



Return to Skate Protocols

Completion of Skate Ontario COVID-19 Waiver

All individuals participating in club activities must complete the Skate Ontario Acknowledgment, Release, Indemnity and Assumption of Risk regarding COVID-19 ("**COVID-19 Waiver**"). Failure to do so means that individual must not participate in club activities.

Any individual participating in club activities is required to complete a COVID-19 Waiver, or have a signed COVID-19 Waiver on-file with Skate Ontario:

- Skaters
- Coaches
- Staff
- Board Members
- Volunteers
- Officials (please note: this will be kept on file with Skate Ontario)

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 non-medical face mask 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 has been tested for COVID-19 must not participate in club or skating school activities while waiting for the results of the test
- The club will work with public health to consult the Session Participation tracking sheets to inform other club/skating school members who might have been in close contact with the individual. Close contact is defined as being within 2m for a period lasting more than 15 minutes, without appropriate or consistent use of PPE (i.e. healthcare workers).
- Any club members who were in close contact with the individual should not participate in club/skating school activities and should follow public health guidelines until the diagnosis of COVID-19 is ruled out by health professionals

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
- The COVID-19 Oversight Group will work where requested with the facility and public health officials to assist in contact tracing. The Session Participation tracking sheets may be used to assist public health officials in informing other club members who may have been in close contact with the individual
- Any club members who were in close contact with the individual should not participate in club activities for 14 days and should follow public health guidelines regarding self-isolation and testing
- It is recommended to also inform all club school members of a positive COVID-19 result within the club/skating school setting
- The club 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 will inform Skate Ontario of a positive COVID-19 diagnosis by e-mailing clubsupportservices@skateontario.org

Return to club/skating activities following illness

- If no test was performed, or the COVID-19 test was negative, the individual may only return to club activities once they no longer have any symptoms of COVID-19 for at least 24 hours

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/skating school activities

- Based on the evolving COVID-19 pandemic, the club must be prepared to follow public health, municipal/provincial government and sport recommendations regarding modifying/restricting/postponing or canceling activities
- Clubs should establish a program cancellation policy if one does not exist already
- Clubs members should be informed as soon as possible of any modifications/restrictions or cancellations
- Clubs must keep any modifications and restrictions in place until advised that it is safe to resume activities by public health, government or sport officials

Public Health Guidelines

Club and skating school members should follow all public health guidelines regarding COVID-19, including:

- Any club members who themselves have travelled outside of Canada, or has someone in their household who has travelled outside Canada must self-isolate and not participate in club/skating school activities for 14 days, unless the individual has a Government of Canada Travel Exemption
- Any individual who has been exposed to someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19 should self-isolate and is not permitted to participate in club/skating school activities for 14 days, unless they engaged in consistent and appropriate use of PPE (i.e. healthcare workers)
- Any individual with symptoms of COVID-19 is not permitted to take part in club activities
- Any individual who has someone in their household showing symptoms of COVID-19, should not participate in club activities

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