

# Program Requirements and Delivery Standards - CanPowerSkate WITH COVID-19 CONSIDERATIONS



**\*CanPower programs can resume effective June 29, 2020.**

The following document has been created for clubs/skating schools to use when planning for the return of CanPower programming. Skaters are required to have a **minimum skating level equivalent to Stage 4 (recommended Stage 6)** to be part of the CanPower Program.

Please reference the [Skate Ontario Return to Play Protocols](#) and the [CanPower Resource Guide](#).

## General COVID Considerations:

It is the responsibility of the club/skating school to

- follow Skate Ontario and provincial government protocols, and
- connect with facilities regarding municipal protocols.

Ensure that your club/skating school is comfortable with all protocols before restarting operations. Clubs/skating schools can delay reopening until they feel it is more stable and/or financially feasible to do so.





# HOCKEY - SKATING SKILL DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY



HOCKEY CANADA LTAD STAGES & AGE GROUPINGS	STAGES OF TRAINING	SKATING PROGRAMS
<b>Discover/Active Start</b> MF 0-4 years Learn to Skate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduce Skills</li> <li>Physical Literacy</li> <li>Learning to Skate</li> </ul>	
<b>FUNDamentals 1</b> MF 5-6 years Initiation Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduce Skills</li> <li>Physical Literacy</li> <li>Learning to Skate</li> </ul>	
<b>FUNDamentals 2</b> MF 7-8 years Tyke, Pre-Novice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduce skills</li> <li>Learning to Skate</li> <li>Skating to Play</li> </ul>	
<b>Learn to Play</b> F 8-9 / M 9-10 years Novice, Atom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop Skills</li> <li>Skating for Hockey Basics</li> </ul>	
<b>Learn to Train</b> F 10-11 / M 11-12 years Pee wee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop Skills</li> <li>Skating for Hockey Basics</li> </ul>	
<b>Train to Train</b> F 11-15 / M 12-16 years Bantam, M. Midget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop Skills</li> <li>Increased Hockey Specific Skating</li> </ul>	
<b>Train to Compete</b> F 16-18 / M 16-17 years Midget, Juvenile, Jr. A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refine Skills</li> <li>Individual Skating Mechanics</li> <li>Game-situation Skating</li> <li>Enhancement and Repetition</li> </ul>	
<b>Train to Win</b> F 18-22 / M 18-20 years Jr. A, University, Professional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refine Skills</li> <li>Individual Skating Mechanics</li> <li>Game-situation Skating</li> <li>Enhancement and Repetition</li> </ul>	
<b>Train to Excel</b> F 22+ / M 21+ years University, Professional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refine Skills</li> <li>Individual Skating Mechanics</li> <li>Game-situation Skating</li> <li>Enhancement and Repetition</li> </ul>	

**ACTIVE FOR LIFE**  
ANY AGE RECREATIONAL

- INTRODUCE SKILLS
- DEVELOP SKILLS
- REFINE SKILLS



## CANPOWERSKATE (Learn to Train for Hockey and Ringette) with COVID Considerations

Name tag considerations:

- Sanitize name tags before placing them on the table
- Ask skaters to keep their own name tag (or possibly return the tag at the end of the session)

<b>Requirements</b>	<p>At least one Skate Canada NCCP CanPowerSkate coach on the ice always (In-training, Trained or Certified), who is registered and in good standing.</p> <p>All coaches and program assistants must be in hockey skates or a sled (sledge hockey) and use hockey/ringette stick and gloves. A CSA approved hockey helmet required for all participants, use of hockey/ringette sticks and gloves.</p> <p><u>All participants must be registered with Skate Canada.</u></p> <p>All Program Assistants (PAs) on the ice must be wearing skates or in a sled and be registered with Skate Canada.*</p> <p>Operate and deliver the CanPowerSkate program in accordance with the minimum delivery standards identified by Skate Canada</p>	<p>During COVID-19, all requirements must be met for all CanPowerSkate sessions.</p>	
	<b>Minimum Delivery Standards</b>	<b>Advanced Delivery Standards</b>	<b>Minimum Standard must be met unless otherwise stated Strategies provided for meeting the standard during COVID-19</b>
<b>Ratio</b>	Minimum 1:30 coach to skater ratio. PA's recommended	1:10 coach to skater ratio	
<b>Movement</b>	Minimum 90% movement during the entire session.	<p>Greater than 90% movement throughout the session.</p> <p>Note: skaters receiving 1 on 1 individual attention do not affect movement percentage, if the rest of the group is moving.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educate skaters about physical distancing protocols when passing skaters on the ice</li> <li>• Provide passing lanes in circuits</li> <li>• Provide a wide fast track area to allow for safe passing</li> <li>• Use lanes when possible</li> </ul>
<b>Music</b>		Age appropriate music for the session that is fun, energizing and contains signals to indicate session segment changes ex. Fast Track laps and station rotation	<p>If music is used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assign one individual to play music</li> <li>• Sanitize music equipment before and after each use</li> </ul>



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Teaching Aids	Use of teaching aids at each station (minimum of marker/signs and pylons)	Use of a variety of teaching aids that engages the skaters learning and interest.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove all teaching aids that are porous or made of cloth</li> <li>Sanitize all teaching aids before and after every session</li> <li>Avoid sharing props and teaching aids</li> <li>Designate individuals to set-up teaching aids to restrict the amount of contact</li> </ul> <p><b>Example:</b> Assign a coach or PA to a particular set of teaching aids to avoid additional exposure or risk. The coach or PA will be responsible for the handling and cleaning of their assigned teaching aids.</p>
Program Assistants	Use Program Assistants as required to meet minimum ratio	Assign a Program Assistant to each group for supervision and assistance. Use additional Program Assistants as required to offer an effective and efficient program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The use of PAs may not be required if the coach/skater ratio is low</li> <li>PA roles may be modified to support physical distancing and hygiene measures</li> </ul>
Program Assistant Training	Ensure Program Assistants are trained before assisting on the ice with a minimum of one training.	Offer multiple training sessions throughout the season to engage, support and monitor development of the program assistants.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Include training on hygiene, traffic flow and physical distancing measures</li> <li>Ensure PAs understand any variations to their role from past seasons</li> <li>Provide virtual training for PAs                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sample agenda:                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facility guidelines</li> <li>Hygiene/sanitizing measures</li> <li>On-ice protocols/new roles</li> <li>Strategies for on-ice physical distancing</li> <li>Strategies for on-ice demonstrations</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>Emphasize the importance of body language and verbal cues/feedback</li> </ul>
Session Format: Warm Up	Use of full ice  Include forward and backward skating in both directions.	All minimum standards plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inclusion of deep bends</li> <li>Evidence of increased heart rate in participants.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use the perimeter of the ice to help observe physical distancing</li> <li>Educate skaters on physical distancing measures</li> <li>Establish a wide fast track for physically distanced passing and use continuous lanes with staggered entry points or lead each group individually</li> <li>Consider using a two to four lane highway with slower skaters in one lane and faster skaters in another</li> </ul>



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<p>Session Format: Lesson Time</p>	<p>A minimum of 30 mins of lesson time including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 rotations to different learning stations</li> <li>• Use of circuits to teach and practice skills</li> <li>• A minimum 10-minute lesson to each group by a NCCP CanPowerSkate coach</li> </ul>	<p>All minimum standards plus:</p> <p>Use of circuits designed to fill 1/3 of ice, maximizing ice coverage or adapting the circuits to fill ½ or the full ice surface.</p>	<p>Lesson time may be less than 30 minutes, as session times may need to be adjusted.</p> <p>When possible, it is ideal to provide three stations to rotate to. If session time needs to be reduced, a minimum of two rotations is permitted during COVID-19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When rotating to a new station, remind skaters to avoid touching props and teaching aids</li> </ul> <p>Circuit Strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider starting skaters at different spots on the circuit to accommodate physical distancing</li> <li>• Advise skaters to pass others when necessary (standing behind and/or close to another skater is not permitted)</li> <li>• Inform skaters to avoid touching teaching aids and props</li> <li>• Provide a passing lane in the circuit</li> <li>• Use a large amount of ice for the circuit to encourage physical distancing</li> </ul> <p>Each group must receive a minimum of one 10-minute lesson.</p>
<p>Session Format: Development Time</p>	<p>Use of Development Time to enhance skills and speed.</p>	<p>All minimum standards plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence of "challenge" skills</li> <li>• Use of continuous lanes or similar</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the perimeter of the ice to help observe physical distancing</li> <li>• Educate skaters on physical distancing measures</li> <li>• Establish a wide fast track for physically distanced passing and use continuous lanes with staggered entry points or lead each group individually</li> <li>• Consider using a two to four lane highway with slower skaters in one lane and faster skaters in another</li> </ul>
<p>Session Format: Cool Down</p>	<p>Evidence of gliding stretches to increase range of motion and lower heart rate, for example: Toe touch while gliding (hamstring stretch)</p>	<p>All minimum standards plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of continuous lanes or similar pattern to increase range of motion and balance</li> <li>• Use of slower music to support lowered heart rate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the perimeter of the ice to help observe physical distancing</li> <li>• Educate skaters on physical distancing measures</li> <li>• Establish a wide fast track for physically distanced passing and use continuous lanes with staggered entry points or have coach lead each group separately</li> <li>• Consider using a two to four lane highway with slower skaters in one lane and faster skaters in another</li> </ul>



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<b>Quality Coaching</b>	<p>Coach ensures that each skater in the lesson receives one on one attention on the circuit during the lesson time.</p> <p>Coaches know and teach the standards of the skills as per the CanPowerSkate Resource Toolkit and videos</p>	<p>All minimum standards, plus:</p> <p>Coach gives each skater:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual feedback</li> <li>• Individual corrections</li> <li>• Individual challenges based on their level of development</li> <li>• within their lesson and circuit, without stopping the entire group.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remind coaches to use demonstrations, key words, and diagrams/pictures to assist in comprehension and acquisition of taught skills during COVID-19</li> </ul> <p>Please note: Coaches must maintain a distance of 2m from skaters at all times when in the facility. "Hands on" coaching is prohibited.</p>
<b>Branding and Marketing</b>	<p>Must advertise and refer to the program as CanPowerSkate and use the official CanPowerSkate logo</p> <p>Use the official Skate Canada CanPowerSkate report card (min. 1 per session)</p>	<p>All minimum standards plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use ALL Skate Canada CanPowerSkate tools and promotional materials</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider moving posted material behind plexiglass</li> <li>• Consider increasing your virtual identity through social media and via an up-to-date website</li> <li>• Distribute report cards via email versus hard copies</li> </ul>
<b>Parent Information Session</b>	<p>Offer a minimum of 1 parent information or interaction session per season.</p> <p>Offer a written source of information about the program and other club opportunities (Info letter, website, bulletin board, etc.)</p>	<p>Offer multiple opportunities for parents to connect with CanSkate Coordinators and/or coaches. This could include but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-person information session</li> <li>• In-person progress update opportunities</li> <li>• In-person "next steps" touch base to guide skaters into next appropriate program (CPS, Figure Skating etc.)</li> </ul> <p>Offer several written sources of information about the program and other club opportunities (inf letter, website, bulletin board, etc.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider hosting virtual meetings that can be recorded for future reference</li> <li>• Distribute information to parents via email</li> <li>• Use tables, tape on the floor or pylons to identify spacing needed for face-to-face conversations</li> </ul> <p>Sample parent information session agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facility guidelines</li> <li>• Club/school protocols</li> <li>• What to expect on and off the ice</li> <li>• Review EAP</li> <li>• Q &amp; A</li> </ul>



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Awards	Use official Skate Canada badges and award them at the end of each season.  Maintain records of the skater's progress	All minimum standards plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Track and maintain records of skater's progress digitally</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider placing badges and ribbons in envelopes for each skater</li> <li>Designate one person to do this task</li> </ul>
Off Ice Classes		Offer off ice classes to increase physical literacy, awareness, and coordination	Depending on where off-ice classes are offered, the following protocols need to be observed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you are using facility property to conduct off-ice classes, please follow Skate Ontario Return to Play Protocols and facility protocols</li> <li>If you are using an outdoor area (not part of the facility), please adhere to provincial physical distancing guidelines</li> </ul>
Maximum number of skaters per session	The number of skaters on a session must allow for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote a safe environment</li> <li>Ensure all skaters have enough room to move freely around the ice and circuits</li> <li>An organized flow of rotation</li> <li>Proper coach/skater ratios</li> </ul> Ideally sessions should not exceed 30 skaters.  Clubs or Skating Schools who wish to offer programs with more than 30 skaters must receive Section permission.		Follow provincial regulations and Skate Ontario Return to Play Protocols for the current number of individuals permitted in a gathering.  When provincial gathering sizes increase, a maximum of 30 skaters per session must be adhered to in all circumstances (no exceptions).

