

Update to Members
AAFSC COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS/GUIDELINES

Dear Members:

First of all, thank you for your continued membership and support of the Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club. As we have navigated this challenging time, we have missed seeing you and we hope you all are staying safe and well. The purpose of this letter is to update you on our recent activities in preparation for the eventual reopening of the Ice Cube and the AAFSC. Please know that the leadership and management of the Club have been meeting weekly for several months to develop a plan for reopening.

The intent of these policies is to maximize the safety and well-being of the Club's members, coaches, and staff. Since no activity involving people from outside your immediate social distancing group should be regarded as completely without risk, skating at the Cube and with the Club must be an individual decision and at each member's discretion.

Given the current global pandemic and the newly established federal, state, county, and city restrictions for the operation of non-essential businesses, the Ice Cube and the AAFSC have established new protocols for the operation of the Cube's facility and the Club's activities at 2121 Oak Valley Drive. These procedures are based on currently available information from the Centers for Disease Control, the State of Michigan, Washtenaw County, and the new operating guidelines from the U.S. Figure Skating Association and the U.S. Ice Rinks Association.

These protocols will be enforced uniformly and without prejudice or favor, for the good of the Club community and its surrounding community and will involve the same sacrifice and patience everyone has already been practicing outside of the Club. As we said last month and the month before, we realize they may not be to everyone's liking, but it makes sense to re-open the Club under these extensive safety practices so we can avoid all cases of transmission on-site. Basically, none of us should want to put the Club at risk of having to close, and therefore, all of us must exercise maximum responsibility.

Because our success will depend on the actions of each of us as individuals, we must respect our fellow community members by willingly, closely, and consistently following all of the established procedures. Anyone found to have a pattern of violating these procedures is subject to loss of ice privileges.

The Club will update these procedures as additional information pertinent to the facility's safe operation becomes available. Parents or guardians are expected to explain the importance of these procedures to their children as a means of keeping them and their friends as safe as possible.

We understand that families and individuals may have concerns about returning to public spaces so soon after restrictions on businesses are being loosened. Deciding not to return to the Club at this time will not negatively impact any member.

Please stay tuned for the detailed protocols to be published soon. On behalf of the AAFSC Board, its management and staff, we thank you for your understanding, your cooperation, and your ongoing support of the Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club.

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