

Critical Update - Friday February 19th

Good morning everyone,

MacDonald Island has been informed of updated guidelines from Alberta Health Services as follows:

\* Spectators are not permitted.

\* If a parents/chaperones/volunteers are required to be in a facility for the purposes of assuring that clients/minors are safe, those individuals are included in the 10 total people.

\* Coaches/trainers/instructors must be masked at all times (with no exceptions) in all indoor training locations. If an individual cannot wear a mask (e.g., medical reasons) they must not participate.

\* If dressing rooms are required to complete final preparation, access should be limited to the individuals participating in the permitted activity and two metres physical distancing must be maintained between participants. If support is required, only one household (i.e., parent) should be permitted access at a time.

With these updated guidelines, effective immediately there will be no parent spectating for skating sessions under current health restrictions. One parent may come in to check-in the skater and tie skates if needed.

(If we were to have parent spectators, they would be required to be part of the 10 participants and we would need to decrease the numbers of skaters on the ice to three and adjust schedules once again. We hope you understand we do not wish to do this at the moment.)

We have been also been reminded that MacDonald Island is not currently open to the public. As such parents are asked not to loiter in the building while training sessions for their skater are happening.

For safety purposes, we will need a number for emergency contact purposes. Please make sure we have a valid number at check in. Skaters will be permitted to bring cell phones (should they have them) to the boards with the emergency contact number programmed in.

Our last reminder is to please keep in mind two meters distancing is required at all times by parents, skaters, and coaches while in the facility.

We are so happy to be back on the ice and see all our skating members again. Our apologies for the the stress these restrictions are placing on all of us. We hope the joy of being able to express ourselves on the ice again will help offset the requirements around facility usage.

Stage 1 Document:

<https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/covid-19-relaunch-sports-physical-activity-and-recreation.pdf>

Regards,

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