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**March 12, 2020 – 5:00 pm**

**Please read this email in full.**

As you are likely already aware, the situation with COVID-19 is evolving rapidly. We at the DSC have been monitoring events and would like to take the time to encourage our members take all precautions necessary to protect the health and welfare of all in our community. The situation seems to be evolving hourly, and we would encourage members to check their email frequently to keep up to date on the latest information. We, like you, are watching the situation carefully and we will share any information we have with you as soon as we can.

At this time, we can advise as follows with respect to DSC programming and events:

1. The STARSkate & Adult Championships we were co-hosting March 20-22, 2020 has been CANCELLED as a response to the AHS recommendations this afternoon. All Competition Volunteer deposits will be credited back to member accounts before the end of March 2020.
2. Club Photo Day is being postponed! A new date will be communicated as soon as that has been arranged.
3. All other sessions are currently running as normally scheduled. We have been advised that the City is considering closing city-run facilities, and we will let you know as soon as possible if closures are announced.

Moving forward, and keeping in line with AHS recommendations, we are requesting that all DSC members cooperate with the following precautions:

1. All skaters, coaches and families should be washing their hands with soap and water regularly. Carry and use personal hand sanitizers frequently. Additionally, avoid touching your face to mitigate risk.
2. If you/your skater are sick, please do not come to the arena and attend your skating sessions. Stay home and feel better. We do not want to put you or others at risk.
3. If you suspect you/your skater may have coronavirus or have been in contact with someone who was suspected or confirmed in the last 14 days, please call Health Link 811 ASAP. Do not come to the arena.
4. If our coaches, staff or Board members notice flu-like symptoms such as fever, cough, or runny nose - we reserve the right to call a skater's parent/guardian/emergency contact and send skaters home as a precaution.

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5. As always, skaters are asked to not share food or beverages and to be mindful of touching each other. Physical touch between people should be limited where possible.
6. If you are travelling outside of Canada, please exercise caution upon return and you are asked to self-quarantine upon return for the recommended time (currently 14-days).

Skate Canada's response to COVID-19 can be read here: <https://skatecanada.ca/2020/03/skate-canada-response-covid-19/>

Should you have any questions or concerns, please email our office at [office@derrickskating.ca](mailto:office@derrickskating.ca).

**Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. By working vigilantly together, we can help to stop the spread and minimize the risks to all our skaters and DSC community.**

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