

CURRENT STATUS DUE TO COVID-19

OF GYMNASTICS SASKATCHEWAN CLUBS



Based on our second member survey that closed on June 8th, 2020

General Stats

On May 28th, 2020 a second survey was sent out to member clubs to assess the needs for additional emergent and start-up funding, and provide us with general information as to the further Covid impacts on sport. This survey closed on June 8th, 2020.



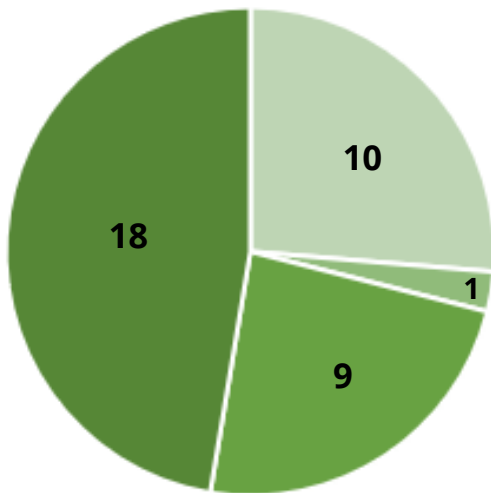
38 out of our total 62 member clubs filled out this survey.



22 out of our total of 28 clubs in permanent facilities filled out the survey.

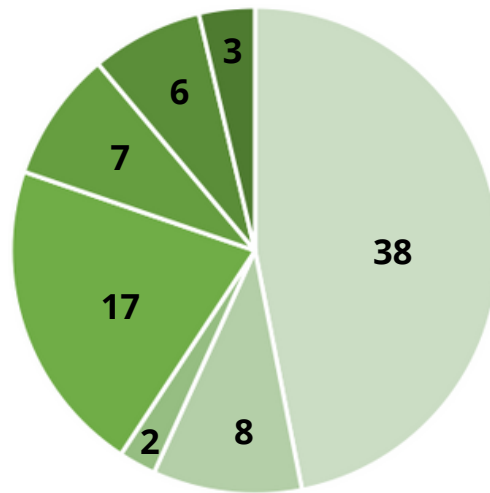


16 out of our total of 36 clubs in community facilities responded.



Breakdown of clubs offering programs in:

- Fall to Spring (1)
- Fall, Winter, Spring (9)
- 1-2 Sessions a year (10)
- Year Round (18)



Breakdown of clubs offering programs for:

- Active Start/Rec (38)
- Performance/Gymnaestrada (8)
- RG (2)
- WAG (17)
- MAG (7)
- TG (6)
- Acro (3)

Out of the surveyed clubs:

- 16 expect to re-open as soon as allowable
- 2 expect to open when it is financially feasible after receiving assistance
- 18 expect to re-open for fall programming
- 2 do not expect to open until Jan 2021 or later, if at all

Financial State

Clubs reported annual operating budgets anywhere from \$2000-\$850,000, with an average of **\$55,000**.


29% of clubs have been able to reduce their **fixed** costs for March, April, and May.

55% of clubs have been able to reduce **variable** costs for March, April, and May.

On average, clubs expect to be able to financially sustain their organizations under the current conditions for another **3-6 months**.

From our last report, 300 part time and 11 full time employees were laid off due to COVID-19.

At this time, **18** clubs plan to hire some or all employees back based on the current government initiatives.



Government Support

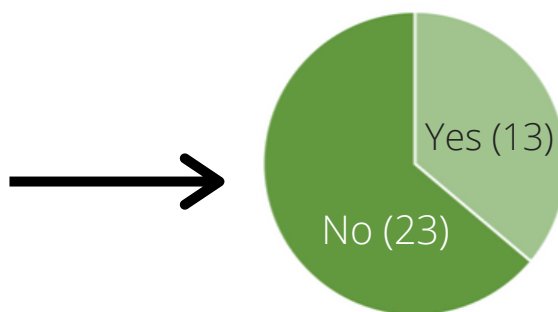
| | Yes - approved | Not yet - Will be applying | No | Not eligible |
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| Work Sharing Program Extensions | 1 | | 24 | 4 |
| CEWS (10%) | 6 | 2 | 19 | 7 |
| CEWS (75%) | 8 | 3 | 20 | 7 |
| BCAP | 9 | 2 | 15 | 9 |
| SK Emergency Payment | 16 | 1 | 15 | 6 |
| CECRA | | 10 | 16 | 10 |
| Other | | 1* | | |

Each number in the table shows the number of clubs that responded to each question. A total of 38 clubs were surveyed - but not all of them responded to this particular question.

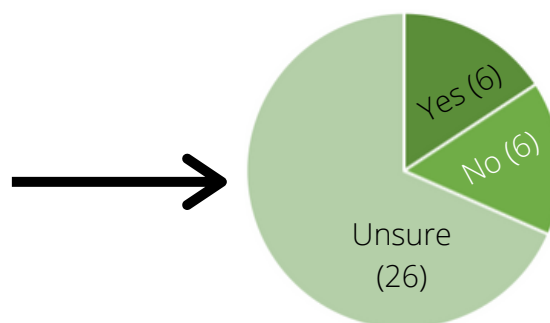
**Applied to the Community Futures Regional Relief and Recovery Fund (RRRF)*

Gym Sask Support

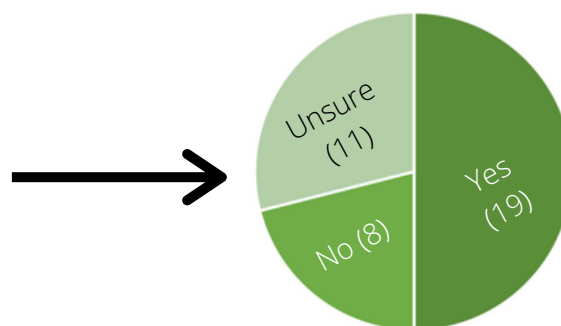
Over the next 3 months (June, July, August), do you need additional emergency funding (on top of the increased MAP Grants you have already received) from Gym Sask to maintain operations?



For the upcoming fall session (September to December), assuming all programming is allowable, do you anticipate you will need additional financial assistance from Gym Sask to maintain operations and meet the demand for services?



If we have additional emergency or start-up funding available in the coming months for your club (through an application process, similar to MAP), would you apply and be able to provide receipts for expenses not covered by other provincial and federal grants?



Factors that clubs are considering when answering the above questions:

- Availability of government programs
- Eligibility for government programs - still some unknowns with CECRA
- Debt from COVID related loans from the government
- Timing of opening (holding off until September)
- Staffing
- Anticipation of lower fall registration
- Government protocols in the future
- Purchases of PPE equipment to meet protocols
- Smaller group sizes
- Lack of event hosting (club shows and competitions)
- Losing community facilities as rental options

What's Next?

LONG TERM PLANNING FROM CLUBS:

- "We are waiting to hear when we can resume programming."
- "We are having a meeting soon to discuss this."
- "As soon as the school allows we will start our gymnastics program in the fall!"
- "We haven't done much planning yet. We have been waiting for a date of opening to be determined and keeping up with information provided by Gym Sask so that we can plan accordingly. We don't want to do too much prematurely only to have to revamp our plan due to guideline changes."
- "We will have to start looking at purchasing cleaning products sanitizer, fogging machine, etc."
- "As I mentioned before, we as a board will need to sit down and plan how the fall session will look to make sure we adhere to all the protocols and rules set-out by Gym Sask and other partners. Thank-you for all you do!"
- "Trying to secure recommended cleaning products prior to being able to open. Planning gym layout for social distancing. Options to stagger classes for less people in and out of the lobby."
- "Will be working on a 'return to play' and business plan in the coming weeks to find out the impact on our program."
- "I may convert more classes to older ages so that it is easier to implement cleaning rules and I may reduce class numbers to make it easier to monitor social distancing."
- "We are looking at numerous things from staffing, programs and how they run, cleaning, class structure and size."
- "We have ordered hand held thermometers, steam mop, special signage and will be ordering additional COVID 19 approved cleaning solutions."
- "We are looking at how we would slowly reopen once able to - and would likely be opening with our competitive groups only over the summer and planning for fall."
- "This is an ever-evolving situation. We value the safety of our members, but are mindful that restrictions will relax over time, and more modifications require more money."
- "We are hoping we can start again in the fall."
- "Currently our plans are focused on financial sustainability while closed and putting a plan in place to re-open."
- "We have set aside a years emergency rent. It will likely be used this year for additional cost to run next season-full time, cleaning supplies, PPE."
- "We are looking at what else we could offer to gymnasts if we are unable to run a full season. We have thought of leasing out rhythmic equipment to each gymnast so there is no sharing between (need to figure out if we have enough for this option). Also how we could offer weekly classes over Zoom if we are unable to get facilities to have classes. We do not want to not have classes, especially for our older gymnasts as they are the ones who would be attending Canadians and International Gymnaestrada's and a full year off would be detrimental to their skill level for the teams. Also how this changes out routines as we can no longer do exchanges since it would be the sharing of equipment."
- "Just reviewing Gym Sask's direction as to whether we can have classes in the Fall & waiting to hear if outside user groups are going to be allowed back in the schools in the fall."
- "Thinking of what cleaning agents we will purchase, where to hang cleaning procedures of equipment, extra staffing hours for more frequent cleans, class size reduction, possible day time classes if school is half-time, how many months we could make it if there are low registrations if the fall? Wondering if the government will continue to run the 75% rental reduction for the landlords so we only pay 25%. Wondering how long the government will run the 75% wage subsidy if the phase 4 does not work out... There a lot of unknowns, and it is hard to keep the business going when it is different than the usual flow."
- "We are planning to implement the protocols required for opening. We are trouble shooting how we will manage this and will purchase items that will be necessary to ensure we are compliant."
- "It's difficult to set up wash stations for a set-up/take-down club. The board will have to sit down and figure out what we will and will not be able to do in a rented facility that is shared with other community events."
- "I have been reading the protocols sent, going over distance and how to set up the gym. Figuring out a safe way for athletes to participate and a way to keep the gym clean. I am having a meeting with my set up crew and board members to let them know of the protocols that will have to be in place to go forth with the 2020/2021 season."
- "Sick kids will be turned away from classes from now on whereas before they were still allowed to participate."
- "My hope is to use the BCAP loan to get by for now and if things get back to normal next year try and build back the momentum we have lost."

Clubs are facing lots of uncertainty with long term planning.

Clubs are thinking of ways to offer classes in the near future in various scenarios.

Clubs are looking to find cleaning products/PPE and establish protocols in their gym.

Clubs are planning for lower registration numbers.

Other Feedback

GENERAL COMMENTS

- "The Covid-19 pandemic will have devastating financial effects in all areas, likely for years to come. My fear is that it will impact the ability to afford extracurricular activities, especially gymnastics."
- "To avoid giving refunds for cancelled programs so that we could ensure we could get through the closure we gave members the option to take theirs in the form of a credit to be used next season. Our worry is that when we open there will be so many with credits to use that it will be a strain to operate financially at that time."
- "We will not be able to open until we are allowed more people per square foot since our facility is very small (700 square feet)."
- "Participants may not want to register their children again especially with the risen fear of viruses passing from surfaces used in gymnastics settings."
- "We had some major fundraisers planned to buy a building and get out of a town run and shared space however all was cancelled and we are still in debate about funding this possible purchase."
- "Impacts will be a reduction of classes due to social distancing which will represent a loss of revenue."
- "Parents and members will have to realize there is inherent risk by entering the facility as there is entering a retail establishment. All risk cannot be avoided."
- "We have had no cases of the virus in our community so we hope we can start in the fall with minimum of restrictions."
- "As noted above, due to the economic impacts of Covid-19 on families, we are anticipating that registrations may drop in the coming years. Additionally, although we have been able to defer some payments and access loans, these amounts will need to be re-paid. Increased financial assistance over the next 3-5 years would be ideal in allowing us to return to where we were prior to COVID."
- "Our equipment fund from last season was used towards covering for lost spring session and will likely be used towards additional expenses next year because of Covid."
- "Just that without facilities our club cannot run."
- "Our club is unlikely to be able to meet the cleaning requirements as some of our surfaces are not wipeable. We also cannot meet the entrance/ exit areas as suggested. We also know our program is going to be very difficult to run if we are no longer advised to spot the kids."
- "Low registrations in the fall. The families have less money therefore less money to put towards fundraising. Therefore less income to pay the rent and coaches. Bankruptcy."
- "I do not believe that the Government nor Sask Sport is understanding what it is that we actually do. I received an email from an assistant to a Minister and he referred to us as a "hobby"."
- "Smaller clubs are in a deep hole anything would help."
- "Thank you for all that you are doing to lobby for gymnastics reopening. Thank you for all the support and information you are sending club to help us get through this and prepare to re-open."
- "Our club needs certified coaches badly or I am not sure how we will be able to run next year."
- "We have cancelled our usual summer gymnastics week long camp."
- "None at this time. Looking forward to the town hall meeting."
- "A province wide fundraiser organized by Gym Sask. (Similar to what Skate Saskatchewan does). This way the larger centres and smaller centres are working together as a team to raise money and they can all share in the pot."
- "Thank you for any assistance and leadership you can provide."
- "Thank you for sending out the protocols so early. This helps me know the expectations, equipment that needs to be put away and how to safely proceed forward due to COVID - 19."