



To Silver Blades Families,

As Toronto enters into Stage 3, we want to provide an update on the status of registration and our upcoming season. The Silver Blades Board and Coaches have been working hard on scenario planning, as we wait for guidance from Skate Ontario and the City of Toronto.

What we know

Skate Ontario has provided return to play protocols for Stage 3 including maximum numbers of skaters and coaches that will be allowed on the ice for training purposes. The current Stage 3 maximum training group sizes are as follows:

Canskate (Stage 2 – 6): 36 skaters + 9 coaches/PAs per session (typical years have 60 skaters)

Preliminary (Star 1 & Up): 15 skaters + 5 coaches per session (typical years have 20-35 skaters depending on level)

Note: Pre-Canskate and Canskate (Stage 1 only) will NOT be offered at this time.

What we DO NOT know

Silver Blades has not received ice permits from the City of Toronto. Nor have we received confirmation as to when Central Arena will be ready. Indications are that we should receive this information in the upcoming weeks and that our ice allocation will be similar to previous years.

What we are working on with our scenario planning:

- Establishing Silver Blades return to ice protocols with guidance from Skate Ontario and City of Toronto.
- Analyzing Silver Blades survey results to determine the best direction for the majority of members.
- Reworking the schedule to potentially have shorter sessions and/or different groupings of skaters to accommodate desired number and scheduling of sessions, plus largest volume of skaters.
- Due to the decreased numbers of skaters allowed on the ice at any given time, our costs will go up. We recognize that this is a difficult time for many families. To mitigate a substantive increase, we are exploring areas to decrease costs in the operating budget.

Thank you for your patience. If Toronto remains in Stage 3, we anticipate Silver Blades skating season will start in the Fall. Timing is dependent on city permits. We will communicate an updated status in the coming weeks.

Stay safe! Looking forward to getting the kids back on the ice.

Regards,

Silver Blades Board of Directors