

May 27, 2021

## **COVID-19 and Return to Ringette Update**

### **BC Restart Plan 2.0**

The BC Restart Plan 2.0 has been released and outlines how the Province of BC will reopen over the next five months. As of May 25, 2021, we are in Stage 1 of BC Restart Plan 2.0. There are no changes to indoor sport in this stage.

Ringette BC, in consultation with viaSport, will update our *Return to Ringette Guidelines* to align with the new Restart Plan 2.0 and other sport specific updates from viaSport.

### **Progression 2 remains**

As there are no changes to the current restrictions for ringette. Ringette, as an indoor sport, remains in Progression 2 restrictions.

- **Current Restrictions for Indoor Sport:**
  - Participants must maintain 3 meters of physical distancing on and off the field of play;
  - Participants under the age of 22 are permitted to participate in indoor team sports;
  - Adult (22+) sport remains suspended;
  - Games and contact remain prohibited; and
  - Spectators are not permitted.
  
- **Existing restrictions and COVID-19 Safety Practices remain in place including:**
  - Health checks;
  - Attendance tracking;
  - Mandatory masks;
  - Physical distancing at all times; and
  - Travel Restrictions.

*\*\*Reminder if you are sick or been advised to self-isolate, you are not permitted to attend ringette events/activities. \*\**

### **When will indoor sport get contact?**

Based on the timeline outlined in the BC Restart Plan 2.0, indoor sport will be able to play games after June 15, 2021 (at the earliest) while other restrictions such as no spectators, mandatory masks and no travel will remain in place.

However, any activity that is taking place outdoors is defined as an *Outdoor Sport* and must follow the restrictions for outdoor sports. For example, gym ringette, while typically held indoors, can follow the restrictions for outdoor sport if an outdoor event is held outside.

- **Current Restrictions for *Outdoor Sports* (as of May 25, 2021):**
  - Contact is permitted within the team;
  - Adult (22+) participation is permitted;
  - Travel is restricted to your home Club Association Community;
  - Spectators are not permitted ; and
  - Masks must be worn except when on the field of play.

#### **More to come**

We expect further updates for indoor and outdoor sport in the coming weeks/months and are hopeful for a positive season ahead. All indications are that there will be a full return to ringette that includes games, spectators, tournaments, championships and travel. Ringette BC will continue to provide updates as the information becomes available.

We are excited about ringette coming back with fans in the stand and games on the ice for youth to adult ringette players. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to the sport of Ringette.

Sincerely,



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#### ***Relevant links:***

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