

Good news, Aurora: On-ice activities are back

It's music to all fans' ears in Aurora.

The Minor Tigers and Aurora Skating Club will be gearing up to get their programs back on to the ice by March 1, Marketing and Communications Director for the Minor Tigers Corby Saltzman and skating teacher Vicky Yaeck confirmed with The Auroran this past Monday.

Saltzman said if the lockdown was lifted on February 22, minor hockey would work hard to get the kids back on to the ice this upcoming Monday.

"We do have approval to go through until May, to complete our season," Saltzman said. "Barring no additional lockdowns, the kids will be on the ice for an additional two months."

Players will be returning to the ice in the same format as before with all protocols and only 10 players will be allowed on the ice at once. There will be no body contact and no battle drills.

There will only be practices moving forward.

Saltzman confirmed there will be no Spring tryouts this year and all rep tryouts will have to wait until the Fall.

He also said there is buzz on social media that parents and children alike are excited to be back out there.

And parents can watch from home. Saltzman said cameras have been set up in the arena so parents can watch their child practice through a subscription service. More details are to follow and will be posted on the Facebook page.

As for the Aurora Skating Club, Yaek confirmed only the STARSKATE program will be up and running beginning on March 1.

All registration can be completed at auroraskatingclub.com and an update on registration will be made on the website soon.

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