

COVID-19 Announcement

Tuesday, November 10, 2020

To all League & Club Association Presidents and COVID-19 Safety Officers,

RE: Update on the New Provincial Health Orders

The Provincial Health Officer has updated their information regarding the new COVID-19 Provincial Health Orders to provide clarification to British Columbians.

All indoor contact sports that occur within the Fraser and Vancouver Coastal Health Authorities are to return to *Phase 2* activities under the viaSport [Return to Sport Guidelines](#). Ringette BC is reaffirming that all Lower Mainland Ringette League Club Associations are *Ringette Progression 2* of the [Return to Ringette Guidelines](#). Please refer to viaSport's brief [FAQ page](#) for more information on the new orders.

Please be reminded that *Ringette Progression 2* allows the following:

- U10 and below may begin individual skill and practice sessions in small groups;
- physical distancing still enforced;
- "Skills & Drills";
- focus of activity remains community-based; limited travel permitted; and
- game play is not permitted and activities should remain within the community.

Under *Ringette Progression 2*, Club Associations are permitted to have more than one team on a full sheet of ice as long as the teams are adhering to the facility participant numbers, the *Return to Ringette Guidelines* and physical distancing requirements both on and off the ice.

As for the travel restrictions, the Provincial Health Officer has provided further clarification:

"Travel to, from and between the Vancouver Coastal Health and Fraser Health regions for athletic competitions like games and tournaments is restricted under this order." ([Provincial Government website](#))

If your facility or municipality will not permit participants in their facility from outside of the Health Authority, that is their decision. Based on the Provincial Health Office information, Ringette BC supports travel between the two Health Authorities within the Lower Mainland under *Ringette Progression 2* guidelines.

Additional COVID-19 Updates and Reminders

If your facility or municipality is requesting updates to your safety plan, please notify and provide Ringette BC with a copy of your updated plan for our website.

Ringette BC would like to remind everyone that the Provincial Health Officer has put an increased emphasis on the need to ensure that self-assessments are being completed and tracked by all organizations and that congregating in common spaces such as lobbies, dressing rooms, entrances and parking lots should be avoided. Please remind your parents, players, coaches and volunteers that we all need to do our part to break the chain of transmission.

Updated Illness Policy

The Ringette BC Board of Directors has approved an updated [Illness Policy 1.19](#). The updated policy can be found on the Ringette BC website.

Ringette BC Office

Ringette BC office staff will be working in the office and remotely. The office will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th for Remembrance Day. Should you need to visit the Ringette BC office, you must make an appointment, complete our self-assessment questions and for the duration of your visit. Please consider connecting with us virtually.

Sincerely,

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COVID-19 Safety Officers