



Skate Canada Manitoba Return to Play Protocols For Outdoor Rinks (ODR)

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Skate Canada Manitoba's primary Return to Play Protocols document was created for the indoor organization and implementation of Skate Canada Programs and figure skating related activities.

With changes to public health orders to allow organized sport to occur outdoors, we have created the following document for clubs/school, coaches and athletes to be able to resume some activities in an outdoor setting.

While the province remains in the Red Restricted level in their Pandemic Response System, SCMB also remains in Red with the following permitted to occur:

1. One on One lessons permitted on an outdoor rink
2. Semi-private lessons permitted on an outdoor rink (maximum 3 skaters)

Protocols

- All public health orders must be followed while participating on an ODR which may include (but not limited to) wearing a mask, physical distancing, sanitizing, gathering size limits, etc... Please review all rules of the ODR to ensure compliance to the highest standard.
- Prior to arriving at an ODR all participants must have completed the [Shared Health Screening Tool](#). Please follow the recommendations of the screening tool.
- Waivers must have been signed prior to participating (if they were not already signed previously).
- Sign in sheet must be kept for on ice participants. Information to be collected includes session date, session time, skater/coach name, phone number.
- Rule of Two:
 - <https://skatecanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Rule-of-Two-EN.pdf>
 - Please review the Rule of Two and plan for how to observe this safe sport requirement while on both public and private (backyard) rinks

Considerations

- Skate Canada Manitoba highly encourages participants to sanitize hands before and after exiting an outdoor ice surface and/or after using a bench, and to wash outdoor attire such as mitts/gloves after each use as ODRs do not often have cleaning procedures after/between user groups.
- Upon arrival at an ODR it is strongly encouraged to inspect the ice surface and mark any areas of concern to minimize risk of injury.
- Be cognizant of temperature, wind, hours of sunlight/lighting conditions, ice conditions

Outdoor Rinks & Insurance

Please find below the previously published insurance information of the general conditions that have to be met when training on coach procured/additional/supplemental training ice (ie. ODR). Clarifications have been received/provided by Skate Canada for several of the requirements below. The insurance is covered as long as the following conditions are met:

- The extra ice must not be shared with non-skate Canada members (ex. General public)
 - *Clarification received: As it is near impossible to have private outdoor public ice the injury benefit is VALID even if there are non Skate Canada members on the ice. The two (2) main criteria are that a coach is present and that the club/skating school is in support of the activities.*
- The extra ice must not be scheduled on a routine basis.
 - *Clarification received: Routine basis would be that these additional sessions can not augment regular sessions in a manner that makes them recurring (ie part of their regular training routine).*
- During this extra ice, at no time may the Skate Canada coach instruct group lessons or provide a group program such as CanSkate or CanPowerSkate.
 - *Clarification received: What is not allowed to happen is CanSkate or CanPowerSkate group lessons happening on this outdoor ice. If a coach has three (3) STAR or competitive students and wants to provide a group lesson that is permissible and is not intended as a group lesson for purposes of coverage.*
- The Skate Canada Club or Skating School must consider these sessions in support of their programming. This support would not have to be in writing in advance of these sessions. This support could be delivered verbally if and when a claim is submitted.

We encourage you to refer to our COVID FAQ document located on our [website](#) to review for additional clarifications.

Should you have a question(s) that are not yet addressed in the COVID FAQ document please reach out to the Section office and we will be happy to help you.