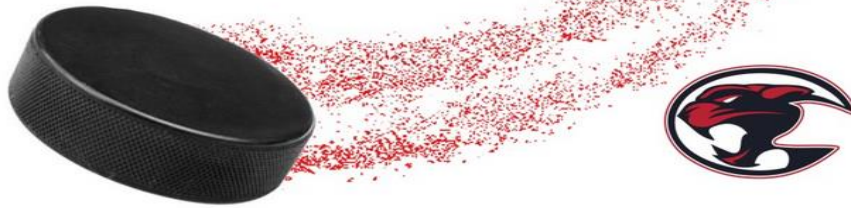


# The Southwest Slapshot



## Southwest Hockey Association

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Members of Southwest Hockey,

As you all know we received some very exciting, and unexpected news earlier this week that Alberta Health Services was moving up the opening of Phase 2; which included facilities with rinks that "may" open. This announcement has caught the hockey community at large, off guard.

We anticipated and expected that news regarding the opening of facilities was going to remain at the previous target date of August 31; as originally stated by the City of Calgary, and the move to allow rinks to open starting Friday June 12th, was a complete surprise.

My hope is that this email will provide you with the relevant details we have now, and the facts that we know are true as of today. Keep in mind **this situation is changing daily** so my guidance and communications will focus on what I can tell you as of right now.

**These bullet points have been provided by Hockey Calgary, and are the interpretations of the information received to date:**

- Facilities will be responsible for the protocols in their buildings.
- Facilities will require participants to sign waiver (I assume our programs will as well, but not clear yet).
- Recommendation is that players come dressed, locker rooms will have limited use.
- There may be longer time periods between ice sessions.
- Masks are encouraged prior to activity, but not needed 'during the activity'.
- Mini Leagues, bubbles, cohorts of no more than 50 people will be acceptable.
- **Cohort – a 'closed', small group of no more than 50 individuals who participate in the same group or activity, and remain together for the 'duration' of Stage 2.**
- The 50-person cohort includes ALL coaches and referees (if utilized).
- Cohorts should play together in the same geographic area (town or 'quadrant of city').
- Teams in different mini leagues 'cohorts' CANNOT play each other.
- Travel is restricted, cross regional or inter provincial travel should NOT occur.
- Spectators 'may' be admitted above the 50 number with physical distancing, determined by facility.

In addition to these bullet points provided from Hockey Calgary, we would like to pass on some additional information:

- **Important Note:** In addition to the cohort bullet point above, there is also indication that depending how long Phase 2 lasts, it's recommended that you ONLY skate with kids of relative skill and age until further clarification is released.
- **In addition to the spectator bullet point** above - it is currently our understanding that spectator numbers may be permitted over 50, however this will be an "arena to arena" decision and that at maximum, one (1) parent is permitted, per participant.
- In conversations with Hockey Calgary, we are still waiting on governance procedures from Hockey Alberta.
- **I want to be clear** - that the Southwest Hockey program is governed and insured by Hockey Calgary, Hockey Alberta and Hockey Canada. Therefore, we still need to take direction from our governing bodies as we move forward with the planning of our 'sanctioned programs'. This includes the August Prep Camps.
- **SW Hockey Prep Camps** were recently refunded based on the information that we had at that time. Before SW Hockey considers the possibility of re-opening registration for the August Prep Camps, we want to fully understand everything that is required; so that we can provide you with the data and facts in order for you to make a sound decision on your participation.
- [Click Here](#) for the Alberta Government Return to Sport release.
- [Click Here](#) for the Hockey Alberta release as of June 11, 2020.
- Regarding the Hockey Alberta link above, it is still saying that rinks are part of a the Phase 3 relaunch strategy, which we also know has been moved up provincially. However, currently this is not the case by our governing bodies Hockey Alberta and Hockey Canada. We understand there is some confusion around this, so we do ask for patience as this unfolds.
- **With regards to registration:** Since we are still waiting to hear from our governing bodies, and we do not have details on how the programming will look at this time. We do know that Registration will not open prior to July 1st, but that we expect it to open at some point in July. As soon as we have details around programming and the registration process we will notify our members.

I know we are all excited to return to the ice, and some sense of normalcy. This is a good first step towards seeing the game we love return; however, there are still more questions than I have answers.

I wanted to be transparent and pass along the information we have as of TODAY. Information could change tomorrow, and we will do our best to keep you up to date. We must also realize that safety will need to be of the utmost importance.

Best,

Jeff Campbell, President | Southwest Hockey

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