



COVID-19 Return to Play Protocols

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Dear Club/Skating School Members,

We would like to inform you of the individuals who will be acting as the COVID-19 Oversight Group as we transition back to skating activities. The following people will comprise this COVID-19 Oversight Group.

Name	Position	Phone	E-mail
Melissa Sargent	Emergency Epidemic Management Committee Co-Chair	613-207-9735	COVID@rideauskating.ca
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Should you have any questions about any aspects of the Return to Play protocols or other policies and procedures related to COVID-19, please contact one of the individuals above.

Completion of Skate Ontario COVID-19 Waiver

All individuals participating in Rideau Skating Club's (club) activities MUST complete the Skate Ontario Acknowledgment, Release, Indemnity and Assumption of Risk regarding COVID-19 ("[COVID-19 Waiver](#)"). For participants under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must complete a form for each participant. For participants under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must complete a form for each participant. Failure to do so means that individuals must **not** participate in club activities. Participants include:

- Skaters
 - Coaches
 - Board Members
 - Volunteers
 - Officials - Must provide their waivers to Skate Ontario
- Skaters, coaches and program assistants will have their waivers completed at the time of registration. If a skater is skating with the club, but belongs to a club in another province, they must provide a signed waiver for both their home province and for Ontario, to the club.
 - Board members and volunteers will be asked to log into their online registration account and will be prompted to complete the waiver once they have decided to volunteer.

An individual becomes unwell with symptoms of COVID-19

- If an individual becomes unwell with symptoms of COVID-19, or if someone is aware of an individual that becomes unwell with symptoms of COVID-19, that individual must immediately stop participation in club or skating school activities.
- The individual should be isolated from all others in a well-ventilated area, or outside and provided with a mask or face covering if one is available
- The individual shall be sent home and instructed to follow public health guidelines regarding self-isolation and testing
- The facility should be informed in order to determine if any areas need to be closed off and/or require additional cleaning/disinfecting
- A member of the COVID-19 Oversight Group should be informed of the situation and should contact the individual or their parent/guardian to determine if next steps are being taken regarding testing

An individual is tested for COVID-19

- Any individual that is part of a club or skating school that is unwell and has been tested for COVID-19 must not participate in club or skating school activities while waiting for the results of the test
- Any individual that is part of a club or skating school that has been tested for COVID-19 and has no COVID-19 symptoms, no known exposure to COVID-19 and no travel history is permitted to participate in club or skating school activities while waiting for the results of the test

An individual tests positive for COVID-19

- If an individual tests positive for COVID-19, they should inform a member of the club/skating school COVID-19 Oversight Group
- Any club/skating school members who were in close contact with the individual should follow public health guidelines regarding self-isolation and testing
- It is recommended to also inform all club/skating school members of a positive COVID-19 result within the club/skating school setting
- The club/skating school should inform and work with the facility in the case of a positive COVID-19 result and determine if any additional cleaning/disinfecting should be performed as per the facility's guidelines
- The club/skating school will inform Skate Ontario of a positive COVID-19 diagnosis by emailing clubsupportservices@skateontario.org

Return to club/skating activities following illness

- Individuals must follow all public health and facility guidelines with respect to returning to club/skating school activities following an illness or exposure to COVID-19
- If a COVID-19 test was negative and there was no known exposure to COVID-19, the individual may return to club/skating school activities once they no longer have any symptoms of COVID-19 for at least 24 hours
- If a COVID-19 test was negative but there was a known exposure to COVID-19, the individual may only return to club/skating school activities once they have completed the period of self isolation as advised by their local public health unit.

Return to club/skating activities following COVID-19

- Following a positive COVID-19 test, an individual must follow all public health guidelines regarding return to activities

Modification/restriction/postponing or canceling of club activities

- Based on the evolving COVID-19 pandemic, the club is prepared to follow public health, municipal/provincial government, and sport recommendations regarding modifying/restricting/postponing or canceling activities
- We ask all skaters to notify their coach as soon as possible if they are unable to attend a session. CanSkate should notify clubadministrator@rideauskating.ca, Future Stars/Star Group skaters who do not have a private coach should notify futurestars@rideauskating.ca

- Refunds will only be provided for medical reasons as outlined in the club's refund policy. "A pro-rated refund or credit (less a refund processing fee of \$30) will be granted for medical reasons (supported by medical documentation/certificate)"
- No refunds will be given to skaters leaving on their own accord
- No make up sessions are permitted for CanSkate or Future Stars/Star Group
 - STAR skaters should discuss make up session options with their private coaches
- Club members will be informed as soon as possible of any modifications/restrictions or cancellations. Please ensure that you are registered to receive club emails
- Club members will receive a prorated credit to their account for any cancellation and/or interruption of programs, if the club is reimbursed by the facility
- Any modifications and restrictions will be kept in place until advised that it is safe to resume activities by public health, government or sport officials

Public Health Guidelines

Club members should follow all public health guidelines regarding COVID-19. These may include:

- Following federal quarantine requirements after travelling outside of Canada
- Following the advice of a doctor, health care provider or public health unit to isolate at home when required due to an outbreak or exposure
- Any individual with symptoms of COVID-19 is not permitted to take part in club activities

Privacy of Information:

Rideau Skating Club adheres to Skate Canada's privacy policy. As outlined in the COVID-19 waiver, there may be cases where Rideau Skating Club is required to collect, use and disclose personal information about you or your child.

- Rideau Skating Club may be required to provide the City of Ottawa and Ottawa Public Health if there is an active or suspected case of COVID-19 within the club or the facility with the following information:
 - o Name
 - o Date, location and time of sessions attended
 - o Phone Number and e-mail
- In all other instances, personal information will be kept confidential. Skate Ontario, Skate Canada, Rideau Skating Club members and other organizations as directed by Ottawa Public Health will only be notified that a case has been identified.

1. To ensure contact information is up to date, an email update will go out with every update to the club's COVID-19 Protocols
2. All information will be distributed to our membership via email. Information will also be posted on our [website](#), as well as our social media platforms
3. The Emergency Epidemic Management Committee is responsible for communication within the club during the Return to Play stages
4. The club may hold a virtual Town Hall / Webinar to deliver information on Return to Play protocols and answer any questions / concerns
5. Current documents and relevant information will be shared on the club's website for future reference by club members
6. A member of COVID-19 Oversight Group will follow up with any individuals who become unwell with symptoms of COVID-19 during club activities
7. The COVID-19 Oversight Group will ensure the facility and Skate Ontario are informed if a club member is diagnosed with COVID-19