

Maritime Taekwondo Union
Return to Play Plan
October 1, 2020

The MTU is proposing the following be set as principles and standards for a safe Return to Play for Taekwondo in Nova Scotia.

Principles & Standards

Social Distancing

- A maximum of 50 people on the area of play (mats)
 - This includes players, coaches, and medical staff
- Facilities can have up to 50% capacity
 - Indoor facilities can have a maximum capacity of 200 people.
- All spectators must wear a mask and be physically distant.
 - A minimum of 6' separation between each spectator

Use of Masks

- Masks are to be worn prior to training
- Masks are to be worn in washrooms/ change rooms
- Masks are to be worn in all common areas of training facility
- Masks are not worn while taking part in class
 - During class if going to a restroom/ change room, a mask is worn

Preparation for training – change rooms etc.

- Common use changing rooms accessible with a mask
- All students arrive at class dressed and ready to train.
- Boots, shoes and coats be deposited in a space designated for each student
- There should not be any public water fountains in the dojang that athletes can drink directly from. Students will provide their own water and there will be no sharing and access to drinks is restricted to the student's personal training space. Water bottles will be sanitized upon entering the dojang.
- Any spills must be removed so as to prevent injuries caused by slipping. Instructors / Masters must decide beforehand how such spills will be dealt with within distancing rules.

Limiting group size

- Group size, including Instructors, be limited to current government recommendations (Max. 50 people).
- Group size of 50 may be allowed where social distancing is not required.
 - Dependant upon facility capacity
 - The Rule of Two must always be followed (See Rule of Two).

Sanitizing of training space

- Each designated training space must be sanitized after each class
- Dojang floor be completely sanitized minimum, once a day

- See below for guidelines on cleaning and disinfecting surfaces

Sanitizing of training equipment

- The use of common, multi-student use equipment such as hand paddles are permitted
- Equipment such as kick dummies or “Bob” are also permitted
- All equipment used during a class must be sanitized following each class.

Use of washrooms and common areas

- Washrooms and common areas are accessible with a mask.
- Washrooms will be sanitized twice a day.

Entry and Exit of training areas and dojang

- Where possible separate doors will be used for entry and exit from the building and the dojang.
 - A mask must be worn during both entry and exit
- Where such separate doors are not available an incoming class will not be permitted entry until the previous group has exited and spaces have been sanitized.
- Hand sanitizer will be available for use at both doors
- Touch points such as door handles and crash bars will be sanitized regularly

Coordination with landlord

- Landlords must agree to the Return to Play standards as presented by the MTU and participating club.

Access by spectators & parents

- Parents and spectators are only permitted if capacity allows
 - Discretion of each club based on facility capacity
- Parents are always welcome to remain in the parking area, in their cars.

Adherence to Rule of Two

- The Rule of Two – that at least two adults be present at all times when minor aged children and youth are present – must be adhered to at all times. If class is to be conducted by a solitary Instructor one parent or other adult will be permitted to remain in the training area. An adult student participating in training will meet the standard of Rule of Two. At no time will the maximum allowable number of people gathered exceed 10 people.

Training Techniques

- Hands-on contact between Instructors and students are permitted amongst the 50.
- Sparring is permitted amongst the 50
- Group exercise is permitted amongst the 50.
- The use of common use equipment such as the hogu or other sparring gear will be permitted amongst the 50.

Wellness checks

- Any student or Instructor exhibiting symptoms of COVID 19 will be required to leave the building immediately. (see <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/> for the symptoms of COVID 19)
- If someone displays symptoms and is asked to leave the Department of Health must be notified immediately with the person's contact details and the names and contact details of everyone in attendance that day and the previous two weeks. It is up to each club to maintain attendance records.
- The MTU must be notified that such an incident has taken place but without any identifying details of those involved.

Communication to Club Members and MTU Members

- Once approved, each club owner will be emailed the plan with a request to reply acknowledging receipt.
- The MTU Return to Play plan will be posted on the MTU web site, posted to the MTU Facebook page and Instagram account.
- All registered MTU members will receive a copy of the plan via email
- All club owners will be encouraged to post the Return to Play plan, with specific instructions to their students and families on whatever social media and through whatever electronic communication means they use.