



CanSkate & COVID-19 FAQ Page

Have a question about COVID and CanSkate? Check out the Q & A's below to review questions we have been receiving from members in the Manitoba Section. Most recent questions will be located at the end of the document.

Have a question but don't see the answer below, then send in your question to Skate.admin@sportmanitoba.ca and we will get it answered!

Please check out [Skate Canada's COVID-19 Response Page](#) and [Skate Canada Manitoba's COVID-19 Response Page](#) and [Club Resources](#) for FAQ's, protocols, guides, templates and more!

Can we run the CanSkate Program?

Yes! As of September 1, 2020 we are entering Stage 2 of our Return to Play Protocols, and for CanSkate only we are actually opening up to Stage 4!

Can we only accept previous CanSkate registrants into our CanSkate Program this season?

Since we are opening CanSkate to Stage 4 of the Return to Play Protocols, Clubs will be able to accept the following:

- Previously registered CanSkate participants who have earned at least one Stage 1 ribbon
- Participants from other programs such as hockey, ringette, city run learn to skate programs, or no formal skating experience but can skate without assistance
- Parent and Tot Pre-CanSkate

Can we have new skaters join who have no previous skating experience and are not Parent and Tot?

For the safety of the coaches and PA's Pre-CanSkate registrations cannot be accepted at this time, unless there is a parent/guardian on the ice with that child in a Parent & Tot class.

When tentatively accepting new registrations we ask that you have the following (or similarly worded) clause; "registrations are subject to review by the club and coach(es) of the program. Skaters not registered in Parent & Tot programming and who are unable to demonstrate that they can skate without assistance on the ice will not be able to remain in the program at this time due to COVID safety considerations."

Our club has never run a Parent & Tot class. What does Parent & Tot mean and what is required?

Parent & Tot is a Pre-CanSkate class or group where the parent/guardian comes onto the ice with the skater and assists their child only with holding skater up, assisting with getting back up, etc... Parent & Tot helps young skaters gain confidence and eventually independence as they 'graduate' past the Pre-

CanSkate ribbon into Stage 1. Parents do not replace the coach, but are there to help their child learn from the coach.

All parents must be registered members of Skate Canada to step onto the ice. If the parent is unable to be on the ice and there is another parent/guardian who wishes to attend, that person must be a current member of Skate Canada as well. Memberships do not transfer to another person.

What if we accept a registration and they get onto the ice and they need to be held up? What do we do?

This person would be considered a Pre-CanSkate participant, regardless of age, and unable to continue in the program at this time without a parent/guardian to assist in a Parent & Tot group/class.

Above you will find the registration clause we would like you to use so that parents are aware at the time of registration that if their child cannot move on the ice unassisted they would not be eligible.

Coaches should evaluate skating ability on the first session, or a pre-session, to ensure that the skater(s) are placed in the appropriate group or will need to notify parents if they are not eligible at this time.

We ask clubs to consider having flexible refund policies should a skater attend and they are not able to participate due to current skating ability.

How many skaters are we allowed on the ice?

As of September 1st 2020, you are allowed to have a maximum of 35 persons on or near the ice. This includes coaches, PA, skaters and any parents on the ice involved in a Parent and Tot class/group. Anyone near the ice, whether in players/penalty boxes (with the exception of an ice level music player), near the gate, standing around the glass, etc... are all included in the 35 person number.

What do we do if we get a positive COVID-19 case?

If you have been informed that a person(s) on one of your sessions has received a positive COVID result please do the following:

- Contact Skate Canada Manitoba at skate.exec@sportmanitoba.ca to let us know date(s) of possible exposure, and number of case(s)
- Contact your facility/rink contact person to let them know, if they were not the person who contacted you
- Have your session record form(s) for the date(s) of possible exposure ready to provide to the government or facility
- The government will contact those persons who need to be contacted regarding possible exposure
- Deep clean/sanitize all props, teaching aids etc...
- Continue programming unless instructed to postpone from Government, Facility or Skate Canada Manitoba

Sometimes we need to be hands on with a skater, how do we handle that?

Whenever possible try to demonstrate and use verbal and visual cues. When that is not working the Government has the following information available; Where sport specific training cannot maintain the physical distancing requirement of 2 meters that contact must be kept between participants (including skater to skater, coach to skater, etc...) to a maximum of 15 cumulative minutes per session.