

BC SOCCER’S UPDATED RETURN TO PLAY PLAN
Updated June 17, 2021 (updates highlighted in green)

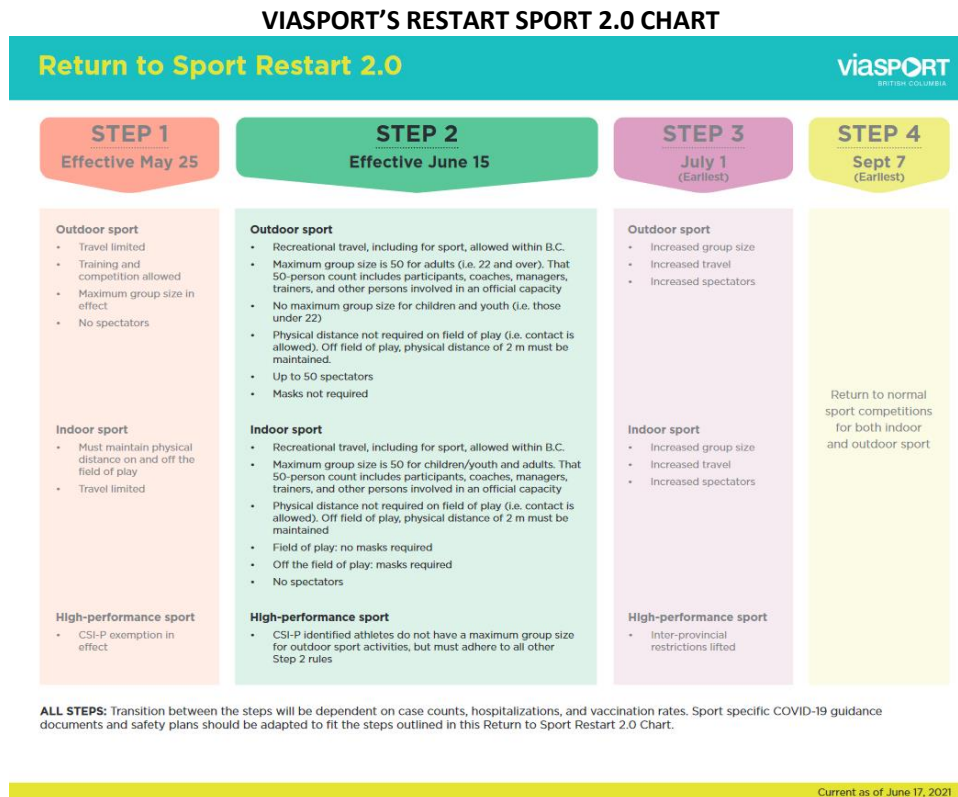
TIMELINES, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND GUIDELINES FOR MEMBERS AND AFFILIATED CLUBS, ADMINISTRATORS, COACHES AND ANYONE ORGANIZING SOCCER ACTIVITIES

We are optimistic with the go forward plan, however, the situation may differ by area, therefore, we must all 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.



BC Soccer will work towards the timelines in the BC Government four steps and will not establish new timelines for what soccer activity can occur and when. We will update the “Organizing Soccer Activity” section (page 2) to reflect what soccer activity can occur (and any restrictions or modifications required).

ORGANIZING SOCCER ACTIVITY (as of June 17, 2021)

GENERAL MEASURES

- Soccer activities must always comply with the general measures, recommendations, and any gathering restrictions issued by the BC health authorities.
- Physical distancing not required on the field of play, including bench area.
- 2 metres between people is still required outside the field of play.
- Ensure all participants are registered per the normal process under BC Soccer, including parent/guardian providing written consent for players U18 and younger.
- Keep a participant record and when participation occurred.
- Communicate to participants, paid/volunteer coaches any hygiene measures in alignment with current information issued by the BC health authorities, including staying home if sick.
- 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

- If your municipality/city/field owner requires an updated Safety Plan, please adjust current safety plans to align with this updated *Return to Play Plan for Soccer*.

TYPE OF SOCCER ACTIVITY

Outdoor and indoor soccer can occur for both youth (21 years and younger) and adults (22 years and older) under the following provisions:

- Contact in training and gameplay is allowed in and outside home club and/or with another organization offering supplemental training.
- Travel and organized gameplay can occur amongst the membership across British Columbia.
- Maximum participants (unless otherwise stated by the municipality/city/facility owner) is:
 - o Outdoor:
 - Adult: Up to 50 people per 1 regular 11v11 full-size soccer field including bench area (including all participants, coaches, referees, & others – no distancing).
 - Youth: No maximum participants for youth (including all participants, coaches, referees & others – no distancing).
 - o Indoor:
 - Up to 50 people (participants, coaches, referees, others – no distancing).
- Spectators (unless otherwise stated by the municipality/city/facility owner):
 - o Outdoor: Up to 50 spectators spaced around a regular 11 v 11 full-size soccer field.
 - Limiting gatherings is still the intent, so please be responsible.
 - o Indoor: currently still not allowed.
 - The only people allowed to attend indoor sport activities are those that provide care to a participant or player.



ADDITIONAL MEASURES

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

CLOSING COMMENTS

This updated Return to Play Plan only provides the required information. Historical Return to Play Plans of Soccer and information can be requested if needed by e-mailing feedback@bcsoccer.net.

We thank all members, affiliated clubs, and individuals across BC for your patience and work to support soccer. As we all move forward with the BC Restart Plan, please be respectful and responsible in doing so. Organizations that do 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