

SWIM SASKATCHEWAN



May 28, 2021

To Swim Saskatchewan Membership,

Swim Saskatchewan continues to advocate on behalf of our member clubs to our government partners to gain a clearer understanding of the most recent re-opening announcement from the provincial government and the impact it has on our sport.

With the move to include **Outdoor** sport in Step 1 of [Saskatchewan's Re-Opening Roadmap](#), and remaining sport restrictions being lifted in Step 2 (anticipated June 20, 2021) Swim Sask wanted to provide some clarification on what this will mean for our clubs and how they operate.

Swimming in Canada and in Saskatchewan has returned during the COVID-19 pandemic cautiously and safely. We will continue to do so as the Government of Saskatchewan begins to ease restrictions. We will thoughtfully and responsibly begin to increase our training sizes. As per the words from Chief medical Health Officer, Dr. Saquib, Shahab: *"Even though we will be able to do more come May 30th, you still need to do this cautiously, carefully, with consideration."*

As restrictions lift, it is important to note that all provincial public health orders must continue to be followed. Please remember that Municipalities, Facilities and Swim Saskatchewan, all may impose a higher standard than the [Public Health Orders](#), the [Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan](#) and/or the [Re-Open Roadmap](#). As such, on the following page is an outline of the requirements that all affiliated Swim Sask clubs will follow.

Step 1 will begin Sunday May 30th.

Step 2 is set to begin June 20th. This date is dependent on how the next few weeks go.

Step 3: TBD

Information about **Step 2 and 3**, including confirming start date(s), gathering guidelines and indoor sport training capacity will be communicated as better information becomes available.

Next Steps:

1. Clubs will continue to operate as per their RTS plans and update to correspond with the chart below and send a copy to Swim Sask.
2. Clubs may now travel to an outdoor pool, nearest them, to train.
3. Competition: must follow the Swim Sask Return to Competition Plan (to be released soon).
At this point in time, we do not yet fully understand what the sport of swimming can and cannot do regarding competitions and are trying to seek clarification from the BRT. (i.e: the government says no tournaments, so we are trying to understand if for swimming this means that only single club time trials can occur or there be a competition between 2 clubs?)

Reminder: there will be no sanctioned competitions for summer swimming in 2021.



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STEP 1: May 30, 2021: Government of Sask and Swim Sask rules

Gov Sask rules (black) Swim Sask rules (green)	INDOOR POOLS	OUTDOOR POOLS
Training	Yes	Yes
Competition	No	Yes
Physical Distancing	3m	2m
Group Size	Groups of 8 5m between groups Based on facility – max 30	Based on facility – max 150
Pool Format SCM: 25m length pool LCM: 50m length pool	Double Lanes (SCM: max 6 / LCM: max 8)	Double Lanes (SCM: max 6 / LCM: max 8) OR Single Lanes (SCM: max 4 / LCM: max 6) See: Guidelines: Multiple and Single Lane Swimming for Competitive Swimmer/Club Training: Swimming Canada
Masks Required	Yes	Yes
Travel within Saskatchewan	No <i>*only Olympic and Paralympic Athletes and Coaches</i>	Yes
Travel outside Saskatchewan	No <i>*only Olympic and Paralympic Athletes and Coaches</i>	No <i>*only Olympic and Paralympic Athletes and Coaches</i>
Contact Tracing	Yes	Yes
Spectators <i>*if permitted by the facility</i>	Contact Tracing Required	Contact Tracing Required

Thank you for your continued support and collective efforts to reduce transmission of COVID-19 within our sport.

We will provide further guidance on Step 2 and 3 and their impact on our sport, as soon as it is available, and we understand how it applies.

Yours in Swimming,

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Working together for each other



Investigating all options



Managing with respect and understanding



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