

## **M.T.T.A. APPROVED TO RETURN-2-PLAY:**

Hello Manitoba players, as of Monday June 8<sup>th</sup>, the M.T.T.A. has been approved to “Return-2-Play” as outlined in our 27-point covid-19 plan attached in the article below. Play will commence this week for athletes in some programs. Three, three-hour practices per week will commence at Prairie Badminton and run through to the end of June. For July and potentially August, we hope to return to Cornerstone Church. The return to play focus will first be on targeted 2023 Canada Winter Games athletes, followed by athletes targeted for the 2021 Canadian Senior & Junior Championships followed by Active 4 Life athletes if any spots remain.

The capacity per practice at Prairie Badminton is capped at four athletes per practice plus Coach Tronco. If demand dictates, we might try to re-approach Prairie Badminton to obtain a fourth training slot, but for now, these are the only hours allotted. In July, we move to Cornerstone where we will have an 8-player capacity per practice plus Coach Tronco and 1 other coach.

Coach Tronco is working on the groupings to ensure level of play balance as results in 2023 are a priority as per Sport Manitoba funding parameters. This means that not all players will be able to start right away as we only have 12 “player-spots” per week for June with this doubling once Cornerstone starts. No drop-in players are allowed, the M.T.T.A. 27 points will be strictly adhered to as will the facility owner’s regulations. All players must sign waiver forms and will be invoiced at the end of each month for their trainings; the rate for all Junior players and Senior Provincial team players is \$12 per practice and \$15 for Active 4 Life players.

Prairie Badminton will also be running two training camps for beginner-intermediate level players during the weeks of July 20-24 and August 24-28. Coach Tronco is the Head Coach for these camps. Registration is through Prairie Badminton, [www.prairiebadminton.ca](http://www.prairiebadminton.ca)

Coach Tronco has been in regular touch with a lot of players throughout the Covid crisis via Facebook etc. If he has not already contacted you, and you would like to return to play, please contact Coach Tronco or myself.

**[LINK TO SPORT MANITOBA “RETURN-2-PLAY” LETTER](#)**

### **M.T.T.A. Affiliated Clubs:**

As per above, the M.T.T.A. have been approved for a return to play. However, all facilities used for table tennis must also be approved for re-opening by the Province. The M.T.T.A. are starting slowly as per above. I have heard that other facilities have resumed play without notifying the M.T.T.A. of such return to play even though these facilities are stocked with M.T.T.A. owned tables. M.T.T.A. members playing at any of these facilities do so at their own risk. If it is determined that any non-M.T.T.A. members are playing at any of these clubs, the M.T.T.A. reserves the right to remove our equipment until all players are M.T.T.A. members and the club can prove that they are following proper covid protocols. Club operators should be contacting the M.T.T.A. and informing us of their operations. The M.T.T.A. will be making available free-of-charge covid signage.

Thank you everyone, time to GET-OUT-OF-THE-BASEMENT and play-safe.

Ron Edwards

Executive Director, 204-925-5690b



June 8, 2020

Ron Edwards, Executive Director  
Manitoba Table Tennis Association

Via email: [table.tennis@sportmanitoba.ca](mailto:table.tennis@sportmanitoba.ca)

Dear Ron,

I am writing to confirm that Sport Manitoba has received your plan with respect to the return to play protocols. The plan was submitted to the Province of Manitoba for review and is consistent with the guidelines set-out in the Province of Manitoba's Phase 2 Restoring Safe Services, Sports Guidelines.

The Manitoba Table Tennis Association's plan may be implemented June 8, 2020.

We recommend that you refer to the Province's Risk Assessment and Mitigation Tool for Recreational Activities in Manitoba [https://www.gov.mb.ca/asset\\_library/en/coronavirus/activities-guidelines.pdf](https://www.gov.mb.ca/asset_library/en/coronavirus/activities-guidelines.pdf) to assist with your plan implementation.

If you have any questions please contact Janet McMahon at [janet.mcmahon@sportmanitoba.ca](mailto:janet.mcmahon@sportmanitoba.ca)

We wish the Manitoba Table Tennis Association all the best in your efforts to maintain the safety standards outlined in your proposal and adhering to Provincial Health Authority guidelines, such as safe distancing and sanitation, as activity returns to your sport.

Sincerely,

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to be "Jeff Hnatiuk", written over a large, light blue circular scribble.

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