



May 25th, 2021

To: All Affiliated Members, Clubs and Leagues

Dear football stakeholders:

Re: BC Restart Plan Announcement

On May 25th, 2021, the government of BC announced a relaxation of several restrictions impacting the sport of football. The formal BC Restart announcement can be found here:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/restart>

The **immediate** implications for football are as follows:

- Players are now able to train with their club without physical distancing (outdoors ONLY)
- Outdoor games can be played between teams/groups formed from the same club
- Outdoor games must be played at the club's "home" facilities
- No spectators are permitted
- Participants are still required to complete an attestation form
- Games between teams from different clubs are NOT permitted
- When off the field of play, team members should maintain physical distance and wear a mask
- Safety protocols are still required (e.g., equipment cleaning, health screening, etc.)
- Group size on any single outdoor field facility is restricted to 50 people ***

***Based on the information provided today by the government, it remains unclear if the 50 person gathering limit is still required for local sports groups. Via Sport is seeking further clarification on this issue and as a result we anticipate being able to clarify the gathering limit in the next few days.

All clubs are reminded that they must have an approved Return to Sport plan for Phase 3 football in order to train under these revised restrictions. As always, the BCPFA will continue to liaise with Sport BC, Via Sport and our colleagues in other sports in order to stay as informed as possible about additional changes or shifts in the interpretation of public health orders. Please feel free to email me should you require any additional clarifications.

Sincerely,

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