**Home Opener & New Covid Protocols**

The Valley Wildcats Jr A Hockey team is excited to hosting the home opener of Friday Oct 1, 7 pm against their rivals the Yarmouth Mariners at the KMCC in Berwick.

The Wildcats will be taking advantage of a provincial health and league rule that allows them to proceed with phase 5 guidelines for events scheduled prior to recent postponement.

Last season and exhibition games this season were limited to numbers, seating arrangements and specific restrictions on washrooms, canteen and exiting.

This weekend those restrictions will be lifted, however all fans will have to show proof of vaccination and wear masks at all times unless eating or drinking.

According to Mike Trinacty, Director of Off Ice Operations “This allows us to return to a more normal game atmosphere while providing a safe environment under provincial health regulations”.

The Wildcats have just completed a six-game exhibition schedule with 2 wins over Truro, a win and a loss against the South Shore and a loss and an exciting overtime loss to the Yarmouth Mariners.

Coach Brandon Benedict is looking forward to playing Yarmouth at home to start the season. He says “It has been a good pre-season and training camp for the entire group and as staff we are happy with the progress made. We are excited for Friday and to start the season at home versus Yarmouth.”

The Wildcats return to action the following night as they host the Amherst Ramblers at 7 PM at the KMCC.

Tickets are available online at showpass.ca or at the door.