ambulance crew for fans)
- Food and Beverage Personnel (for Groups 1-3 individuals)
- Cleaning Staff for Restricted Areas, including benches

CREDENTIALS AND GROUP LISTS

All individuals must obtain a proper Group credential, which must be worn around the neck, and exposed, at all times when in the Club facility, and shall agree to and abide by the terms printed on the credential at all times.

No one in Groups 1-4 shall be permitted into the Club facility without a credential.

HEALTH SCREENINGS

National and Local Photographers, including NHL Images personnel, shall comply with the health screening process adopted at each Arena, and shall not enter the venue if they, or their household members and close contacts:

- Are newly experiencing any symptoms associated with COVID-19;
- Have been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 14 days; or
- Have been exposed to COVID-19 in the past 14 days, to their knowledge.

Additionally, if an individual is subject to a local, provincial/state, or federal quarantine, they shall not enter the venue.

FACE COVERINGS

Photographers must wear a face covering that covers their nose and mouth at all times, including while shooting the game.

- Face coverings shall completely cover the mouth and nose, fit snugly against the sides of the face, and shall be secured under the chin.
- Acceptable face coverings include medical grade masks or 3-layer cloth coverings (or at least two cloth layers with a filter).
- Gaiters are not permitted to function as face coverings.
- Bandanas are not permitted to function as face coverings.
- Use of a face shield does not eliminate the requirement to wear a face covering underneath.
- Face coverings which have exhalation valves or vents are prohibited.

STILL PHOTOGRAPHER SHOOTING POSITIONS

Still photographers will be permitted to shoot the game from a variety of locations during the 2020/21 season. Those locations are:

- Ice level photo holes (assigned by the Home Club)
 - When photo holes are not being used the protective covers must be engaged as per the NHL's photo hole policy.
- Upper bowl locations
- Lower bowl locations

Photographers will be permitted to shoot Player arrivals only if the Players travel within a Non-Restricted Area on their path of travel to the Restricted Area. During these off-ice situations, photographers must always keep a minimum distance of 12ft from the Players. They may not engage in conversations with or approach Players at any time while taking photographs.

REMOTE CAMERA PLACEMENT AND CLEANING/DISINFECTING

Remote cameras will be allowed for the 2020/21 season. Those cameras locations are:

- In net (Netcams)
- In bowl cameras (with venue approval)
- Overhead cameras (with venue approval)

For the 2020/21 season all requests for Netcam placement will follow the same request procedures as in previous years. They must be installed not later than 3 hours pre-game. All equipment and bags must be disinfected using detergent-based cleaners and EPA registered List-N detergent/disinfectants that will remove bacteria like MRSA from surfaces and kill common viruses like mumps, measles, cold, coronavirus, and influenza viruses.

- **List N: Disinfectants for Coronavirus (COVID-19)**
- More information is also available on the CDC and Health Canada websites:
CDC: **Cleaning and Disinfectants**
Health Canada: **List of disinfectants with evidence for use against COVID-19**

All cleaners and disinfectants must be used in accordance with the product label and manufacturer's recommendations.

Photographers are not permitted on the ice surface to adjust Netcams or to retrieve memory cards at any point during the game. Card retrieval will need to be coordinated with the local ice crew and someone from that group will be able to assist with swapping cards out between periods.

Bowl and overhead remote camera approvals and installation instructions are at the discretion of the Home Club and building personnel.

PHOTO FILING AND PHOTO RUNNERS

The photo filing location must be located outside the Restricted Area within the venue.

When photo filing locations must be moved, the new photo filing location must:

- Be located within a reasonable distance of the photo positions (similar to its previous location).
- Allow for proper physical distancing for all occupants.
- Satisfy all internet and power connections required for NHL Images Regular Season standards.

Photo runners will not be allowed. If there are extenuating circumstances where a photo runner is required a request can be made to NHL Images.