



Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut *Return to Skating* *Return to Skating* Phase 2 Revised Protocols

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Good Morning Clubs and Skating School Directors,

Since the June 12, 2020 launch of Phase 1 *Return to Skating* close to eighty Section clubs in Alberta and NWT are offering some form of programming to their skaters. This represents half of the clubs and skating schools in our Section and we expect to see this number increase significantly again as arenas continue to re-open, especially in our rural communities. It is good to see many returning to the ice and able to do what they love in a safe and healthy environment and for everyone to feel some sense of normalcy.

Revised Phase 2 Return to Skating Protocols

Revised Phase 2 Return to Skating Protocols are now available on the Section website and are effective immediately. The Return to Skating Club and Skating School COVID-19 Playbook, along with a variety of templates and forms can also be found on the Section website under Highlights / Return to Skating. Resources are updated as new information is available or as restrictions are lifted, so please continue to check the website for updated resources.

Highlights:

- CanSkate Parent & Tot programming is now permitted
- Simulations, Assessments, and Competitions are now permitted
- Harnesses are now permitted

There are protocols related to each of these areas in order for them to be permitted, so please review the [September 14th Revised Phase 2 Protocols](#) for additional information.

Competitions: August 29th the Province released new guidance documents where sports that can maintain 2 metres of physical distancing are now permitted to hold competitions and tournaments. In anticipation of this change, the Section has been working on Return to Competition protocols that will be utilized for the upcoming season which will ensure events align with Provincial Guidance requirements and provide as safe environment as possible for all those involved and participating. We are waiting for final feedback from Alberta Health Services on our proposed competition protocols before finalizing and seeking Board approval. We know that to align with Public Health Orders and Provincial Guidance documents that competitions this season will have new restrictions and limitations than what we are used to, however we are thankful that we are able to resume competitions in any capacity and provide a competitive environment for our athletes.

Town Hall and FAQ

On Thursday September 17, 2020 at 8 pm we will hold a Zoom Meeting Town Hall to review the revised protocols and answer any questions members have on the protocols. Click [here](#) to register for the town hall, deadline to register is Wednesday September 16 at 7:00pm An updated FAQ will be made available and posted to the Section website within a week after the town hall to provide clarity to some of the more complicated questions. However, if you still have questions please contact the Section office at returntoskating@skateabnwtun.ca.

Thank you for your continued patience as we learn and work together in returning to the ice.

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