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Red-Control category changes for recreation in Waterloo Region

Waterloo Region – With Waterloo Region now in the Red-Control category of the provincial response framework, the cities and townships continue to work together with local public health officials to meet the new provincial regulations for the operation of recreation facilities and community centres.

Certain changes to sport and recreation are required in the Red-Control category. Program participants will receive targeted information for city and township programs and are encouraged to reach out to their minor sport organizations for more information.

In addition to ongoing requirements for mandatory physical distancing, face coverings and the previous standardized rules at recreation facilities and community centres in Waterloo Region, provincial Red-Control impacts to sports and recreation include:

- Mandatory active screening, contact information and attendance for all patrons.
- Indoor capacity of 10 people per room/space, including all participants, coaches, trainers and guardians.
- Outdoor capacity of 25 people per space, including all participants, coaches, trainers and guardians.
- Drop-in recreation programs (pre-registration is required) have a maximum capacity of 10 people.
- For all team sport, scrimmages and games are no longer permitted.
- Teams must adjust their programming to training and skill development only, while meeting the required maximum capacity numbers.
- No contact permitted for team or individual sports.
- No spectators permitted. Guardians, if required, must be included in the maximum indoor capacity of 10 people per room/space.
- Community centre room rentals for church, funeral or wedding services are limited to 30% of room capacity.
- No live performances. Rehearsal or performing a recorded or broadcasted event is permitted.
- Singers and players of brass or wind instruments must be separated from any other performers by plexiglass or other impermeable barrier.

These requirements are subject to change based on further direction and/or guidance from the Province.

For further information on recreation programs, including virtual, registered, and drop-in please check with your local municipality.

The cities and townships of Waterloo Region will continue our standardized approach in following the provincial regulations for operating recreation facilities and community centres under the new colour framework. Recreation participants and organizations are reminded to also refer to local public health guidance when engaging in activities.

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