

## COVID-19 Update

Monday November 23, 2020

### Update re: New Provincial Health Orders

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding as we navigate the COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts on sport.

On November 19, 2020, the Provincial Health Officer announced that the restrictions implemented on November 7, 2020 in Fraser Health and Vancouver-Coastal were extended to the rest of Province of British Columbia.

We continue to await the official written Order from the Provincial Health Officer that came into effect at midnight on November 20, 2020. Effective Monday November 23, 2020, games between teams from more than one Club Association or Zone remain suspended until at least December 7, 2020.

Ringette BC, in consultation with viaSport and other Provincial Sport Organizations (PSO's), is providing the following information to help Leagues and Club Associations navigate through these changes.

1. Sport is under Phase 3 viaSport *Return to Sport Guidelines* and *Ringette Progression 3* in all areas of the province
  - a. Games and contact activities are permitted;
  - b. Team travel outside your local community is prohibited;
  - c. Sport Cohorts remain in effect (50 participants maximum OR up to four teams);
2. Masks are mandatory in all areas of facilities with the exception of the field of play.
3. Spectators are NOT permitted.

We understand that the cohort make-up will vary Club Association to Club Association. Please be aware that the following conditions must remain top of mind:

1. Principles of meaningful competition; emphasis on developing the athlete pool vs. playing to win
2. Insurance rules – players are not permitted to participate in games with players that who are two age divisions above them. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Team travel is prohibited. Ringette participants are permitted to participate with the team that they are rostered to. Teams are to stay within their local Club Associations' boundaries. Zone teams are permitted to play and practice within their Zone designated boundaries. For Zone 2 and Zone 3 ringette teams the cross Health Authority restriction no longer applies; however, we encourage Club Associations to connect with their facilities to inquire if there are any additional restrictions for participation.

### ***Inter-Association Games***

Game play for all teams from FUNdamentals to Open within a Club Association is permitted. Cohorts should be created within the Club Association. Cross cohort play is NOT permitted without a 14-day reset period. At this time, U14/U16/U19 Zone teams are permitted to play games against teams in their cohort AND within their Zone boundaries.

The Governing authority for sanctioning purposes for inter-Association game play is the Club Association. For Zone teams, the host Club Association for the individual ringette activity is the governing authority.

Please discuss the options with your Division Coordinators and Coaches to determine what the best options are. Safety and security need to remain paramount. Teams may decide to practice only or limit their playing options.

Lastly, please remember that there are no social gatherings of any kind under the new order. This includes congregating in lobbies, parking lots and other public spaces. Please maintain your physical distance and follow all facility rules such as wearing masks in all areas except for the field of play.

Information related to the order can be found on the Government of [BC's COVID-19 response page](#).

Thank you again for your continued patience. We will continue to update you as the information becomes available.

Sincerely,



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