

Community Association Rink Protocols
For the 2020-2021 Rink Season
During COVID 19

To All Community Association Rink Coordinators,

With the recent announcement by the Province of Saskatchewan regarding additional COVID-19 restrictions to be implemented effective November 27, 2020 through to end of day December 17, 2020, Community Development has reached out to the Business Response Team at the province for further clarification regarding the operation of outdoor rink facilities.

PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER - PROVINCIAL ORDER – Issued November 26, 2020

Item 1. (s) “Sports or activities where one or more individuals compete against one or more other individuals ("team sports", such as hockey, football, soccer, and basketball) are not permitted. This includes competitions and games for all amateur and recreational leagues. Group training for individual athletic events (such as dance, figures skating, diving, and speed skating) is not permitted. This includes competitions and rehearsals. The owner or operator of a business or a facility must not use the business or facility for this purpose, and must not rent, reserve, or allow the business or facility to be used for this purpose. Notwithstanding the foregoing, individuals 18 years of age or under may continue conditioning and skills training in groups not exceeding 8 individuals so long as 3-meter distancing between all individuals is maintained.”

The clarification that has been received from the Government of Saskatchewan Business Response Unit is as follows:

- a) This order is being applied to both indoor AND outdoor ice rinks.
- b) As per the public health order above, **any kind of organized or pick-up hockey during designated public skating times is not permitted on outdoor ice rinks.** Please secure away or remove any hockey nets from your rinks so they cannot be used at any time, during public skating.
- c) The maximum allowable number of participants allowed on the outdoor ice rink at any one-time is 30 individuals, as per current outdoor gathering restrictions.
- d) Spectators are allowed around the outside of the rink. Members of household groups can gather, with a minimum of two metres between household groups – side to side and front to back.
- e) Outside of public skating times, the above public health order states that the only time hockey can be practiced is by groups of no more than 8 individuals, under the age of 18, participating in ice skating skills conditioning and training, (pucks and sticks can be used) as long as 3m physical distancing can be maintained. If physical distancing cannot be maintained in this scenario it is recommended that all participants wear a mask.

The City of Saskatoon recommends the following:

- a) We strongly recommend not to leave any hockey nets available for use while the rink is not being supervised, to discourage large gatherings of individuals participating in this activity. All equipment available to the public needs to be cleaned and disinfected regularly to reduce the transmission of the Covid-19 virus.
- b) Associations wishing to rent out their rinks for the practice scenario activities in item e) are strongly encouraged to have a supervisor in attendance for the entire rental to ensure proper protocols are being followed.

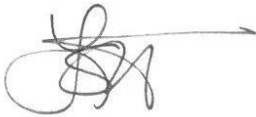
As per the direction of the Chief Medical Health Officer of Saskatchewan,

“This order remains in effect until 12:01am on December 18th, 2020, or until, in the opinion of the Chief Medical Health Officer, there is no longer a public health threat, whichever shall first occur.”

Updates will be provided to the rink protocols as required.

Please ensure that these protocols are enforced at your outdoor rink, for the safety of your residents. Your anticipated cooperation is greatly appreciated. If you have questions or need further information, please reach out to your Community Consultant.

Thank you, stay safe and be well.



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