

August 21, 2020

Message from Ringette BC

Dear Ringette League and Club Association Presidents and Board Members,

Thank you for taking the time over the past weekend to attend the Ringette BC General Meeting and accompanying workshops. We hope that the workshops were worthwhile and that you found the opportunity to engage in person with other Association administrators and Ringette BC Board and Staff.

We are only a few short weeks away from what is, traditionally, the start of the regular ringette season. Ringette BC would like to update our Association administrators on where ringette is and where it is likely to go as we get closer to our official season start date of September 15th.

The Ringette BC *Return to Ringette* survey closes today and, based on the results, it indicates a positive outlook for the season ahead as it relates to registrations. Ringette families are simply waiting to understand how the season ahead will look and feel this fall and into the winter months.

Return to Ringette Update

Ringette in BC will advance to Ringette Progression 2 on September 1, 2020. Ringette BC will provide an official announcement to the Ringette BC community to inform them of this advancement.

As stated in the *Return to Ringette Guidelines*, Ringette Progression 3 will not start until viaSport has announced that sport has advanced to PHASE 3 of *Return to Sport*. That announcement could come at any time in the coming weeks; however, Ringette BC will not automatically move to Ringette Progression 3 following the PHASE 3 sport sector move. Ringette BC will remain in Progression 2 for at least 14 days, regardless of when a move to PHASE 3 is announced by viaSport. This is to ensure that our families, players, coaches, officials, and all other participants have time to process all the new protocols, restrictions, rules while given everyone a little time to feel comfortable with the “new normal” in ringette.

Ringette Progression 3 and Phase 3 Implementation

Ringette Progression 3 guidelines will be adapted once the updated *Return to Sport Guidelines* are published by viaSport. These adjustments to the *Return to Ringette Guidelines*, will be provided to the Ringette BC Board of Directors for approval. Once approved, the updated version will be released to the League and Club Association Boards for review prior to release to the ringette community at large.

Insurance Update

All Leagues and Club Associations will receive the updated Insurance Certificate by the renewal date of September 15, 2020. Ringette BC has received notice that we have entered the renewal process. If your facility is looking for a copy of the updated COI, please direct them to Nicole Robb at executivedirector@bcringette.org.

Reminder, if your Club Association Board of Directors has not approved your COVID-19 Safety Plan, your Club Association is not permitted to restart activities. The Safety Plan must be approved by your Club Association Board of Directors and a copy must be sent to Ringette BC for record keeping purposes. Approval of your Club Association Safety Plan by Ringette BC is not required.

Compliance and Enforcement of Restrictions

Ringette BC is developing a list of sanctions that will be consistently applied in the event that an individual such as a parent, coach, player, volunteer, etc. does not adhere to the COVID-19 *Return to Ringette* Guidelines/COVID Safety Plans.

Program Updates

Virtual Excellence Ringette Updates

Ringette BC **Virtual Excellence Ringette program** is still open for registration. The August Virtual Excellence Ringette Camp is taking place August 25-28, 2020. If you have U16 and U19 and 18+ players that are interested in participating, there is still space to register. The program is open to all U16 and U19-aged athletes, regardless of past ringette playing experience. If you would like more information on the Excellence Ringette Program, please visit the [Excellence Ringette](#) page on our website.

Zone Program Updates

The 2020-2021 season intends to see full implementation of the Zone program at U16 and U19. Please be aware that there may be adaptations to the formation of Zone teams at all divisions based on registration numbers and COVID-related restrictions. The timelines for Zone team formation and coach selection are currently all on hold until there is further direction on Phase 3 *Return to Sport*.

Sincerely,



Dennis Callaghan
Chair of the Board of Directors

CC: Ringette BC Board of Directors; Staff