



## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ICE SKATING ASSOCIATION Inc.

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Dear Members,

We are writing to update you on SAISA's standpoint in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are watching with concern and are aware of the wide range of stringent measures being implemented here and in different jurisdictions around the world in efforts to slow the spread of the virus.

First and foremost, we are aligning our actions with advice from State and Federal Government, not only via enforceable restrictions but also the recommended precautionary measures to protect our vulnerable members.

Whilst we have not been notified of any confirmed cases of COVID-19 among our members, our first priority is the health and wellbeing of our community. We are currently liaising with a wide range of stakeholders. Some include:

- The Office of Recreation, Sport and Racing (OSRR);
- The South Australian Ice Sports Federation (SAISF) as the managing body of the Figure Practice Sessions, Skate School and the Ice Arena, and;
- Ice Skating Australia (ISA) who are also being guided by the International Skating Union (ISU).

For updates from the SAISF (Ice Arena) please monitor their [COVID-19 update webpage](#).

The Office of Sport, Recreation & Racing (OSRR) will also offer updates and advice to minimise the spread within sporting environments to all athletes, parents, coaches & spectators. Please [visit their website](#) for details.

Coaches, SportSA have also shared a [checklist](#), which you're welcome to use.

Unfortunately, following guidance from the above bodies tailored to our circumstances, we were required to cancel the March testing session. The possibility of running the 16 April test session is being monitored. SAISA will also continue to be mindful of any possible impacts to the 2020 competition schedule, Disney on Ice Pre-Show, camps & workshops.

We must highlight that we respect that the SAISF, coaches and the wider skating community are facing some unprecedented challenges over the coming months. We encourage everyone to support and care for each other during what is a difficult time. In regards to continuing any on or off ice training, please stay in contact with your coach.

We will continue to follow Federal and State authority advice regarding this pandemic to keep our community safe. When more information comes to light in regards to your 20/21 skating season we will of course be in contact with you all.

Kind regards,  
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SAISA Vice President, on behalf of the SAISA Board