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Good Afternoon Clubs / Skating Schools, Coaches and Officials:

The [Alberta Open for Summer plan](#) announced earlier this week was a welcomed announcement for the return of sport and recreation in Alberta. As has happened consistently the past several months, in the days following an announcement we start to receive additional information on what it means, and the details on the direct impact to our sport as well as on program delivery.

As early as June 10<sup>th</sup>, if all required thresholds are met, Alberta could move into Step 2 of their Open for Summer Plan. Information currently being shared by the province suggests that there will no longer be restrictions for adult and youth indoor sport and recreation as part of the Step 2 re-opening. We have learned that is not the case and rather the intent of that statement is to indicate that the restrictions for games and competitions in youth/adult sport will be removed. Distancing, masking, participant tracing, health screening, and restrictions on facility capacity will still be in place in Step 2 and new guidance for sport, physical activity and recreation is currently in development.

**We strongly recommend that clubs/skating schools wait to plan or announce their indoor/on-ice programming and scheduling until later next week** to ensure it aligns with any Provincial guidance, and any Section protocols that may remain in place to ensure the continued health and safety of our members remains a priority.

**Effective Tuesday June 1<sup>st</sup> clubs and skating schools may resume outdoor dry-land training with their members.**

- Maximum of 10 in a group (including coaches, volunteers, participants)
- More than 1 group may occupy a playing surface or field if the groups maintain distance from each other (no cross-over of participants)
- 2 metres (6 feet) of distance is required between all coaches and participants at all times
- Participant Tracking and Health Screening is required
- Social gatherings or congregating before, during or after training is strongly advised against. 2 metres distancing is still a requirement with a maximum of up to 10 individuals in outdoor social settings and it is the expectation that the club/skating school or coach will ensure compliance if they allow any social gatherings as part of their activities.

We will continue to provide updates as more information becomes available. As always, if you have any questions, please email [returntoskating@skateabnwtun.ca](mailto:returntoskating@skateabnwtun.ca).

Sincerely,

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