



VIA EMAIL

May 25, 2021

Attention: BC Soccer Full/Associate Members and Affiliated Soccer Clubs

From: BC Soccer

Re: Return to Play Update – BC Restart Plan

Dear Full/Associate Members and Affiliated Clubs,

As you may have heard or seen, today the BC government announced its Restart Plan. We are pleased that the plan includes the easing of restrictions for sport and soccer, some that take effect today and ease further over time.

We received zero lead time to these announcements; therefore, we are still working through the details on what is allowed. Below we share the Restart Plan chart information relating to travel and sport.

BC Government Restart Plan – snipped chart

STEP	Travel	Sports & Activities
1 MAY 25	Recreational travel within your zone Non-essential travel between zones restricted	Low-intensity indoor fitness classes Outdoor local team games and practices for all ages – no spectators
2 JUNE 15 <small>(Earliest date)</small>	BC recreational travel BC Transit and BC Ferries – increased services as needed	High-intensity indoor fitness classes - reduced capacity Indoor team games for all ages – no spectators Spectators for outdoor sports – up to 50 people
3 JULY 1 <small>(Earliest date)</small>	Canada recreational travel	All indoor fitness classes – increased capacity Limited spectators for indoor sports
4 SEPT 7 <small>(Earliest date)</small>	Canada recreational travel	Increased indoor and outdoor spectators Return of normal sport competitions – Safety Plans

Based on the chart and information available on the [BC Government website](#), we are sharing what we know today and are advising all members and affiliated clubs that as of today, the following applies to sanctioned soccer activity in BC:

- **Outdoor soccer** can occur for both youth and adults with the following restrictions:
 - Travel must be kept to the travel regions as defined by the BC Government:
 - Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley
 - Northern/Interior
 - Vancouver Island
 - Players can participate in contact training (within their travel region):
 - With their home club/team, and/or
 - With another organization offering supplemental training.
 - Organized gameplay must be “local”.
 - *ViaSport has advised that “local” is currently defined as “in-club”.*
 - Spectators are not allowed yet for outdoor soccer.
 - Soccer activity must occur on the assigned field.

- **Indoor soccer for adults** (22 years and older) is still suspended.

- **Indoor soccer for youth** (21 years and younger) can occur with the following restrictions:
 - Travel must be kept to the travel regions as defined by the BC Government:
 - Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley
 - Northern/Interior
 - Vancouver Island
 - Players can participate in (3-metres) distance training (within their travel region):
 - With their home club/team, and/or
 - With another organization offering supplemental training.
 - Organized gameplay is currently not allowed.
 - Spectators are not allowed yet for indoor soccer.

As we receive and learn more information on allowances under BC’s Restart Plan as it relates to sport and soccer, we will continue to communicate as quickly as responsible.

To restate, even though we all anticipated an easing of restrictions and were all hoping for them, we did not know what today’s announcement would entail. Therefore, we thank you for your understanding as we work through the details on what it means for soccer.

Thank you all again for your understanding and hard work you are all doing to support soccer through these everchanging times.

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CC: Charlene Krepiakovich, CEO, ViaSport British Columbia
BC Soccer Board of Directors and Staff