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## **COVID-19 Update and Updated Return to Ringette Guidelines 2.0**

As of today, June 15, the Province of BC has officially entered Step 2 of the [BC Restart Plan 2.0](#). This Stage of the reopening provides a further loosening of restrictions for indoor sport. Ringette BC has updated our Return to Ringette Guidelines to reflect:

- the new BC Restart Plan 2.0;
- the updated Gathering and Events Order;
- the lifting of the travel ban; and
- the sport sector restriction update from viaSport.

Here is a brief overview of how the new restrictions for sport under Stage 2:

- Indoor Sport:
  - Adult and youth sport are able to return
  - Physical distancing is no longer required on the field of play
  - Permitted activities include: games, scrimmages, training and practices with contact, etc.
  - Group sizes maximum 50 people.
    - Group includes: coaches, trainers, athletes, referees, etc.
  - No Spectators are permitted
  - Masks must be worn off the field of play.
  - Physical distancing should be maintained off the field of play
- Outdoor Sport
  - Adult and youth sport are able to return
  - Physical distancing is no longer required on the field of play
  - Permitted activities include: games, scrimmages, training and practices with contact, etc.
  - Group sizes maximum 50 people.
    - Group includes: coaches, trainers, athletes, referees, etc.
  - Up to 50 Spectators are permitted.
  - Physical distancing should be maintained off the field of play


Ringette BC is still waiting for the viaSport Return to Sport Chart 2.0 to be released with the updates that were shared on June 15; however, we are sharing what we have with our Club – Associations today to give all of you time to start reviewing the updates. Ringette BC will provide an updated *Return to Ringette Guidelines 2.0* once the viaSport update has been released.

For more details please review the updated *Return to Ringette Guidelines 2.0*. More details will be released in the coming weeks related to Stage 3 and Stage 4 of the BC Restart 2.0. As details are released Ringette BC will update the *Return to Ringette Guidelines 2.0* as required.

Associations must continue to adhere to the restrictions of their facilities and Safety Plans are still required to be in place. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out. Ringette BC will be updating the COVID-19 Resource Hub as new information is released from viaSport and the Provincial Health Officer.

It has been a long time since we have had the chance to play the fastest game on ice so it might be a good idea to review the rulebook and some safety rules before your first ice time.

Sincerely,



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***Relevant links:***

[Joint Statement from the PHO, June 15, 2021](#)  
[Province –wide Restrictions Government page](#)  
[Gathering and Events Order – June 15, 2021](#)  
[BC Restart Plan 2.0](#)  
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