



Skate Canada: BC/YK Update Covid-19 Update #6 April 16, 2020

Covid-19 On Ice Programming Further Information

Please see below a further statement of position from Skate Canada on recommendations around skating during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Skate Canada British Columbia/Yukon completely supports the Skate Canada recommendations and wants to ensure that every athlete, coach and parent clearly see the intent of the message.

Skate Canada - As you know, in March, all Skate Canada sanctioned activities were suspended until further notice. This suspension remains in effect and includes the use of private rinks that may be operating in some jurisdictions. This decision was not taken lightly and was made on the basis of the advice received from public health authorities. As recently as April 8, the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee noted:

"We need to keep on with the social isolation, hygiene and distancing measures to ensure the gains made so far are effective and sustained. It is still not safe to look for loopholes to restart group training. It remains essential for everyone for all of us to avoid training in teams/crews/pools etc, using shared equipment of public facilities as per the previous statements."

We continue to highly recommend that this position be followed and that our skating community follow social/physical distancing and other guidelines emphasized by the federal, provincial, and municipal governments and health authorities. We remind you that Skate Canada insurance coverages will not apply to non-sanctioned activities.

We understand that everyone is anxious to get back to training and that includes all of us at Skate Canada. We will keep you apprised as our position evolves.

Skate Canada BC/YK - Canada is making progress in fighting this virus and if we all stay true to the recommendations of the government to practice good social distancing, washing our hands and staying at home we have a chance to be back in the rinks at some point over the next several months. We must not let up now.

We thank you for your understanding and support of the local health authorities and recommendations.