



Section Annual General Meeting COVID-19 Impact to Section AGM and 2020 Elections under review

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The COVID-19 virus has had a significant impact on every one of our Skaters, Coaches, Clubs and Volunteers and we want to first let you know that every one of us at the Section are thinking of you and wish you all the best in health.

Each day we are presented with unprecedented situations that we are looking to Skate Canada and Service Alberta for guidance. This year the Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Section is working to determine the best way to conduct our Annual General Meeting and corresponding Board of Director Elections, while operating within the structure of our bylaws, to the extent possible.

We are waiting on guidance for non-profit organizations from Service Alberta, as a result the Section Board of Directors has approved to postpone the May 2, 2020 Annual General Meeting. Once a new date for the Annual General Meeting is selected, it will be communicated to our membership. We are working diligently to review our options and provide our members with an accessible, yet seamless solution, that will allow each of our members to remain in their homes while participating in the Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Section Annual General Meeting and Board of Director Elections. We will be communicating more information about our software and processes in the coming weeks.

At this time, the deadline for submitting Nominations for Director positions is April 4, 2020 at 12:00pm (noon) MT. With the postponement of the Annual General Meeting, we will post-pone the current submission date to be 28 days prior to the rescheduled date for Annual General Meeting and provide communication accordingly. Please visit the Section website to review the positions up for election on the Section Board of Directors:
<https://skateabnwtun.ca/2020-elections-2/>

For the Director Coaching position, it is a requirement that all applicants for this position are registered coaches in good standing. Skate Canada recently released this statement that applies to this election process: "Due to first aid courses not being available at this time, coaches whose first aid has expired will remain in Good Standing. Once sanctioned skating activities resume, we will allow for a three-month period to acquire this recertification."

The Section's Nominating Sub-Committee, in conjunction with the Governance committee, is also working diligently to review all impacted voting and election procedures. This information will be communicated over the coming weeks and prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Thank you for your patience as we navigate these unprecedented times and please take care of yourself and your families. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself or any staff member at the Section Office.

Sincerely,
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