

Important Update on COVID-19 Regulations: Step Two of Ontario's Reopening Plan

Dear Club Presidents,

Today it was announced that Ontario will be able to move to Step Two in the Reopening plan effective Wednesday June 30, 2021, at 12:01am. Row Ontario has been able to review the amended Regulation 263/20 Rules for Areas in Step 2 that comes into effect next week.

Highlights of changes in the new Regulations that impact rowing clubs include:

- Team sports can proceed if there is no likelihood of physical contact between participants – meaning rowers can row in crew boats of any size as long as no physical contact happens between rowers. This includes all levels of rowers.
- While doing outdoor sports masks are not needed. Following best practices of maintaining distance and wearing masks at other times (such as in preparation and post sport activity) is encouraged.
- The capacity limit for activities that are part of your ongoing operations are based on how many people your space can accommodate while maintaining the 2m physical distancing requirements.
- Note the 3m requirement, and outdoors only for individual training activities such as Erging or other cardio equipment remains in place. Erging or any activity, in the boathouse even if the doors are open is considered indoors and is not permitted.

Also, as part of the new Regulations, each organization's safety plan now needs to include:

- Information on how you will prevent crowds and gatherings.
- How you will mitigate risk associated with any interactive activities you may be undertaking.

Note that items such as the limited access inside the facility, active screening of program participants and retaining attendance information for potential use by a health unit for contact tracing remain in place.

Organized public events and social gatherings under Step 2 will be limited to 25 people outdoors and 5 people indoors. We encourage you to ensure anything you may present as a

one-time event, such as a special activity or social activities, be limited to under 25 people and outdoors only.

There have been no changes from RCA regarding the sanctioning of competition, as any updates occur to the Provincial Regulations or RCA sanctioning, we are committed to getting accurate information to you as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about the Regulations surrounding COVID-19, please do not hesitate to reach out to Lisa Roddie (lisa@rowontario.ca) or Andrew Backer (andrew@rowontario.ca).

Stay safe and enjoy rowing!

Yours in Rowing,
Row Ontario