



Manitoba Health Orders – May 8 with updates on May 12

The government of Manitoba released new health orders on May 8 (updated on May 12). In these new orders, unfortunately, all indoor sport and recreational facilities must close, implying that all swim clubs cease their activities on May 7th.

14(1) Except as permitted under Order 16, all indoor sporting facilities, including swimming pools, must be closed while these Orders are in effect.

Under the update of May 12, we were able to gain approval from Provincial Health to reinstate the exemption for the potential Olympic athletes.

16(3) Athletes that have been identified as potential competitors at the summer or winter Olympics or Paralympic Games by a national sports organization that is either funded by Sport Canada or recognized by the Canadian Olympic Committee or the Canadian Paralympic Committee may train at indoor sporting facilities in accordance with subsection (4).

16(4) An athlete referred to in subsection (3) may train at indoor sporting facilities specified by Sport Manitoba if they comply with all requirements and protocols established by Sport Manitoba. The only persons permitted to enter an indoor sporting facility during such training are the athlete and those coaches and support personnel authorized by Sport Manitoba as well as staff required to operate the facility.

For outdoor training, the interpretation we received from Provincial Health via Sport Manitoba, is clubs can train outdoors in groups of 5 (coaches included) but no organized competitions or team games.

13(3) Persons may engage in any type of outdoor sporting or recreational activity but they must not engage in an activity as part of a group of more than 5 persons.

13(4) No organized team games are permitted at an outdoor sporting facility.

13(5) All persons engaged in an outdoor sporting or recreational activity must maintain a separation of at least two metres from other participants.

13(6) No spectators are permitted at an outdoor sporting facility.

Unfortunately, outdoor pools must also resume close under these orders:

13(2) Outdoor pools, splash pads and wading pools must be closed while these Orders are in effect.

To view the full public health orders, visit the Government of Manitoba website:
<https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/prs/orders/index.html>



UPDATE October 30:

Att: Club Presidents, Head Coaches,

As a result of the new restrictions announced by Manitoba Health Agency this afternoon, the following changes come into effect Monday, November 2nd:

- Winnipeg Region - Code Red- all public pools and sport facilities will be closed. Therefore all club pool training will be suspended until facilities re-open. **While this restriction does not take effect until Monday, Swim Natation Manitoba requests all clubs in the Winnipeg region to suspend pool training effective immediately.**
- **The safety and health of our members is our top priority and it is important we make every effort to reduce the potential transmission of the virus.**
- All other regions move to Code Orange- please refer to your Back to Play plan for protocols and pool number limitations

The restrictions are in place for a minimum of two weeks.

We know this is not good news. Let's hope it is only for the short term and we can all get back to the pool soon.

Thanks,

Brian Leier
Executive Director



Swim Manitoba Update - May19

Att: Club Presidents,

A temporary suspension of the requirement to have a provision for virtual meetings in corporate bylaws has been put in place until September 30, 2020. If your club is planning an AGM before September 30, 2020, you can have a virtual meeting without it being specifically stated in your bylaws. Please see the note and link below:

Order Temporarily Suspending Corporate meeting Provision

This [Order](#) temporarily suspends the requirements for certain meetings of condominium corporations under The Condominium Act, cooperatives under The Cooperatives Act, corporations under The Corporations Act; and credit unions under The Credit Unions and Caisses Populaires Act. The order also permits electronic service, voting and meetings even where otherwise not permitted by the bylaws of the corporation. This Order takes effect beginning on March 31, 2020, and ending on September 30, 2020, unless sooner revoked.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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Swim Manitoba Update April 7

UPDATE April 7:

Please read the [update from Swimming Canada about the Competition Moratorium](#).

Swim Manitoba is committed to the health and safety of our community. We are closely monitoring the developments around COVID-19, and will follow the recommendations of the Government of Manitoba.

We have created a number of possible scenarios for the rest of the season that contemplate various options depending on if/when aquatic facilities in the province re-open. In the next weeks, we will consult with the Manitoba Swim Coach Association (MSCA) to test and consider these scenarios.

As all of the scenarios are dependant of the availability of pools in the province, we will communicate with the municipalities to determine how long it will take to bring the pools on line once the decision is made to open facilities.

We will provide an update on the Competition Moratorium for Manitoba by April 25th.



Swim Manitoba Update COVID 19 March 17

Club Presidents and Head Coaches,

The following is an update on various items relating to COVID 19:

- **Club Activities-** Based on Federal and Manitoba Health guidelines: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/index.html>
 - **All group training and/or group activities should be suspended** until information from Manitoba/Federal health authorities confirm group activities can resume
 - **No club/team travel for a minimum of the next 30 days,**
 - **Teams currently abroad should return home asap:** <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/16/prime-minister-announces-new-actions-under-canadas-covid-19-response>
 - Club Boards should work closely with head coaches and take time to consider all options, pausing to review (amongst other items); the financial outlook and projections of the club; club policies and contracts; as well as employment laws and regulations prior to making any decisions
- **Sanctioned Events-** As noted in our communication on March 13, all sanctioned events have been cancelled up to April 20. More information: <https://www.swimming.ca/en/news/2020/03/13/olympic-and-paralympic-trials-other-events-to-be-postponed-or-cancelled-due-to-covid-19-concerns/>
- **Swim Manitoba Office Working Remotely-** To support efforts to reduce the potential for transmission of the virus, the Swim Manitoba office will be closed to the public until further notice, and the staff will be working from home. We will be available by email during regular business hours.

Please check our website for updates here: <https://www.swimmanitoba.mb.ca/covid-19-update>

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