



ONTARIO CYCLING ASSOCIATION

COVID-19 EVENT CANCELLATION POLICY

Ontario's recently released three-step provincial reopening plan has just rolled out and is set to begin on June 11th. As part of this reopening plan, each step will last a minimum of 21 days and progression to the next step in the plan will be based on key public health and health system indicators.

As it stands, cycling and outdoor sporting events are not likely to be sanctioned until Step Two of the reopening plan, a minimum of 21 days after Step One takes effect. This would indicate that the earliest potential sporting event date would be early July. The Ontario Cycling Association Events Team has been hard at work with event organizers to adapt to a continually changing season. Any sanctioned event will need to follow all guidelines and restrictions upon entry to Step Two. *

****NOTE: As of June 08, the Government has yet to release the official regulations with regards to Step Two and Step Three of the reopening plan. As a result, there continues to be a number of unknowns. It is expected that the Government will release specific details regarding Steps two and three in the coming weeks. The OCA has reached out to the Ministry for more information and will update members when more information is available.***

Once all necessary event paperwork has been submitted and approved, events will appear on the official "Events Calendar" section of the OCA website with registration links, technical information and promotional material to follow. These approved events will need to follow all government imposed guidelines and gathering restrictions, as well as the OCA's latest Return To Sport protocols in order to be sanctioned and remain on the Events Calendar. With physical distancing still being required at this point and time, events currently on the preliminary calendar will be based on various individual start formats.

With a reduced calendar, the OCA Events team has made efforts to reduce overlap between events not only taking place within the same discipline but also alternate disciplines, allowing riders to experience as much of the calendar as possible. As the event season has been cut significantly short this becomes more difficult, however we continue to do our best to ensure that participation opportunities remain high.

Due to the continued uncertainty with various event dates, the OCA's stance on 2021 summer events is that event organizers have until 4 weeks prior to their event to postpone to a future, mutually agreed upon date. After such timeline, if the event cannot be held, the event will simply be cancelled and removed from the OCA calendar.

All events are subject to change and are at the discretion of Government/Public Health Unit restrictions.