**Subject:** Phase 3 Opening Approved

**Date:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 9:23:20 PM Central Standard Time

From: Kristi Mandzuk

Priority: High

Attachments: Contagion Exclusion - Markel (002).pdf, Assumption Of Risk.docx, DeclarationTemplate.docx,

Waiver (1).docx, Gym Sask Return to Play.pdf, COVID Response Plan.pdf, image007.png,

image008.png, image009.png, image011.jpg

To: Member clubs, coaches, owners, club presidents (please forward to anyone in your

club requiring this information)
From: Klara Miller, CEO

Re: Re-Opening of Gymnastics

6 IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS ATTACHED: (find these also on our website tomorrow, under Covid-19 resources)

- RETURN TO PLAY PROTOCOLS JUNE 4TH
- CONTAGION EXCULSION
- GYM SASK COVID RESPONSE PLAN
- ASSUMPTION OF RISK WAIVER UPDATED
- DECLARATION TEMPLATE UPDATE
- WAIVER UPDATE

Thank you to all our clubs for your patience as we had to navigate through some difficult and frustrating situations to get this done - Gymnastics Saskatchewan has received official approval from the Government of Saskatchewan to re-open gymnastics classes/training in Phase 3 of the government's plan - i.e. starting Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> . This early re-opening applies to those clubs offering programming in permanent facilities. We would like advise you that gymnastics clubs are **not required** to open, but if you choose to do so, please advise Gym Sask of your anticipated opening date. Seasonal gymnastics club programming housed in community facilities/schools can open based on the requirements from your facility operators.

Our early re-opening is now endorsed by Sask Sport, as well as our insurance carriers. Gymnastics Saskatchewan sanctions and approves member clubs in permanent facilities to open operations as of June 8<sup>th</sup>, provided clubs can meet the protocols and requirements of the Government of Saskatchewan and Gymnastics Saskatchewan. Your re-opening must follow the staged-phased protocols in the Return to Play document attached.

The final version (working document, subject to change) of the Return to Play protocols are attached. These have been approved by our Gym Sask Board of Directors, and all clubs will be required to adhere to the mandates. Please ensure you are familiar with the requirements, as some of the protocols exceed the government mandates. These protocols will also be posted on our social media feeds in the coming days so that the public and your/our members have information as to what they can expect when attending a program at your club. It is Gym Sask's recommendation that each club adopt and circulate these protocols to your members as part of your requirements under the Awareness section of the Return to Play protocol document. We hope this communication will help alleviate concerns about safety, cleanliness, distancing, etc. when parents are deciding whether to send their children back into the gym environment. First and foremost, our focus needs to be on participants' health and safety during this pandemic and the phased in opening of our sport.

There are still some uncertainties regarding the number of people/participants allowable to be in your facility at any one time – I would encourage you to contact the government's Covid Business Response Team by calling 1-844-800-8688, or emailing <a href="mailto:supportforbusiness@gov.sk.ca">supportforbusiness@gov.sk.ca</a> to get clarification for your facility. We are anticipating that 1 person for every 144 square feet may be permissible, but it would be best to start with small groups of 10-15 people until we have confirmation on larger group gatherings.

Please note that our insurance carrier Markel has excluded any coverage for Covid-19/contagion liability, (see attached document), so it is <u>very important</u> that clubs use waivers prior to engaging with your participants. This contagion exclusion is country-wide, and insurance carrier wide. Updated waivers – 3 files are attached for your use. Please insert your club name on these documents prior to using.

We have also attached Gymnastics Saskatchewan's COVID Response Plan. Please take the time to review this as it has links to all previous communication sent out by us and outlines how we plan to more forward with our response to COVID.

Mark your calendars - Gymnastics Saskatchewan is planning to hold a Town Hall meeting with clubs on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon to review the Return to Play protocols, and discuss any other issues related to re-opening. Please watch your inbox for details and meeting registration information.

Thanks to Gym Sask staff, our Board members, our club leaders, and to Sask Sport staff for their hard work, support and advocacy during this pandemic that has affected all of us in ways we never imagined.

As always, I am available by cell 306-535-4778 to provide support or answer questions. Best regards,

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