Hello Sharper Edge community,

As the state of Massachusetts begins to reopen, Valley Sports and Sharper Edge Skating School have been working hard to develop a strategy to best move forward with reopening the facility for skating classes. As our Winter 2 Session was cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will be refocusing our opening on the 2020 Summer Session. Credits will be applied for all skaters who participated in our Winter 2 session, as well as those who signed up in advance for our Spring, June Mini, and Summer classes. These credits can be used for a future session at Sharper Edge!

Summer Learn to Skate classes will look different this year for the safety of our skaters and staff members. We plan for the Summer Session to begin August 3, 2020. Skaters who wish to participate in our summer Learn to Skate classes must be at least 5 years old and be able to skate at the Tot 2 level or higher (all skaters must be approved by the Director). Classes will be limited in size and all skaters and coaches will be required to wear a mask at all times. If you feel your skater can not wear a mask for the duration of class, we recommend holding off returning to the ice until protocols are less restrictive.

We understand this does mean some of our valued members will not be able to participate in summer skating. Although we will miss you for the next few months, our staff will not be able to properly assist our younger, less experienced skaters due to social distancing guidelines. For the safety of all we have had to make this challenging decision. We hope our beginner skaters enjoy the summer and join us in the future to continue their skating development!

Certain protocols have been put in place to ensure the health of all participants who wish to participate in our Summer Session. Please review the following prior to signing up your skater for class:

- -Skaters will be asked to get ready for class in their own cars.
- -Before a skater enters the rink, the Sharper Edge Skating School's COVID-19 waiver must be completed each day before the start of class.
- -Once a skater is ready for class (with skates, gloves, and mask on), they may enter through the front door and sanitize their hands.
- -A parent or guardian must remain in the Valley Sports parking lot for the duration of class. Leaving the premises for any reason is not permitted.
- -Skaters will line up in taped areas along the rink and take the ice for class.
- -Once on the ice, skaters will be divided into groups and spaced out to maintain social distancing.
- -The coaching staff will be wearing masks at all times and will not be permitted to physically assist any skater unless there is an emergency. There will also be no use of toys for instruction.
- -Once class is complete, skaters will exit the ice and immediately exit the rink through the red Emergency Exit doors. Parents are asked to be ready to pick up their skater at the conclusion of class and head back to their vehicles.
- -No congregating of any kind will be permitted inside the building.
- -Any skater who appears sick will be asked to leave.
- -All belongings left in the building will be discarded by Valley Sports staff.

This new normal will certainly take some getting used to. With safety, patience, and kindness we can continue to offer class for our amazing community! If you are interested in signing up your skater for the Summer Session, please complete the attached application and mail it to the Sharper Edge office by July 20, 2020. A Confirmation of your skaters enrollment will be sent via email for our Summer Session. Class size will be limited and **NO WALK ONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!** 

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding!

Regards, Dawn DiMinico & SESS Staff