

BC SOCCER'S UPDATED RETURN TO PLAY PLAN

Updated July 2, 2021 (updates highlighted in green)

TIMELINES, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND GUIDELINES FOR MEMBERS AND AFFILIATED CLUBS, ADMINISTRATORS, COACHES AND ANYONE ORGANIZING SOCCER ACTIVITIES

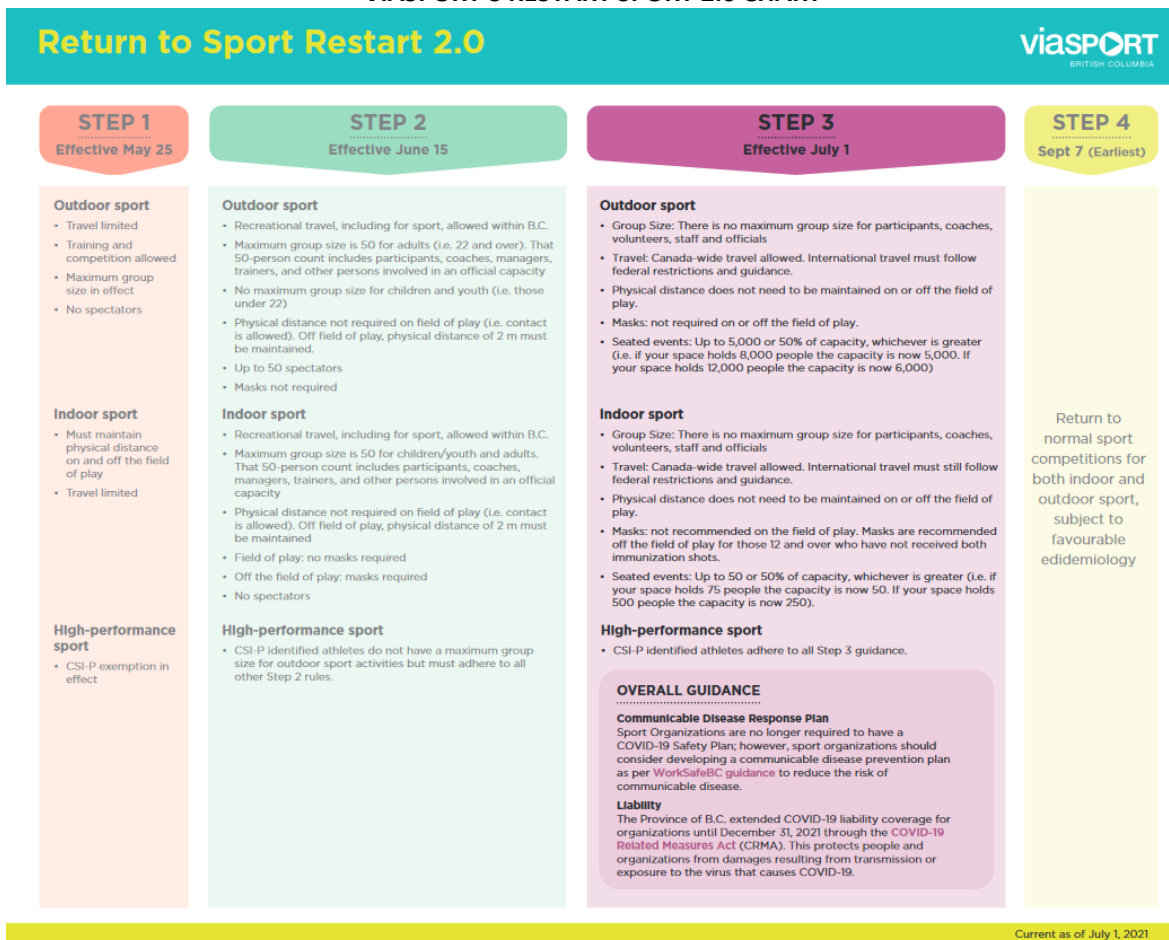
We are pleased with the move to Step 3 of the BC Government Restart Plan, and we must continue to follow the BC health authority's guidance and require all members and affiliated clubs to do the same. We also understand that each municipality has potentially different restrictions and limitations for bookings/activity, therefore, please work with your local cities/municipalities to adhere to any requirements to ensure you are providing a safe environment for all participants.

Below are the working timelines and guidelines to support the continued responsible return to play for soccer in alignment with BC's Restart Plan and guidance from ViaSport.

WORKING TIMELINE

Below is ViaSport's updated [Return to Sport Restart 2.0 chart](#). Appendix = BC's Restart Chart.

VIASPORT'S RESTART SPORT 2.0 CHART



The chart is titled "Return to Sport Restart 2.0" and features the ViaSport British Columbia logo. It is organized into four columns representing different steps of the restart plan, each with a specific effective date and a set of guidelines for outdoor, indoor, and high-performance sports. Step 1 (May 25) is orange, Step 2 (June 15) is green, Step 3 (July 1) is purple, and Step 4 (Sept 7) is yellow. The Step 3 column includes an "OVERALL GUIDANCE" section with sub-sections for Communicable Disease Response Plan and Liability.

STEP 1 Effective May 25	STEP 2 Effective June 15	STEP 3 Effective July 1	STEP 4 Sept 7 (Earliest)
<p>Outdoor sport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel limited Training and competition allowed Maximum group size in effect No spectators <p>Indoor sport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must maintain physical distance on and off the field of play Travel limited <p>High-performance sport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CSI-P exemption in effect 	<p>Outdoor sport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recreational travel, including for sport, allowed within B.C. Maximum group size is 50 for adults (i.e. 22 and over). That 50-person count includes participants, coaches, managers, trainers, and other persons involved in an official capacity No maximum group size for children and youth (i.e. those under 22) Physical distance not required on field of play (i.e. contact is allowed). Off field of play, physical distance of 2 m must be maintained. Up to 50 spectators Masks not required <p>Indoor sport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recreational travel, including for sport, allowed within B.C. Maximum group size is 50 for children/youth and adults. That 50-person count includes participants, coaches, managers, trainers, and other persons involved in an official capacity Physical distance not required on field of play (i.e. contact is allowed). Off field of play, physical distance of 2 m must be maintained Field of play: no masks required Off the field of play: masks required No spectators <p>High-performance sport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CSI-P identified athletes do not have a maximum group size for outdoor sport activities but must adhere to all other Step 2 rules. 	<p>Outdoor sport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group Size: There is no maximum group size for participants, coaches, volunteers, staff and officials Travel: Canada-wide travel allowed. International travel must follow federal restrictions and guidance. Physical distance does not need to be maintained on or off the field of play. Masks: not required on or off the field of play. Seated events: Up to 5,000 or 50% of capacity, whichever is greater (i.e. if your space holds 8,000 people the capacity is now 5,000. If your space holds 12,000 people the capacity is now 6,000) <p>Indoor sport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group Size: There is no maximum group size for participants, coaches, volunteers, staff and officials Travel: Canada-wide travel allowed. International travel must still follow federal restrictions and guidance. Physical distance does not need to be maintained on or off the field of play. Masks: not recommended on the field of play. Masks are recommended off the field of play for those 12 and over who have not received both immunization shots. Seated events: Up to 50 or 50% of capacity, whichever is greater (i.e. if your space holds 75 people the capacity is now 50. If your space holds 500 people the capacity is now 250). <p>High-performance sport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CSI-P identified athletes adhere to all Step 3 guidance. <p>OVERALL GUIDANCE</p> <p>Communicable Disease Response Plan Sport Organizations are no longer required to have a COVID-19 Safety Plan; however, sport organizations should consider developing a communicable disease prevention plan as per WorkSafeBC guidance to reduce the risk of communicable disease.</p> <p>Liability The Province of B.C. extended COVID-19 liability coverage for organizations until December 31, 2021 through the COVID-19 Related Measures Act (CRMA). This protects people and organizations from damages resulting from transmission or exposure to the virus that causes COVID-19.</p>	<p>Return to normal sport competitions for both indoor and outdoor sport, subject to favourable edidemiology</p>

Current as of July 1, 2021

BC Soccer has adopted the timelines in the BC Government four steps and have not established new timelines for what soccer activity can occur and when. We will update the “Organizing Soccer Activity” section (below) to reflect what soccer activity can occur (and any restrictions or modifications required).

ORGANIZING SOCCER ACTIVITY (as of July 2, 2021)

GENERAL MEASURES

- Soccer activities must always comply with the general measures, recommendations, and restrictions issued by the BC health authorities.
- All members and affiliates must follow all BC Soccer Rules and Regulations.
- Remind all players to bring their own water bottles and do not share.
- Sharing of common equipment is allowed.
- Adhere to the Rule of Two.

SAFETY PLANS

- There is a shift from the BC Health Authority requiring a Safety Plan to the recommendation (not requirement) for organizations to have [Communicable Disease Plan](#).

TYPE OF SOCCER ACTIVITY

Regular **outdoor and indoor soccer** can occur for all. The only restriction, per [the Restart Plan](#) and guidance from ViaSport’s Restart Sport Chair 2.0, is the number of spectators, being:

- Spectators (unless otherwise stated by the municipality/city/facility owner):
 - o Outdoor: 5,000 people or 50% capacity, whichever is greater.
 - o Indoor: 50 people or 50% capacity, whichever is greater.

ADDITIONAL MEASURES

Should any member organization and/or affiliated club wish to add stricter guidelines, measures and precautions they are able to for the soccer activity they oversee within their specific organization.

CLOSING COMMENTS

We thank all members, affiliated clubs, and individuals across BC for your patience and work to support soccer. As we all move forward, please be respectful and responsible in doing so. Organizations that offer soccer activity and do not comply with these recommendations and guidelines may be subject to sanctioning.

ACCOMPANYING INFORMATION (in appendix)

- BC Government Restart Plan Chart

DISCLAIMER

Importantly this document is not a legal document and is not a substitute for actual legislation or orders of the Provincial Health Office. Any links to third party web sites are provided solely for convenience.

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APPENDIX A – BC GOVERNMENT RESTART PLAN CHART

STEP	Criteria	PHO Guidance	Personal Gatherings	Organized Gatherings	Travel	Sports & Activities	Businesses	Offices & Workplaces
1 MAY 25	C: stable H: stable D1: 60%	Masks mandatory, indoor public spaces Physical distancing If sick, stay home and get tested	Outdoor personal gatherings – up to 10 people Indoor visitors – up to 5 people or 1 household	Indoor seated organized gatherings – up to 10 people Outdoor seated organized gatherings – up to 50 people	Recreational travel within your zone Non-essential travel between zones restricted	Low-intensity indoor fitness classes Outdoor local team games and practices for all ages – no spectators	Indoor & outdoor dining – up to 6 people Liquor service - 10PM Existing WorkSafeBC Safety Plans remain in place	Start gradual return to workplaces and offices Existing Safety Plans remain in place
2 JUNE 15 (Earliest date)	C: declining H: declining D1: 65%	Masks mandatory, indoor public spaces Physical distancing If sick, stay home and get tested	Outdoor personal gatherings – up to 50 people Indoor visitors – up to 5 people or 1 household Playdates	Indoor seated organized gatherings – up to 50 people Sector consultations on next steps on indoor and outdoor gatherings	BC recreational travel BC Transit and BC Ferries – increased services as needed	High-intensity indoor fitness classes - reduced capacity Indoor team games for all ages – no spectators Spectators for outdoor sports – up to 50 people	Liquor service – midnight Banquet halls reopen – limited capacity, Safety Plans Sector consultations on next steps on easing of restrictions	Continue return to work Small in-person meetings
3 JULY 1 (Earliest date)	C: low H: declining D1: 70%	Masks – recommended Careful social contact If sick, stay home and get tested	Return to usual on indoor and outdoor personal gatherings Sleepovers	Increased capacity, indoor and outdoor gatherings – Safety Plan Fairs & festivals with Safety Plan	Canada recreational travel	All indoor fitness classes – increased capacity Limited spectators for indoor sports	Dining – no group limit Bingo halls, casinos and nightclubs – limited capacity Operate based on new Safety Plans	Seminars and bigger meetings Operate based on new Safety Plans
4 SEPT 7 (Earliest date)	C: low H: low D1: 70%+	Masks – personal choice Normal social contact If sick, stay home and get tested	Normal social contact	Increased capacity on large organized gatherings (i.e. concerts)	Canada recreational travel	Increased indoor and outdoor spectators Return of normal sport competitions – Safety Plans	Continue to operate based on new Safety Plans	Fully re-opened offices and workplaces

C: C-19 case counts H: C-19 hospitalizations D1: minimum % of people 18+ with dose 1