



Dear Silver Blades families:

We hope everyone is staying healthy during this unprecedented difficult time. Our club is currently complying with the directives from the City, the Province, the Country, and the provincial and federal sport organizations. We are making changes as recommendations and requirements change.

All decisions are made with the members as our top priority. We will communicate any decisions made as soon as we are able and appreciate everyone's patience as we adapt to this constantly evolving situation. At this time, we do not know when the rinks will re-open and therefore some decisions have been deferred to a later time when this information will be available.

Here is what we can tell you for now:

1. **Membership Fees**

We intend to provide refunds to the membership as a result of the closure of the rink. This refund will take into consideration ice costs, administrative costs, fees paid and discounts applied. Refunds will be determined only once we know the length of the closure with certainty.

2. **Club Competition**

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our club competition that was scheduled for April 4th. Members will receive a full refund for the registration fees for this event.

3. **Ice Show**

Our bi-annual ice show was scheduled for May 7-9th. As a result of current rink closure and understanding the practice time required with the skaters and the many hours of volunteer time required to organize the show, a decision was made to postpone the ice show until next season. Once again, registration fees for this event will be fully refunded.

We understand that current graduating skaters will be especially disappointed with this decision – it is often a highlight of their year. These skaters will be invited back to participate next year. In addition, we are currently looking at other opportunities to celebrate our graduates. More information to come.

4. **Provincial Championships**

Many skaters at Silver Blades have worked extremely hard this year to qualify to compete in the Provincial Skating Championships that were to be held March 25-29th, 2020. Unfortunately, Skate Ontario had to

cancel this event. We are currently looking for opportunities to recognize these skaters and celebrate their hard work. More information to come.

5. **April Test Day**

The final test day of the year for Star 6 to Gold tests which was originally scheduled on Sunday, April 19th will be postponed. We are hopeful that we will be able to hold it later in the season, again dependent on the evolution of the current situation.

6. **Synchronized Skating Teams**

Try-outs and synchro skills are postponed. No dates are set at this time.

For any additional questions, please email synchro@silverblades.ca

7. **Volunteer Hours**

We understand that many members have already participated in volunteer activities and that many have signed up for future events, particularly the Club Competition and the Ice Show. We are investigating options to deal with this situation fairly for all members. Please rest assured that no payment related to volunteer hours will be processed until we communicate to the membership how the requirement for volunteer hours will be addressed. More information to come.

8. **Ice Tickets**

Anyone who has purchased Ice Tickets and who will not be able to use them before the expiry date (which is one-year from date of purchase), please email Heidi at info@silverblades.ca to identify how many you have so that she can extend the expiry date.

9. **Annual Banquet**

The annual banquet for skaters at the preliminary level and higher is currently scheduled for May 20th. At this time, we are tentatively keeping the date for this event.

10. **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

The AGM is currently scheduled for May 27th. At this time, we are keeping this date for this event.

We would like to thank all our members for their patience and understanding during this time. We would also like to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt thank you to the many volunteers who have worked extremely hard on planning the club competition and ice show events.

We will keep everyone updated as more information becomes available. Stay safe and we hope to see everyone back at the rink soon!

Silver Blades Skating Club