



Clarification Memo: Re Public Health Orders

Effective March 5, 2021 to March 25, 2021

There are questions surrounding Order 14 in the current Public Health Orders, Indoor Recreation (to view the official document [please click here](#)). Please find below clarifications on this Order from Sport Manitoba and example scenarios to assist in the understanding of the clarifications. As we receive additional clarifications from Sport Manitoba or Public Health information is subject to change and will be communicated.

ORDER 14

- 14(1) Indoor sporting facilities, including swimming pools, may open if the operator of the facility complies with all requirements of this Order.

- 14(2) **Individual play, group and individual instruction, and team practices** may take place at an indoor sporting facility but no **organized team games or tournaments** may be held at the facility, except as authorized under Order 16.

Sport Manitoba clarification: Reinforce that no organized team competition or tournaments are allowed at this time.

- 14(3) The operator of an indoor sporting facility must
 - ensure that any group of persons participating in a sporting activity at the facility, excluding coaches or instructors, does not exceed 10 persons;
 - take reasonable measures to ensure that there is no interaction between different groups of participants who are engaging in a sporting activity at the facility at the same time; and
 - limit the number of persons in dressing rooms to 50% of the usual capacity or to a number that ensures that all persons in the dressing room are able to maintain a separation of at least two metres from other persons, whichever is lesser.

Sport Manitoba clarification: Clarify that you can have multiple groups of 10 participating in a sporting activity at once, as long as you do not exceed facility capacity limits and do not intersect with other groups

- 14(4) The operator of an indoor sporting facility must
 - implement measures to ensure that members of the public at the facility are reasonably able to maintain a separation of at least two metres from other members of the public at the facility, excluding participants engaged in a sporting activity; and
 - limit occupancy to all portions of the facility other than dressing rooms and the areas where sporting activities are conducted to 25% of the usual capacity.

Skate Canada Manitoba's Return to Play Protocols identify that up to a maximum of 35 skaters plus 5 additional coaches may be on the ice (with the exception of CanPowerSkate which is maximum of 30), unless the facility has indicated a capacity that is lower. The standard that is higher must be adhered to (ie the lower capacity number).

Ten (10) athletes are the maximum number of skaters that can be in a group together. Those ten (10) athletes are essentially a cohort on the session and cannot intersect with another group (ie switching skaters between groups, bringing the group together). There can be several groups on the ice at once, up to the maximum number of persons allowed. There are no current rules regarding coaches being able to move between group/skaters.

What does this mean on the ice?

1. CanSkate:

- Program assistants are considered athletes under these orders as they are not defined as coaches/instructors
- Group warm up, group activity, group cool down, fast track between stations would need to stay in cohorts and not come altogether (ie intersecting)
- Groups can still switch stations, switch coaches, but the athletes together must remain together

2. CanPowerSkate:

- Program assistants again are considered athletes under these orders as they are not defined as coaches/instructors
- Any group activity within the program would need to stay within cohorts and not come altogether during the session (ie intersecting)
- Groups can still switch stations, switch coaches, but the athletes together must remain together

3. Singles/Dance/Pairs

- Individual lessons and group lessons can occur, again not bringing more than ten (10) skaters together in the same group and not exchanging skaters between different groups
 - i. If you have ten (10) skaters and you break them into different group lessons on the ice, and interchange those skaters together on the session that stays within the limitations of the health order
 - 1. Example: You have seven (7) STARSkaters and you want to do a lesson with skaters A/B/C and then a lesson with skaters D/E/F/G. The next set of lessons you could exchange skaters A and D because they are from the same cohort of a maximum of ten (10) skaters.
 - ii. If you have twenty (20) skaters on the ice they would form two (2) cohorts. Skaters from one cohort cannot be exchanged on that session to the other cohort.
 - 1. Example: Three coaches are running an edge/turn class with fifteen (15) skaters. Each coach has five (5) athletes. Each cohort of athletes can rotate between coaches on the session. During the class one group is joined with another group, to make a total of ten (10). For the remainder of the session no skaters from the cohort of ten (10) should move to the smaller cohort as that would be intersecting.
 - 2. Athletes can practice skills individually, socially distanced
 - iii. You have five (5) coaches on the ice and twelve (12) skaters, coaches aren't team coaching on the session
 - 1. Athletes can practice skills individually, socially distanced
 - 2. Each coach has a cohort of skaters that are with them

Recommendations:

- Keep training cohorts together where possible
 - Dressing rooms
 - Entering ice surface
 - Where water bottles are kept at the boards (ie cohort 1 home players box, cohort 2 visitor box, cohort 3 hangers on the tops of the glass for example)
- If coaches aren't moving between skating cohorts, 'assign' an area/section of the ice or along boards
- Skaters should keep socialization to a minimum while on the ice, especially if a skater(s) are in a different on ice cohort. Stay at least two (2) meters apart (ie socially distanced).

The above recommendations are to ensure that in the event of an inspection by Public Health, the officer would not have to question if skaters were intersecting with another group on a busy session.