

December 8, 2020

COVID-19 Update from Ringette BC and *Return to Ringette*

Return to Ringette Update and Suspension of all in-person Ringette Activities

On December 8, 2020, the Provincial Health [Order](#) released on December 3, 2020 was extended until January 8, 2021. Ringette BC will continue to follow the direction from the Provincial Health Office (PHO) and viaSport. The current orders are set to expire on January 8, 2021. At this time, we do not know what January will look like for sport. However, Ringette BC will be following the information from the PHO as it is released and will continue to provide updates and direction.

The Order from the Provincial Health Officer includes the following restrictions for ringette:

- All adult ringette programming (18+ and Masters) is suspended;
 - This includes any athletes carded to the *Canadian Sport Institute (CSI)* who are 19 years of age and older.
- All Youth and Children divisions (FUNdamentals to U19) has regressed to ***Ringette Progression 2*** as per the [Return to Ringette Guidelines](#);
 - This includes any athletes carded to the *Canadian Sport Institute (CSI)* who are 18 years of age and younger.
- Physical distancing has been changed under the [new Order](#). All participants must stay **3 meters apart effective immediately**.

In addition to the above, all other restrictions previously released on November 20, 2020 remain in place and being enforced. These restrictions include:

- mandatory Masks in all public indoor spaces; except on the field of play;
- no spectators in facilities; and
- team Travel for sport is suspended.

To ensure that ringette is prepared for any changes to the current orders in January 2021 and, to support our volunteers who have been working tirelessly for months, Ringette BC has suspended all in-person ringette activities from **11:59pm on December 21, 2020 until 11:59pm on January 10, 2021**. This includes all sanctioned events such as camps, training (both on and off-ice), practices and play weekends.

The suspension of in-person activities over the holiday break does not apply to virtual events. We encourage teams to get together virtually to celebrate.

2021 Provincial Championships and 2021 U12 Year End Event

Ringette BC is also announcing the cancellation of the 2021 Provincial Championships and the 2021 U12 Year End Event.

Thank you to the volunteers and organizers from Greater Vernon and Salmon Arm who were scheduled to host these events.

Club Associations interested in hosting events in 2022 should contact Ringette BC for details.

Virtual Training Opportunities over the Holiday Break

Ringette BC will be hosting a Virtual Excellence Ringette Training Camp from December 27 to 29. Registration is still open for U16 and U19 aged athletes who are interested in participating.

U14 Train to Excel participants can use their break to complete their Ring-O squares and complete some of the skill videos. If you are not yet registered in *U14 Train to Excel*, registration is still open. The Program will run until March 2021 and previous sessions are available to viewing. For more information, please direct players, parents and U14 coaches to the Ringette BC website.

Member Association Fees and Invoicing

The Ringette BC Board of Directors has voted to waive the 2020-2021 membership fee for our Member Associations and Leagues.

Thank you again for your continued understanding and patience as we all navigate the pandemic together.

Sincerely,



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Ringette BC

Cc: Ringette BC Board of Directors
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