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THE RINK @ JCUBE
Renovation and Lease

We have received confirmation from SportSG that they will be continuing their partnership with CapitaLand and the lease for The Rink for another 10 years.

2 In order for the existing facility to continue to provide a pleasant experience for public and our Athletes, SportSG is of the view it is imperative that an overhaul of the current infrastructure is done and has, in principle, arrived on a carefully worked out timeline for the renovation of The Rink at JCube.

3 As of now, the planned renovation is slated to take place from Mar 2023 and projected to be completed by Nov 2023. Nonetheless, this will be subject to change given the covid-19 situation and uncertain market conditions. SportSG will share more details and an updated timeline by the end of June 2022.

4 SISA will now work towards de-conflicting our planned roll out of activities, programmes during the period of closure, as much as possible.

Executive Committee
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Why is the renovation necessary?	<p>The current Rink has been operational since 2012. The lease for the current Rink between SportSG and CapitaLand will be renewed for another 10 years to support the growth of winter sports in Singapore.</p> <p>Due to aging equipment and some existing defects, SportSG’s plan is to overhaul the ice rink system to improve energy efficiency and user experience.</p> <p>Pursuant to the renovation, the skating experience would become better for skaters of all levels.</p>
Renovation timeline:	<p>The projected timeline for renovations to start, is in March 2023 and to be completed by November 2023.</p> <p>The timeline is guided by current SMM restrictions and additional constraints on the construction industry. The timeline is subject to changes due to the unpredictability of any possible restrictions in place in 2023.</p> <p>SportSG will conduct further discussions and consultations with all stakeholders on the final design and specifications for the tender, with refining the timeline where required. Stakeholders (including NSAs) have been advised to de-conflict their event calendar in 2023 and to plan ahead.</p>
Why is the closure for renovation so long?	<p>The projected duration of the closure (due to renovation) is based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the restricted hours that works can be carried out in the mall; • the extensiveness of the renovation. • time buffer for delays and current COVID SMM <p>SportSG is committed to work with appointed D&B contractor to minimise closure where possible.</p>
What improvements will we expect the new ice rink to have?	<p>Bearing the discussions with all stakeholders on the detailed requirements, SportSG expects the new rink to be more energy efficient and better designed for regular maintenance activities. With a well maintained ice rink, there will be more skate hours available for all skaters.</p>
Will there be a temporary ice rink during the renovation period?	<p>In order to minimise disruptions to athletes and coaches, the possibility of procuring / installing a temporary ice rink was considered. However, SportSG is unable to proceed with this temporary rink, due to lack of suitable site (for the duration of closure) and the high installation cost of temporary ice rink.</p>
How will the athletes train during the closure?	<p>Unfortunately, full On-Ice training disruptions cannot be avoided during the closure, thus SportSG has been in discussion with our stakeholders (including the NSAs) on the necessary preparation works to be done to assist in the training of our athletes during the closure. As we are still in the early stages of the renovation planning, SportSG will be working closely with the NSAs on minimising the disruptions and searching for alternatives.</p>
What will happen to coaches’ livelihood?	<p>SportSG understands the concerns on the impact to the livelihood of the affected private coaches, due to the closure.</p> <p>Thus we hope, with the advanced notice of the closure timeline given to the coaches, they are better prepared and equipped.</p>