



Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Events COVID-19 Update – 2020 Fall Invitational Cancellation

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As we head into what typically would be the start of our regular programming and competition season, COVID-19 continues to require us to adapt to a new environment, work within current provincial and public health guidelines, and adjust plans as necessary and on an ongoing basis.

We are committed to providing our skaters meaningful performance opportunities this season that can be delivered in accordance with all necessary public, health, facility and safety guidelines in our Section. We also continue to advocate for Figure Skating to resume Provincial and National competitions, and have developed competition protocols for the Province's consideration, review and feedback. At this time under the current guidelines, tournaments and provincial competitions are still restricted in Alberta, until we hear otherwise.

As a result, in conjunction with the Alberta Figure Skating Foundation, we regretfully announce that the **2020 Fall Invitational competition October 9-11, 2020 in Leduc has been cancelled.**

We know the disappointment this announcement brings, and the need for our athletes to perform in a competitive environment so it is our intent to replace the Fall Invitational with Regional Performance Simulations this fall which will fit within the current provincial guidelines and provide more certainty for planning purposes. Tentatively ice has been secured in the Edmonton region October 10th-11th, and the Calgary region October 17th – 18th. Additional information on these regional events, including the format, registration process, etc. will be shared over the next 2 weeks as it becomes available.

Decisions regarding other events which include Skate Canada Challenge, and Sectionals have not yet been made. We will continue to move forward with our planning and monitor any new developments. Events of a more "virtual" nature are also being explored and piloted, and the Section will be incorporating whatever means are feasible to continue to provide performance opportunities and assessments this season. Additional updates and information will be provided in the upcoming weeks.

In times of so many unknowns and uncertainties the skating community has been showing their creativity and resourcefulness and we will continue to do so while also ensuring we follow the recommendations and protocols put in place by our health authorities to protect each other and practice physical distancing measures.

If you have any questions, please email info@skateabnwtun.ca.

Sincerely,

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