



New Hamburg Skating Club/New Hamburg Power Protocols



Completion of Skate Ontario COVID-19 Waiver

All individuals participating in club/skating school must complete the Skate Ontario Acknowledgment, Release, Indemnity and Assumption of Risk regarding COVID-19 (“COVID-19 Waiver”). Failure to do so means that individual must not participate in club/skating school activities. Any individual participating in club or skating school activities is required to complete a COVID-19 Waiver, or have a signed COVID-19 Waiver on-file with Skate Ontario:

- Skaters
- Coaches
- Staff
- Board Members
- Volunteers
- Officials (please note: this will be kept on file with Skate Ontario)

An individual becomes unwell with symptoms of COVID-19

- If an individual becomes unwell with symptoms of COVID-19, or if someone is aware of an individual that becomes unwell with symptoms of COVID-19, that individual must immediately stop participation in club or skating school activities.
- The individual should be isolated from all others in a well-ventilated area, or outside and provided with a non-medical face mask if one is available
- The individual shall be sent home and instructed to follow public health guidelines regarding self-isolation and testing
- The facility should be informed in order to determine if any areas need to be closed off and/or require additional cleaning/disinfecting
- A member of the COVID-19 Oversight Group should be informed of the situation and should contact the individual or their parent/guardian to determine if next steps are being taken regarding testing

An individual is tested for COVID-19

- Any individual that is part of a club or skating school that is unwell and has been tested for COVID-19 must not participate in club or skating school activities while waiting for the results of the test
- Any individual that is part of the club/power school that has been tested for COVID-19 and has no COVID-19 symptoms, no known exposure to COVID-19 and no travel history is permitted to participate in club or skating school activities while waiting for the results of the test

An individual tests positive for COVID-19

- If an individual tests positive for COVID-19, they should inform a member of the club/skating school COVID-19 Oversight Group
- The COVID-19 Oversight Group will work where requested with the facility and public health officials to assist in contact tracing. The Session Participation tracking sheets may be used to assist public health officials in informing other club/skating school members who may have been in close contact with the individual
- Any club/skating school members who were in close contact with the individual should follow public health guidelines regarding self-isolation and testing
- It is recommended to also inform all club/skating school members of a positive COVID-19 result within the club/skating school setting
- The club/skating school should inform and work with the facility in the case of a positive COVID-19 result and determine if any additional cleaning/disinfecting should be performed as per the facility’s guidelines
- The club/skating school will inform Skate Ontario of a positive COVID-19 diagnosis by emailing clubsupportservices@skateontario.org

Return to club/skating activities following illness or Exposure to COVID-19

- Individuals must follow all public health and facility guidelines with respect to returning to skating following an illness or exposure to COVID-19
- If a COVID-19 test was negative and there was no known exposure to COVID-19, the individual may return to club/power school activities once they no longer have any symptoms of COVID-19 for at least 24 hours
- If a COVID-19 test was negative and there was a known exposure to COVID-19, the individual may only return to club/power school activities fourteen days after any symptoms started and once they no longer have any symptoms of COVID-19

Return to club/skating activities following COVID-19

- Following a positive COVID-19 test, an individual must follow all public health guidelines regarding return to activities.

Modification/restriction/postponing or cancelling of club/skating school activities

- Based on the evolving COVID-19 pandemic, the club/skating school must be prepared to follow public health, municipal/provincial government and sport recommendations regarding modifying/restricting/postponing or cancelling activities
- School cancellation policy is advertised on all registration forms
- Clubs/skating school members should be informed as soon as possible of any modifications/restrictions or cancellations
- Clubs/skating schools must keep any modifications and restrictions in place until advised that it is safe to resume activities by public health, government or sport officials

Public Health Guidelines

Club and power school members should follow all public health guidelines regarding COVID-19. These may include:

- Any club/power school members who themselves have travelled outside of Canada, must self-isolate and not participate in club/power school activities for 14 days unless the individual has a Government of Canada Travel Exemption.
- Any individual who has been exposed to someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19 should self-isolate and is not permitted to participate in club/power school until they have completed the period of self-isolation as advised by the HPPH, unless they engaged in consistent and appropriate use of PPE (i.e. healthcare workers)
- Any individual with symptoms of COVID-19 is not permitted to take part in club or power school activities

Club/skating school COVID-19 Communication Plan

SSC/NSSA Inc./ISPSS will ensure effective communication is taking place with their membership during the Return to Play Stages. Will will:

- Ensure up to date contact information for all club/skating school members is on-file
- Determine best method to distribute information (i.e. Facebook page, direct e-mail lists, webinars...)
- Determine the responsibility for communication within the club/skating school during the Return to Play stages (i.e. staff, volunteer, COVID-19 Oversight Group)
- Establish consistent cadence of communication to maintain connection with club/skating school members during Return to Play (i.e. Weekly. Bi-weekly)
- Consider holding a virtual Town Hall / Webinar to deliver information on Return to Play protocols and answer any questions / concerns
- Consider where communications/documents can be stored on a website or social media site for future reference by club/skating school members
- Designate member of COVID-19 Oversight Group to follow up with any individuals who become unwell with symptoms of COVID-19 during club/skating school activities
- Determine paper or virtual storage location for daily Session Participation Tracking sheets
- If it is determined that a club/skating school member has tested positive for COVID-19, work with Public Health who will perform contact tracing and will inform all club/skating school members that may have

been in close contact with that individual

- Ensure the facility and Skate Ontario are informed if a club or skating school member is diagnosed with COVID-19.