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## **Ontario's Return to Hockey**

Since the release of its Return to Hockey Framework on June 10, Hockey Eastern Ontario (HEO), Hockey Northwestern Ontario (HNO), the Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA), the Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) and its Members have worked in conjunction with Ontario's Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Cultural Industries to get our players back on the ice safely in Ontario. Requirements that have been put in place to date ensure a safe return to the game, compliance with all Ontario laws, insurance coverage for players and facilities and validation that individuals operating on ice met all OHF and Hockey Canada standards.

Now, [Ontario has removed certain restrictions for Stage 2 indoor sports and recreational fitness activities facilities.](#)

Ontario's Provincial Sport Organizations (PSO) for ice sports, including the OHF, HEO, HNO, the OWHA, Ringette Ontario, Ontario Speed Skating and Skate Ontario, have pooled our expertise and worked together to provide return to sport framework that will keep all who attend the shared facilities safe during this unprecedented time. We call on all facilities and operators who are outside the PSO framework to continue to rely on our guidance materials for the safety and wellbeing of our kids and adult sport participants.

The OHF's Return to Hockey Framework is available and will be updated once details from the government have been provided. Further details will be provided by the government in the coming days.

A safe return for participants has and will continue to be our focus on returning hockey back into Ontario. As the clear industry leaders for traditional programming, we are committed to providing a certification standard to non-traditional programming operators through the OHF Hockey Canada License Skill Development Program. This program will ensure to participants that individuals operating their program have the training to provide a safe return to the game, that OHF and Hockey Canada safety guidelines will be in place, that they are compliant with all Ontario laws and that they will be provided full coverage through Hockey Canada insurance.