

Skate Ontario's COVID-19 Response – Premier Ford's May 14th Announcement

Dear Skate Ontario Skating Family,

Today the Ontario government released their guidelines for Stage 1 of the Framework for Reopening our Province. In the guidelines, they have indicated that figure skating is one of the sports that is permitted to resume activity.

The following are the parameters for figure skating as defined by the government:

- Must be conducted by a recognized Provincial Sport Organization, National Sport Organization or recognized national provincial training centre with return to play protocols in place
- Must be executed using physical distancing measures and without spectators

While this is a huge step forward for our sport, it obviously raises many questions.

Please understand, the announcement today is NOT approval for Skate Ontario clubs and skating schools to begin operation at this time. This is not a green light for skating to resume on May 19th.

We know everyone is anxious to resume skating. We are pleased by today's announcement and ask for your patience as we move forward. Skate Ontario is awaiting further information from the government and public health on specific recommendations and details related to today's announcement.

We'd like to remind you that the choices all of us make in the coming days will determine our ability to move towards having all skaters back on the ice in Ontario in the near future. We will communicate and publish guidelines and additional information as they are available.