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Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Update Covid-19 Update #2

We regretfully announce that the **2020 STARSkate and Adult Championships scheduled to take place March 20-22, 2020 in Edmonton has been cancelled.**

It is with the health and safety of our members in mind that the Board of Directors is following the recommendation from the Province of Alberta that any event with over 250 attendees be cancelled due to the rapidly evolving Covid-19 situation. It is also confirmed that the **Synchro Invitational scheduled this weekend in Carstairs is also cancelled.**

Skate Canada Alberta-NWT/Nunavut also recommends that Clubs and Skating schools in the Section become familiar with the recent recommendations from the Provincial Government, as well as contact your local municipality in regard to any club and skating school events and programming.

These decisions were not made lightly, and we recognize that this announcement will bring great disappointment to the skaters and coaches that have been working hard to prepare for these events. We are supportive of the government's decision to aggressively adopt new public health measures to help limit the spread of Covid-19 and are putting the safety of our skaters and all others that would be attending the event as our utmost priority.

Event registration fees will be fully refunded within two weeks for the two competitions listed in this announcement as cancelled. We will continue to monitor and work with the health authorities over the coming weeks regarding future events and will continue to update our membership as information becomes available.

Link to AB Government release: <https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=6980324A5B1B0-BC2C-40A8-A6AD9E30E3189425>

Additional information and recommended prevention measures can be found on the links below.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/canadas-reponse.html>

<https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx#toc-9>

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