

TOWN HALL MEETING

June 18th, 12-1PM



Town Hall Questions and ANSWERS

Regina Rhythmic

1. **Why is the limit 8 to 1 for recreational athletes when we have an indoor limit size of 15 in the province and have had higher numbers in the past with GymSask regulations for class sizes.**

This restriction was intended for the early start-up of programs for clubs in permanent facilities only in Phase 3 and will likely change by September. The recommendation was to start with smaller groups at first, test out cleaning and coaching procedures, before allowing for more participants.

2. **We rent school and community facilities, so we are at the cleaning protocols of them. What are your suggestions to be safe and clean in these facilities?**

You will need to follow the directives of the facilities you are renting from.

Esterhazy

1. **In a case where a gymnast or family member tests positive for COVID or has been exposed, is there a recommended protocol?**

If someone tests positive, Sask Health will monitor and advise the individual on protocols to follow.

If someone is trying to come into your gym who has been exposed, they should be denied entrance. Use screening form to assess.

Bohemka

1. **In regards to rhythmic apparatus. If a routine were choreographed to still accommodate physical distancing can exchanges of the apparatus still occur?**

At this time, we are not recommending sharing apparatus. However, in some artistic clubs, it is nearly impossible to clean and disinfect shared apparatus, so cleaning and hand-washing is required before and after sharing equipment.

2. **I am also wondering if there are any guidelines and recommendations regarding the cleaning of our carpet.**

Gym Sask has sent out all the information we have available to us about cleaning carpets. The use of foggers, carpet steamers, spraying down the carpet with disinfectant before and after training is recommended. Please refer to the many emails sent to your club by Spieth and Gym Sask on this topic.

Marian

- 1. What is the rationale behind out of SK travel in the Gym Sask questionnaire? This is not a question asked by Sask Health.**

It is a very recent change to the Government's self-assessment tool whereby this question is not required to be answered. However, this question is still being asked by people being screened to enter hospitals and other health provider facilities.

Our recommendation is that clubs ask for more information from the member, such as – what community have they visited, and why. If the member was visiting a community (for eg. northern community) with a recent Covid outbreak, they should probably be denied entrance to your gym. Gym Sask can edit this form for club use.

PA

- 1. Covid-19 and the resulting shutdown and re-opening guidelines have presented clubs with unprecedented challenges. Every single club is making or considering changes to how we deliver programming, and we are examining new ways to cut costs where we can. These represent foundational and structural changes to all levels of our organizations. What foundational, and structural changes will your organization commit too or consider to deal with the inevitable massive cut to your budget?**

The Gym Sask Board of Directors have long term plans, including established reserve funds, to see us through a crisis. At this point there is not enough information going forward to make wholesale structural changes to programming, staffing, competition structures, event hosting, etc. Gym Sask has laid off two contract staff, and other staff have/will be taking over these duties.

Gym Sask funding from the lotteries is guaranteed for the upcoming year. Once we have a better idea of fall registration/membership revenues, the Board and CEO will address budget cuts as needed for the coming year.

Our emergent and main role over the past 4 months and for the upcoming fall season has been to support (financially and otherwise) clubs' concerns for immediate needs to Return to Play.

Gym Sask has already committed to a \$104,000 investment directly to clubs to assist with financial concerns, and we are looking into allocating additional funding for club financial assistance and start up needs going into the summer and the new fall season.

Gym Sask has committed to maintaining membership fees for the upcoming 2020-2021 year.

Gym Sask has committed to paying the additional (newly implemented) insurance premium for outside user groups and birthday parties of \$2.60 per participant.

- 2. Many coaches have been working together to come up with creative ways to offer competitive programming, to my knowledge, none of these types of conversations have been facilitated by Gymnastics Saskatchewan. We have largely figured out on our own how we can offer quality competitive programming under these new regulations in the short term, however, the upcoming recreational year presents a much larger challenge. Our businesses, and by extension your budget, are built on volume and many gyms are operating with razor-thin profit margins. Will you commit to creating and administering an ad-hoc committee of provincial recreational directors so that they can work together to come up with creative ideas for program offerings this fall.**

We try to support our clubs in the implementation/governance of competitive and recreational programs. We count on clubs to collaborate between themselves, discuss and develop programs that their communities want and need.

Yes, we can definitely create a Rec working group to talk about shared club issues, under the already established Gym For All committee. There have been many opportunities offered for online training over the past few months to help clubs with creative ideas for recreational and other programming.

Gymnastics Adventure

- 1. On the daily screening questionnaire for question #3 & #4, would this include health care professionals? We are concerned that this would "screen out" health care professionals and their families from any programming with us.**

This question will be answered live during the Town Hall.