

BASKETBALL BC

RETURN TO SPORT PLAN

Phase 2 and Phase 3

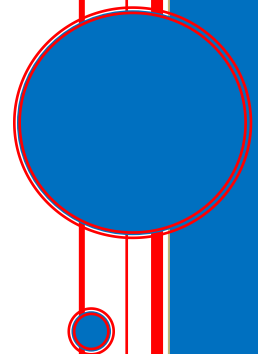


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INTRODUCTION

The goal outlined within this plan is to provide guidelines, recommendations and educational support to our stakeholders, coaches, participants, and program organizers in helping them to initiate the Return to Sport for basketball within their programs and community.

The Basketball BC Return to Sport plan adheres to all directives from the Ministry of Health and WorksafeBC, complies with viaSport Sector Guidelines for Sport and is aligned with the recently released [Canada Basketball's Return to Sport Guidelines](#).

In the current Provincial Phase Two, some easing of restrictions has enabled certain businesses and activities to open and operate within the orders of the Provincial Health Officer (PHO). This is not a return to normal, but rather to a "new normal" which will require everyone to modify their behavior, stay informed, apply protective measures, and follow public health advice. ***Restarting is not mandatory – each club and organization must assess and decide for itself whether and when it is appropriate to restart operations.***

Prior to restarting, every organization must have an explicit plan for the measures they will implement and maintain over the coming 12 to 18 months. These plans must comply with orders and guidance from the Provincial Health Office and ***be made available to the public either by posting on the wall of the organization's facility or on its website.***

To help organizations in their planning, Provincial Sport Organizations have been asked to create sport-specific guidance documents. The Ministry of Health and viaSport advise that all provincial sport organizations and their clubs should use both the Sector Guidelines developed by viaSport and the Sport Specific Return to Sport Guidelines from their P.S.O. when planning, preparing and executing their own specific programs and activities.

It is strongly recommended that all club and team administrators and programmers familiarize themselves with both [viaSport Return to Sport Sector Guidelines](#) as well as [Basketball BC's Specific, Sport Guidelines](#) prior to developing their own specific organizations plan.

As BC's COVID-19 Go-Forward Management Strategy states "Recreation and involvement in sports are important developmental activities for many children and young people". As we seek to re-start basketball in BC, this plan outlines measures that we can take to help ensure that our sport begins to resume in a safe and responsible manner.

This document is current as of Jan 20, 2021, with the addition of:

- **Phase 3 information on page 16**
- **Appendix C – Illness Policy on page 22**
- **Appendix E – Return to Sport Updates on page 24**

SUMMARY OF RETURN TO SPORT SECTOR GOVERNING GUIDELINES

- Reopening must be planned around assessing the risks and developing a sport specific Plan for your organization.
- The Return to Sport Plan developed by your organization should be based on a risk assessment and analysis that considers the risks presented by the type of activities and the place where these activities occur.
- Your plan should include a detailed Risk Management and Mitigation Plan that includes an Outbreak Plan that must be in place for both participants and staff, coaches etc. ***A sample Outbreak Plan is shown on Page 14.***
- Protocols and Procedures need to be in place that allow for Contact Tracing in event of any participant, coach, staff etc. contracting COVID-19.
- ***All organizations are required to develop a COVID-19 Safety Plan in accordance with WorkSafeBC.***
[Safety Plan Template](#) (provided by [viaSport Return to Sport Guidelines](#))
- Your Return to Sport Plan must be made easily available to staff, volunteers, participants, and other stakeholders, through the organization's website or posted in the facility.
- Staff, volunteers, and participants should be trained on the Return to Sport Plan (as appropriate to age/role). The Return to Sport Plan should be consistent with the guidelines and directives set by government, WorkSafe BC and health authorities.
- Limitations to group size – no more than groups of 50 in large or outside spaces. Group size will vary depending on the space. *Gyms would be much less. WorkSafeBC uses a ratio of 5sq. metres / person when determining group size.*
- **Maintain physical distance of 3 meters during duration of all activities.**
- Use Engineering controls – physical barriers, increased ventilation, traffic flow when needed.
- Restrict access to non-essential personnel and have designated Points of Access (i.e. drop off and pick up areas).
- Use Non-medical masks (and other PPE) when able and appropriate.
- Activities need to be modified to meet and maintain all guidelines.
- ***When possible re-locate activities to the outdoors – if so, investigate how to obtain a permit.***
- Reduce touch points (equipment, facility etc.).
- Primary focus should be on skill development. Non-contact activities only.

- *All programs should be community focused. Staying within the home sport community or club(s) where participants are members. No inter- provincial or inter regional travel.*
- Have in place some form of daily Symptom Screening for Participants and Coaches.
- Develop and implement an Illness Policy, that outlines procedures for staff and participants that may be experiencing symptoms and ensures no one attends when sick.
- Pro-Active Cleaning Protocols for facilities and equipment.
- Daily Training/Camp Plan should be posted and visible at site and should be also on organization's website.

Ensuring safety measures are being met and adhered to depends on everyone being aware of and understanding the health and sport specific guidelines. Communication of the guidelines to your participants and spectators is an important component of your Return to Sport Plan.

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINE INFORMATION

[ViaSport Return to Sport Guidelines for B.C.](#)

[Canada Basketball/Wheelchair Basketball Canada – Back to Basketball Return to Sport Guidelines](#)

[BC Recreation and Parks Association COVID-19 Restart Guide](#)

[WorkSafeBC](#)

viaSport will be updating with new information on their [Return to Sport page](#)

GUIDELINES AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR RETURN TO SPORT

- Participant safety is paramount.
- Adhere to ALL public health restrictions in your community (e.g. maximum group gatherings, facility access).
- Returning to basketball should only be considered if regional restrictions and physical distancing measures allow for it.
- Programs should be local only – participants should come from a local area to participate, rather than from outside an area.
- Basketball activities should be skill development only. Competition will return at a later phase.
- Limit number of people within gym setting – no non-essential personnel i.e. parents/ spectators.
- Physical distancing of 3 meters should be in effect at all times.

GENERAL HYGIENE GUIDELINES

- All participants, coaches and staff should wash their hands before and immediately following participation in basketball activities.
- Employ scheduled breaks to ensure hand washing or sanitizing at intervals throughout the activity.
- All participants, coaches and staff should avoid touching one's face and when needed should sneeze/cough into their elbow.
- No sharing of water bottles, towels, or other personal items.
- Have some form of participant training uniform recommended sanitizing controls – e.g. all (tops and shorts) are washed and clean after each training session.
- No handshakes, or other unnecessary physical contact.
- Participants, coaches, and staff should consider wearing a mask. Especially if in proximity of each other.

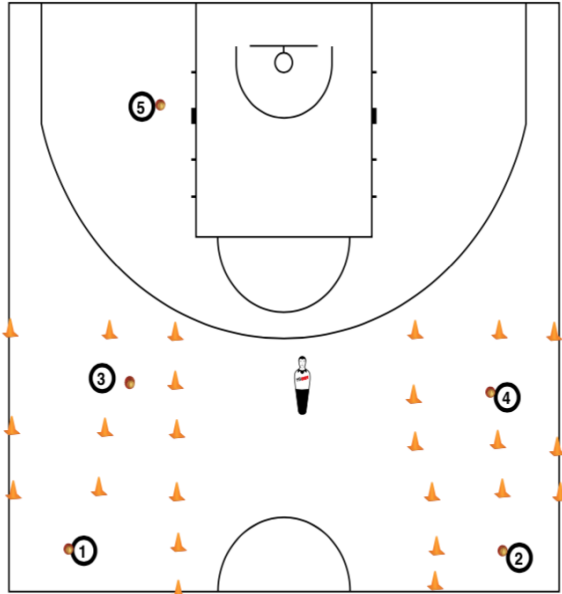
PHASE 2: BASKETBALL PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS & MODIFICATIONS

- Ensure safe physical/social distance.
- Limit ratio of players per hoop (based on ability to maintain physical distancing).
- 2 or 3 person passing drills are allowed but physical distancing must be maintained.

Minimum standards recommend that players wash/sanitize hands before and immediately after drills involving ball sharing and partner involvement. In addition, balls or any shared equipment are to be cleaned before and after use in the shared drills. Generally, the greater frequency of cleaning the better.

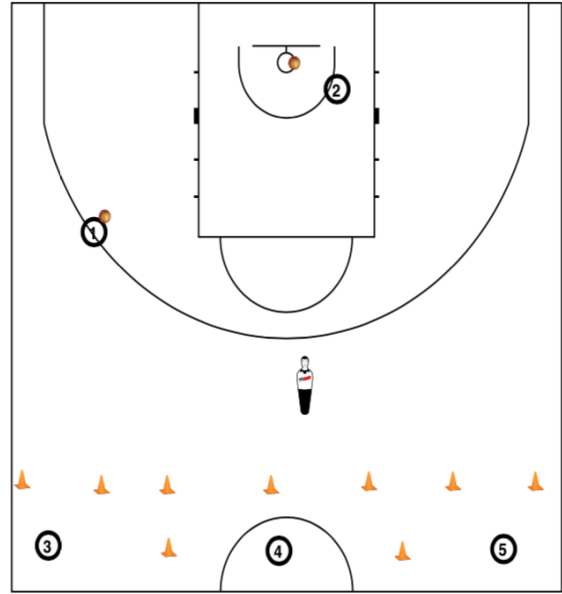
- Employ Best practices with regards to coaching and instructional techniques – no physical contact – using words and examples to paint a picture for the athletes.
- Since in this phase there is no player to player contact allowed coaches need to load drills through increasing:
 - complexity of drill i.e. dribble move rather than straight attack
 - number of completions – i.e. must make 5 in a row
 - time – number of makes in 30 sec.
 - creativity – must use various moves and/or finishes
- Limit number of people within gym setting – no non-essential personnel i.e. parents/spectators.
- Easy access to Hand hygiene.
- ***Follow all facility operator guidelines, including those outlined in Facility and Equipment Requirements on page 10 of this document as well as Page 12 to 15 in [viaSport Return to Sport Guidelines](#).***
- Look to Modify the flow of training so that there are no congregation points.
- Adjust training time due to individual focus. ***Canada Basketball recommends sessions in this first phase should be 1 hr. max.***
- Look to Maintain a participant/coach ratio of 4 or 5 to 1.

Sample gym set-up for safe social distancing drills with 5 players and a coach on a half court



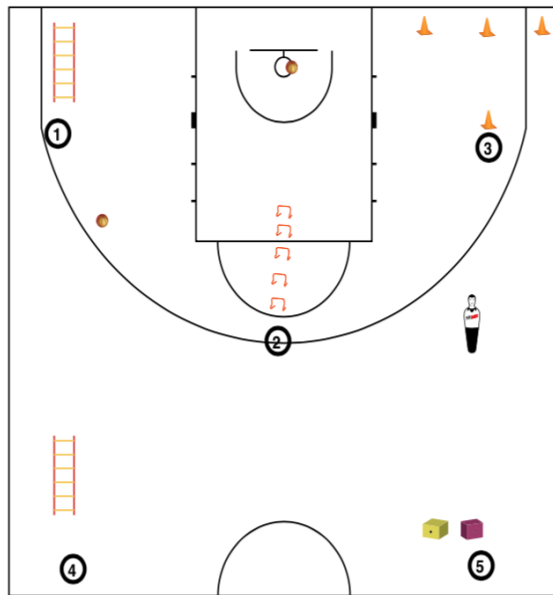
4 players dribbling or passing off the wall and 1 shooting

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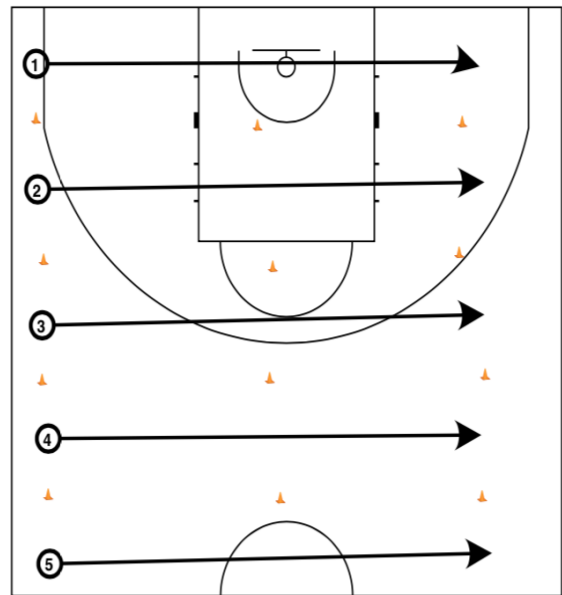


2 players alternating basket finishes and 3 players doing conditioning

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5 players doing conditioning stations



5 players sprinting and doing defensive slides

PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

- All participants should be pre-registered so that organizations have full name and contact information in the event of an outbreak.
- All participants should be aware of the risks associated with participation, including the risks of contracting COVID-19.

A sample copy of a **Participant Agreement Declaration** can be found on Page 19 Appendix D of this document and Page 31 of [viaSport Return to Sport Guidelines](#).

A sample of a **Participant Release and Indemnity Agreement** can be found on Page 19 Appendix E of this document.

- Group sizes must abide by regional public health restrictions (This is currently a maximum of 50 individuals while maintaining **physical distance of 3 meters in BC**). Allowable groups sizes will vary based on size of gym or location being used.
- Participants should be healthy with no signs or symptoms of illness.

Organizers should screen participants for symptoms at the start of each session. Written acknowledgement should be given that a participant is symptom-free and healthy to participate. If a participant is showing signs of cold, flu, or COVID-19 with coughing or sneezing, they must be removed from the activity and self-isolated immediately.

Canada Basketball recommends that prior to leaving home participants and coaches should use the [COVID 19 self assessment tool created by Health Canada](#)

- Participants and Parents should know the common symptoms of COVID-19 and stay away if displaying symptoms. These symptoms should be posted on program website and displayed at the facility.
- Participants must stay home if they have been in contact with a known or presumptive case of COVID-19 in the previous 14 days.
- Participants who live with high-risk individuals should consider their participation carefully.
- Should a participant subsequently be diagnosed with COVID-19 within 14 days of participating in a basketball activity, they should notify the organiser as soon as possible and follow current govt. mandated recovery practices. ***See Outbreak Plan on Page 14 of this document.***

COACH AND STAFF GUIDELINES

- Coaching should occur while ensuring physical distancing guidelines.
- Coaches should be current in Best Practices with regards to coaching in a COVID-19 environment
- Coaches and staff must be healthy with no signs or symptoms of illness. Individuals should know of the common symptoms of COVID-19 and stay away if displaying symptoms.
- Head Coach or Administrator should screen coaches and staff for symptoms at the start of each session. ***Verbal and written acknowledgement must be given that a coach or staff member is symptom-free and healthy to participate. If an individual is showing signs of cold, flu, or COVID-19 with coughing or sneezing, they must be removed from the activity and self-isolated immediately.***
- Coaches and staff must stay home if they have been in contact with a known case of COVID-19 in the previous 14 days.
- Coaches and staff who are immune-compromised, or with underlying health conditions should not participate. Those who live with high-risk individuals should consider their participation carefully.
- Coaches and staff should consider wearing a mask and gloves when appropriate during the activity.
- Coaches should lead and instruct using their own ball.
- Coaches should use hand sanitizer and/or gloves when they move between different individuals or groups.

PARENT/GUARDIAN REQUIREMENTS

- Where possible, participants should be dropped off and picked up outside of the facility. *Please note that this arrangement must not compromise safe sport guidelines (e.g. there must be 2 responsible and screened adults with a group of minors at any one time).*
- If present, parents/guardians must abide by physical distancing guidelines.

FACILITY AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

- Minimize the total amount of users in one space at any given time. The more users of the space the higher the risk - this is especially true for indoor spaces with increased contact surfaces and less air circulation.
- Limit access points in and out of the area/facility to control numbers in the space.
- Use signage, tape, and stanchions to direct the flow and position of participants (e.g. sign-in at the start, waiting for drills).
- Close all common areas including change rooms, water fountains, meeting spaces and team benches.
- All common contact surfaces within the facility should be cleaned and disinfected regularly, including door handles, chairs and tables. Work with the facility owner to determine cleaning protocols. Bring your own cleaning materials if necessary.
- When scheduling, allow a break between sessions to permit equipment and facility sanitation.
- Players should use their own ball and sanitize after and prior to each session.
- If association provides the balls - ensure that balls are sanitized between each session and/or user-group. Set up a "clean bin" to ensure that sanitised balls are separated from those requiring cleaning.
- Ball cleaning: Balls should be sanitised using a wet, warm cloth with a mild/gentle cleaning solution or with wet wipes (e.g. Clorox wipes).
- Follow all facility operator guidelines, including those outlined in this document as well as Page 12 to 15 in [viaSport Return to Sport Guidelines](#).

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR BASKETBALL CLUB AND TEAM ORGANIZERS

- Participant safety is paramount at all times.
- Develop a COVID-19 Safety Plan in accordance with WorkSafeBC. [Safety Plan Template](#) (provided by [viaSport Return to Sport Guidelines](#)).
- You must adhere to ALL public health restrictions in your community (e.g. maximum group gatherings, facility access).
- Retain detailed records of all participants in sessions. Details should include full contact information, date, time, and location of basketball activities.
- Ensure that all programs and activities require pre-registration so that you minimise the physical exchange of documentation and paper in-person and have all participant contact information on file.
- Programs should be advertised locally. Participants should come from your local region to participate, to limit unnecessary travel and risk of spreading COVID-19. Notify all participants to practice physical distancing while commuting to and from the activity.
- Start small to test out the new way of running activities. Refine and tweak your procedures to ensure that all guidelines are adhered to and to ensure that all participants are safe.
- Basketball activities should be exclusively focused on individual player skills development only. Competition will return at a later phase.
- *Prior to starting any activity or program check with your insurer to ensure that you are fully aware of any risks or liability associated with resuming basketball activities. Ensure that participants are fully informed and consent to risks associated with participating in basketball activities.*
- *The Province of B.C.'s [announcement](#) extending liability protection to not-for-profit amateur sport organizations for damages resulting from exposure to COVID-19.*
- Ensure that all staff and coaches are fully educated on symptoms of COVID-19, Best Practices in Coaching, the Return to Play govt. policy and all associated procedures to minimise risk.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR OPERATORS OF BASKETBALL FACILITIES

- Work with local authorities to ensure that your facility meets all public health and WorkSafe BC guidelines required for operation.
- Conduct a full and comprehensive review of your facility, analyzing risk and exposure areas.
- Determine what areas will be open and available to patrons and what will be closed off.
- If feasible, consider making your facility “one-way”, with one entrance and one exit to simplify physical distancing.
- Fully clean and sanitize your complete facility before reopening. Set up a “clean bin” to ensure that sanitised basketballs can be separated from those requiring cleaning. See useful links at the end of the document.
- Ensure you have sufficient supplies of sanitizing materials and disposable gloves and masks for staff.
- Hand sanitizer at all entry and exit doors to the courts and at key locations.
- Adjust scheduling of programs or activities to allow the safe arrival/departure of guests and adequate time for cleaning of all equipment between sessions.
- Update your Hygiene & Safety Guidelines protocols for maintenance staff, for staff, for Coaches and for participants/parents and guardians.
- Ensure all staff and coaches are fully educated on symptoms of COVID-19, the Return to Play and all associated procedures to minimise risk.
- Establish policies for participants, staff, and coaches to report and manage sickness. Ensure that you incorporate a daily assessment of staff health to ensure that no one attends work if they show symptoms of being sick.
- Put in place signage to educate and direct participants about handwashing, personal hygiene, directional flow through the facility and other safety considerations. See appendix at the end of the document.
- Close all common areas including change rooms, water fountains, meeting spaces and team benches. Remove seating in public viewing areas.
- Ensure that courts and training areas are set up with adequate space around them and to allow the safe movement of individuals practicing social distancing of 2m.
- Remove trash cans and ask patrons to take their trash home.

- Ensure that you keep detailed track of all activities and participants in your facility in the event of an outbreak.
- Communicate all new safety protocols and measures via email / website / social media to your participants or anyone entering your facility.
- Check with your insurer to ensure that you are fully aware of any risks or liability associated with resuming basketball activities. Ensure that participants and users are fully informed and consent to risks associated with participating in basketball activities.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- Ensure that you have necessary gloves, masks, hand sanitizer and cleaning materials at hand.
- When dealing with an injury (i.e. sprained ankle, abrasion etc.) use gloves and mask.
- Ensure that there is a clear procedure for handling any participant, staff member or coach if they develop signs of cold, flu or COVID-19 during a basketball activity. This should include identification of an isolation area, notification processes, and education of staff on the procedure.
- Notify all participants of possible exposure to COVID-19 if you become aware of any suspected or confirmed cases that attended the activity.

OUTBREAK PLAN - VIASPORT

Early detection of symptoms will facilitate the immediate implementation of effective control measures.

In addition, the early detection and immediate implementation of enhanced cleaning measures are two of the most important factors in limiting the size and length of an outbreak. An "outbreak" is two or more cases; a "case" is a single case of COVID-19.

- Identify the roles and responsibilities of staff or volunteers if a case or outbreak is reported. Determine who within the organization has the authority to modify, restrict, postpone, or cancel activities.
- If staff (including volunteers) or a participant reports they are suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 and have been at the workplace/activity place, implement enhanced cleaning measures to reduce risk of transmission. If you are not the facility operator, notify the facility right away.
- Implement your illness policy and advise individuals to: self-isolate
 - monitor their symptoms daily, report respiratory illness and not to return to activity for at least 10 days following the onset of fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat and painful swallowing, stuffy or runny nose, loss of sense of smell, headache, muscle aches, fatigue and loss of appetite.
 - use the [BC COVID-19 self-assessment tool](#) to help determine if further assessment or testing for COVID-19 is needed.
 - Individuals can contact 8-1-1 if further health advice is required and 9-1-1 if it is an emergency.
 - In the event of a suspected case or outbreak of influenza-like-illness, immediately report and discuss the suspected outbreak with the Medical Health Officer (or delegate) at your local health authority. Implement your Illness Policy and your enhanced measures.
- If your organization is contacted by a medical health officer in the course of contact tracing, cooperate with local health authorities. For more information on cleaning and disinfecting:
 - [COVID-19 BC Centre for Disease Control](#)
 - [Regional Health Authorities](#)

VIA SPORT COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN TEMPLATE (WORKSAFEBC)

This tool can be used to guide you through the planning process. Currently, there is no standard document for your COVID19 Safety Plan – you may use this document, or another document that meets your needs, to develop your plan.

This COVID-19 Safety Plan, in accordance with the order of the Provincial Health Officer, must be posted by your organization.

[Safety Plan Template](#)

RISK ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION CHECKLIST

Routine planning includes conducting risk assessments to determine the overall risk of disease spread. In view of the current outbreak of COVID-19, a disease-specific and sport-specific risk assessment and mitigation checklist has been developed to assess the specific risk of COVID-19 for clubs and organizations

To accurately provide answers to the following risk assessment and mitigation checklist, those responsible must be knowledgeable on the current COVID-19 outbreak. They should reference the daily provincial, local and global COVID-19 situation reports provided by WHO, Health Canada and provincial health authorities. The tool should be completed in this Excel spreadsheet (see Risk Assessment and Mitigation Checklist tabs), as the scores are automatically calculated.



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Canada Basketball strongly encourages all clubs and organizations to complete the Club Risk Assessment and Mitigation Checklist prior to returning to training noting that is intended to supplement and not replace any local, provincial or national regulations which organizations must comply with.

PHASE 3: BASKETBALL PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS & MODIFICATIONS

Currently suspended in British Columbia.

British Columbia entered Phase 3 of the Restart Plan and as of August 24 the Sport Sector moved to this “Progressively Loosen” Phase. In this phase there can be a careful increase to the number of contacts and contact intensity in sport.

This phase was suspended on NOV. 7, 2021.

The purpose of this document/update is to help clarify the conditions for safe sporting activities in Phase 3. Everyone plays an important role in gradually returning to sport activities safely. When clubs and organizations are making decisions about return to play in Phase 3, it is advised to start conservatively and slowly introduce new activities within this phase. **Clubs and organizations are asked to update their safety plans to reflect the addition of any new activities.**

This guidance has been developed following a review of best practices in other parts of Canada and the world, while using the following public health guidance on reducing transmission:

Risk management is still the key to determining whether or not your organization is ready to include new activities. **All guidance pertaining to personal hygiene, cleaning protocols, symptom screening and other risk mitigation practices still apply in Phase 3. It is also still imperative that sport organizations consult and collaborate with their municipal and facility partners before resuming and adding activities. Facility users (Clubs, Organizations, teams etc.) safety plan needs to be reviewed and deemed acceptable to the facility before commencing any activities**

CONTACT ACTIVITIES

Purpose: to introduce sport activities that may involve instances of contact in a safe way.

In order to align with health guidance, this document defines contact as both close proximity (within two metres) or physical contact.

Activities with less physical contact or close proximity carry less risk of COVID-19 transmission, while those with more contact and close proximity carry more risk.

Levels of COVID-19 transmission risk with respect to contact activities are as follows from lowest to highest risk:

- *Skill-building drills or training at home, alone or with family members*
- *Group or team-based skill-building or drills that maintain physical distancing*
- *Group or team-based drills that require close contact*
- *Non-contact competitive activities between teams*
- *Group or team-based activities that include physical contact*
- *Competitive activities that include physical contact between teams*

Phase 3:

- Close physical proximity **should still be minimized** as much as possible.
- When activities and drills involve interaction between participants at a distance of less than two metres, it is recommended that:
 - If possible, modify the activity or rules occur to minimize contact in order to keep participants at a safe distance as much as possible
 - The number and duration of contacts between different participants is limited (when physical distancing is not possible)
 - Physical distancing when not participating is maintained
- Any introduction of activities involving either close proximity or physical contact should be done within a sport cohort (see next section).

SPORT COHORTS

Purpose: Establishing cohorts will limit the number of people that each individual will come into contact with, reducing the risk of transmission and ensuring quicker contact tracing by health authorities if an outbreak occurs.

A cohort is a group of participants who primarily interact with each other within the sport environment over an extended period of time.

Phase 3:

- All guidance related to personal hygiene, cleaning protocols and symptom-screening still apply.
- **Cohorts should be regional based, and participants should be from the same Regional Health Authority**
- PSO and NSO High Performance Camps and Training Programs are allowed to involve players from various regions.
- Cohorts should be used for activities in which it is not possible to maintain two metres physical distancing. When in a cohort, while individuals do not need to maintain physical distancing during sport specific activities, minimized physical contact is still advised.
- At least two metres distancing should be maintained between all participants when not actively participating in activities.
- Cohorts should be made up of individuals/teams of similar age and skill level.
- Cohorts may not exceed 50 – (e.g. 4 teams of 12)
- When members of the cohort are gathering for games or activities, gatherings may not exceed 50 people (see PHO Order).
- Coaches may be counted outside the total cohort number if they are able to maintain physical distancing at all times.
- Each cohort can be comprised of multiple teams in order to form a mini-league. With the use of cohorts, game play can resume between teams within the cohort.
- Keep players together in designated cohorts and make sure that cohorts avoid mixing with each other as much as possible.

- Cohorts should remain together for an extended period of time. **If looking to change cohorts, a two-week break between activities is recommended.**
- **Where possible, individuals should consider limiting the number of cohorts to which they belong in order to reduce the number of people they are interacting with.**
- Where officials (if being used) are unable to physically distance, it is recommended to assign an official(s) to a specific cohort and avoid having them interact with multiple cohorts.
- Parents and spectators are not included in the cohort limits. They should continue to maintain physical distancing at all times and are subject to maximum capacity of the facility where play is occurring.

COMPETITION

Purpose: to introduce competitive sport activities. This includes formal, organized games, matches and tournaments between participants where scores are recorded, and standings are kept.

Phase 3:

- It is recommended that activities continue to be slowly phased in. Return to sport activities should not jump straight to the highest threshold of activities without having tested safety protocols. It is still recommended that organizations start with training activities and slowly layer in different levels of competition after a minimum period of 14 days.
- Cohorts should be created in order to introduce competition.
- **Competitive activities must stay within cohort and does not include regional play**
- Inter-provincial competitions are not recommended at this time.
- All competitions are required to have a detailed safety plan in place.
- Contact a Regional Health Authority if you have questions or require additional guidance for competitions. See Appendix F for information on Regional Health Authorities.
- Provincial Health Office (PHO) Orders related to group gatherings are still in effect, limiting group numbers to 50 people.
- Limit contact as much as possible:
 - Plan arrivals and departures of different teams/groups to avoid co-mingling
 - Avoid participants waiting on site between games/activities
 - Discourage groups of people gathering before or after sport activities (e.g. social events)
 - Schedule activities over a longer period of time (days or weeks) or at different locations
- Conduct symptom-screenings using the [BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#)
- Develop a strategy to manage increased levels of staff/volunteers required to host a competition and ensure an illness policy is in place.

- Community spectators are not encouraged until Phase 4. If parent and guardian spectators are permitted, implement a strategy to ensure that physical distancing is maintained and minimize opportunities for interaction between athletes and the public while at the venue.
- Participants may be fit and healthy, but groups need to consider the demographics of staff, coaches, and volunteers and how to mitigate risk to those individuals.
- Ensure that an outbreak plan is in place and that there are dedicated spaces that can be used for isolation if an athlete or other personnel develop COVID-19 symptoms.
- If outbreaks occur, organizers may be asked to postpone or cancel competitions or activities, therefore a cancellation policy is recommended. See Appendix C on Via Sport Return to Sport Plan.

APPENDIX

A. PRE-ACTIVITY CHECKLIST

- √ All participants must pre-register
- √ Email all participants beforehand with information about common symptoms of COVID-19, how to minimise risk, and the rules that they will adhere to during the program.
- √ Ensure that all participants have provided full contact information in the event of an outbreak.
- √ Ensure that all participants have been fully informed and consented to the risks involved in participating, including the risk of COVID-19.
- √ Inform all participants beforehand that organizers will screen participants for symptoms at the start of each session. ***Written acknowledgement will need to be given that a participant is symptom-free and healthy to participate. If a participant is showing signs of cold, flu, or COVID-19 with coughing or sneezing, they must be removed from the activity and self-isolated immediately***
- √ Ensure that all staff and coaches are fully educated on COVID-19 symptoms and Return to Play procedures.
- √ Set up the program space with clear signage to direct participants and ensure safe movement in the space.
- √ Limit entry and exit points to the space to minimise numbers and direct flow of people.
- √ Clean and sanitize all balls and equipment.
- √ Check that all staff, coaches, and participants are not displaying symptoms of cold, flu or COVID-19.
- √ Ensure that all participants have washed their hands before starting the activity.
- √ Provide a pre-activity briefing to recap all the safety rules and requirements

B. EDUCATION AND SUPPORT

RESOURCES – GUIDELINES AND RESTART PROTOCOLS

- [viaSport Return to Sport Guidelines](#)
- [viaSport Return to Sport page for latest news and updates](#)
- [BC Recreation and Parks Association COVID-19 Restart Guide](#)
- [Province of BC self-assessment tool for COVID-19](#)
- [Australia Sport Institute Framework for Rebooting Sport](#)

RESOURCES – QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS REGARDING COVID-19 AND RESTART PLANS

- [FAQ from viaSport](#)
- [BC Centre of Disease Control – Questions and Answers](#)

RESOURCES FOR HYGIENE BEST PRACTICES

- [Govt. of Canada hand-washing guide](#)
- [BCCDC Physical Distancing Poster](#)
- [BCCDC Handwashing Poster](#)
- [BCCDC Cleaning and Disinfectants for Public Settings](#)
- [WorkSafeBC COVID-19 guidance](#)
- [Do not enter Poster](#)

C. ILLNESS POLICY – UPDATED AUGUST 24

In this policy, “Team member” includes an employee, contractor, volunteer, participant, or parent/spectator.

1. Inform

Communicate to an individual in a position of authority (coach, team manager, program coordinator) immediately if, you feel any symptoms of COVID-19 such as fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat and painful swallowing, stuffy or runny nose, loss of sense of smell, headache, muscle aches, fatigue, loss of appetite, nausea or diarrhea.

See [BCCDC website](#) for a full list of symptoms.

2. Assessment

- a. Team members must review the self-assessment signage located throughout the facility each morning before their shift/practice/activity to attest that they are not feeling any of the COVID 19 symptoms.
- b. If Team Members are unsure please have them use the [BC COVID-19 self-assessment tool](#).
- c. Managers/coaches may visually monitor team members to assess any early warning signs as to the status of their health and to touch base on how they are regarding their personal safety throughout the workday/practice/activity.

3. Awareness

If a Team Member is feeling sick with COVID-19 symptoms:

- a. They should remain at home and contact Health Link BC at 8-1-1.
- b. If they feel sick and /or are showing symptoms while within the sport environment, they
- c. should be sent home immediately and contact 8-1-1 for further guidance.
- d. No Team Member may participate in a practice/activity if they are symptomatic.

4. Confirmation

If a Team Member tests positive for COVID-19, follow the direction of health officials.

5. Quarantine or Self-Isolate

Procedure to follow if:

- a. You have travelled outside of Canada or the province within the last 14 days.
- b. You have come into close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- c. You have been advised to do so by health officials.

D. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is outdoor training safer than indoor training?

Yes, Droplet transmission is more likely to happen in contact in an indoor setting. Transmission is less likely in an outdoor setting where there is more space to keep physically distanced.

How often do participants and staff, coaches etc. need to complete a Health Declaration?

Prior to every session

What types of activities are not allowed during this phase?

- Activities that cannot maintain physical distancing (e.g. contact activities)
- Activities that have a higher risk of injury
- Activities that encourage or require a large group gathering
- Activities that require travel

Is it better for a player to use their own ball or have the organization provide one?

It is preferable that no equipment is shared between individuals so having a personal ball is best. Otherwise if the ball is provided it must be thoroughly cleaned prior to being reassigned.

What is the definition of Community Sport Activities?

Community focused sport activities take place within the home sport community or clubs where participants are members. This means avoiding cross-regional, inter-provincial or cross-country travel for sport.

If an athlete is a part of a club/training group/team, but they are travelling from another neighboring community, e.g. Burnaby / Coquitlam - that is okay. What we want to limit is exposure to various groups across numerous communities.

The key is neighboring community.

E. RETURN TO SPORT UPDATES (Nov. 9 2020 TO JAN. 15, 2021) – REVERSED ORDER

Update #1 – Jan. 15 2021

As a reminder, the current PHO Order has been extended and will be in place until February 5, 2021, at which time government officials will determine if extensions or changes are required based on COVID-19 transmission data. The intent of this Order is to reduce risk provincially and aid in managing contact tracing. viaSport outlines these restrictions on their [latest update](#)

As the COVID-19 pandemic evolves, viaSport and Basketball BC remains committed to keeping sport communities in B.C. safe and healthy at all levels. viaSport has been working with Canadian Sport Institute-Pacific (CSI-P), the Province of B.C. and Own the Podium to ensure the sport system across Canada is aligned on the issue of interprovincial travel. The following statement from viaSport is the correct interpretation of the British Columbia Public Health Order on Gathering and Events, which is in effect until February 5, 2021, as they relate to travel for high-performance athletes:

Under the current B.C. public health order, there is an exemption for high performance athletes for the purpose of training, competing, and travelling for sport within B.C.

High-performance athletes are defined as: a person who is identified by the Canadian Sport Institute Pacific as a high-performance athlete affiliated with an accredited provincial or national sports organization.

- *In order to be a Canadian Sport Institute – Pacific identified athlete, nominations must be made through B.C. accredited Provincial Sport Organizations or National Sport Organizations who have athletes federally funded through Sport Canada.*
- *A person who is a high-performance athlete who is already training in British Columbia may train, practice, compete and travel for that purpose if the person follows the COVID-19 safety protocols of the provincial or national sports organization with which the person is affiliated. To be clear, the athlete must already be training in B.C. to qualify for the exemption.*
- *High performance athletes in B.C. must adhere to all other aspects of the public health Order and their PSO and/or NSO COVID-19 Safety Plan.*

These restrictions are by order of the Provincial Health Officer to limit the amount of physical, social interactions, and travel, to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in B.C. These requirements apply to all amateur sports across the province and we thank you for your ongoing cooperation.

Charlene Krepiakevich CEO, viaSport British Columbia

New 2.5 Sector Guidelines

As mentioned in our last update, we anticipate a new 2.5 set of Sector Guidelines to be released from viaSport sometime in 2021. These guidelines have not yet been released due to the current COVID activity in the province. *(We do not anticipate any changes to Sector guidelines prior to Feb. 5).* Once we receive any adjustments or modifications to the Sector Guidelines, we will inform our membership and provincial basketball community and apply them to our Basketball Return to Sport Guidelines.

December. 29, 2020**Update #22**

Some new clarifications have been made to the restrictions announced in the latest Provincial Health written Order. viaSport has updated their website and FAQs to reflect this updated information.

As a reminder, this PHO Order is in place until January 8, 2021, at which time government officials will determine if extensions or changes are required based on COVID-19 transmission data.

Clarifications include:

“Adult team sport” revised to “group sport”: Group sport is defined as sporting activities involving more than one person and includes training and practice for an individual or a team sport, but does not include sport for children or youth, varsity sport or high-performance athlete sport. Group sport (i.e. sport for those 22 years of age or older) is only permitted in groups of up to two people (e.g. singles tennis or an athlete and a coach training session). Outdoor group sport is only permitted in groups of up to four people (e.g. four individuals may run together or four individuals could run soccer drills). All participants must maintain a distance of three metres from one another while participating in the sport activity. While this order provides clarity, it is important to remember the intent is to limit group gathering. For example, individuals should not be playing a sport with four people and then switching teams to another group of four during the same time slot.

Travel to home club: Individuals are permitted to travel to their home club for the purpose of sport. Home club is defined as the sport organization, club, or facility at which a person is registered for ongoing sport programming. Individuals should not carpool with other participants.

High performance exemption: High performance athletes are individuals who have been identified to a targeted athlete list with the Canadian Sport Institute Pacific by their respective Provincial Sport Organization or National Sport Organization. A person, who is a high-performance athlete who is already training in B.C. may train, compete, and travel for that purpose if they follow the COVID safety protocols of their respective provincial or national sport organization.

Sport for children and youth means an activity which is delivered by a provincial sport organization or a local sport organization and may include participants who are under 22 years of age but does not include varsity sports. The PHO Order for Events and Gatherings differentiates between adult and youth sport activities.

Intercollegiate varsity sport exemption: Varsity sport is defined in the order as a sport for which the eligibility requirements for participation are established by a national association for the regulation of intercollegiate athletics, or which is designated as a varsity sport program by a post-secondary institution. Individuals of any age may participate in varsity sport if they are a member of a varsity sport team and they only train or practice with the post-secondary institution with which they are enrolled. Varsity sport, at this time, needs to follow viaSport’s Return to Sport Guidelines (i.e. maintain three metres physical distance and travel is limited the athlete’s respective post-secondary institution).

December 18, 2020**Update #21**

As a follow-up to from our last update (#20) we have updated our [Return to Sport](#) plan to include the latest directive requirements including the new social distancing requirement of 3 metres.

The viaSport [website](#) is also updated along with their [FAQs](#) page.

The new provincial wide restrictions announced in the written Order from the Provincial Health Officer can be accessed [here](#). This order is in place till Jan. 8.

The intent of this Order is to reduce risk provincially and aid in managing contact tracing.

Within the Sport sector measures have been put in place to help meet this intention.

These measures include:

- Reduce the size of gatherings, by limiting number of participants including no spectators
- Participants need to be from one club or community when participating in activities
- All indoor and outdoor sports for people 19 years of age and older are suspended
- Travel restrictions continue to be in place limiting participants to stay within their own community
- *High performance athletes that have been identified to a targeted athlete list with Canadian Sport Institute Pacific are exempt from the travel restrictions and may travel within B.C. for the purpose of training.*

New 2.5 Sector Guidelines

A new 2.5 set of Sector Guidelines is planned to be released from viaSport in the new year based on the COVID landscape and results from these current restrictions. Once we receive these new Sector Guidelines, we will apply them to our Basketball Return to Sport Guidelines.

December 3, 2020**Update #20**

This update reflects the December 2 directive from THE PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICER concerning [GATHERINGS AND EVENTS](#) within the SPORT SECTOR

Youth indoor and outdoor team sports

All organized indoor and outdoor sports for people under 19 years of age must follow [viaSport's Return to Sport Phase 2 guidance](#) and [Basketball BC Return to Sport Phase 2](#) guidance with respect to maintaining physical distance for participants. This means games, tournaments, competitions and all competitive drills and activities where social distancing (see increase below) is not always maintained are temporarily suspended.

- Physical Distancing has been increased to be a minimum of 3 metres (10 feet)
- Focus of training activities should be individual based and skill focused
- Individual drills and modified training activities can continue
- Sports organizations, facility management and clubs may implement additional guidelines to ensure the health and safety of participants

Adult indoor and outdoor team sports

All indoor and outdoor sports for people 19 years of age and older are suspended.

Travel Restrictions

Travel restrictions continue to be in place limiting participants to stay within their own community. The intention is to minimize social interactions and maintain a small bubble of contacts. This helps in minimizing risk and contact tracing if a COVID-19 case or outbreak occurs.

Carpooling

The PHO directive continues to emphasize that carpooling of athletes is not permitted to attend any activities.

Masks

This ministerial order continues to mandate that masks are required to be worn by all British Columbians, 12 years and older, in many indoor public settings. These include all common areas of sport and fitness centres when not engaged in physical activity.

All participants should arrive wearing masks and do not remove them till they begin on court activity. At the conclusion of activity, players should then put on their mask prior to exiting the gym. It is also recommended that coaches wear masks while in the gym (prior, during and post activity)

New 2.5 Sector Guidelines

A new 2.5 set of Sector Guidelines is planned to be released from viaSport in the next few weeks based on the COVID landscape and results from these current restrictions. Once we receive these new Sector Guidelines, we will apply them to our Basketball Return to Sport Guidelines.

November 30, 2020**Update #19**

This past week, we have continued to clarify how the new provincial Order will impact basketball, through conversations with viaSport, provincial clubs and organizations and other PSO's. Our previous update (#18) outlines the key points of this PHO order. The intention of the order remains to minimize the number of people we interact with and reduce travel while still allowing for a modified approach to safely playing sports. We continue to seek clarification on the travel restrictions and to that point we suggest you err on the side of caution.

Many have inquired about clarification regarding mask wearing, and how it applies to basketball programming.

This ministerial order on masks ensures a coordinated response to COVID-19. Masks are now required to be worn by all British Columbians, 12 years and older, in many indoor public settings. These include all common areas of sport and fitness centres when not engaged in physical activity.

Our recommendation is that all participants arrive wearing masks and do not remove them till they begin on court activity. At the conclusion of activity players should then put on their masks prior to exiting the gym.

We also recommend that coaches wear masks while in the gym (prior, during and post activity).

November 23, 2020**Update #18**

The Provincial Health Officer (PHO) has implemented [province-wide restrictions](#), in effect until December 7, 2020.

The increase in COVID-19 in B.C. is very concerning and we must all do our part to flatten the curve. The verbal PHO Order provides new restrictions on what we can do as individuals and what the role sport can play in keeping ourselves and our communities safe.

The PHO Order recognizes that now more than ever sport provides important physical and mental health benefits to our communities, and as such sport can continue; however, within some [new parameters](#):

- Games, competitions, training and practice, such as those outlined in the [viaSport Phase 3 Guidelines](#) and [Basketball BC Return to Sport Plan](#) can continue without spectators and restricted to your local community. There is no common definition of "local" so until the written Order and public health guidance are released viaSport recommends that you err on the side of caution and stay close to home for now with little travel to and from training facilities. Also the PHO directive states - No carpooling of athletes is permitted to attend any activities whether games, training or practice.
- Masks are required in all indoor public settings. We recommend that you err on the side of caution and wear a mask in all indoor public settings, including lockers, change rooms, etc.
- High performance athletes already training in B.C. and identified by CSI-Pacific are excluded from the sport-related restrictions.

November 16, 2020**Update #17**

With the new restrictions for the Vancouver Coastal Health and Fraser Health regions, we are all working hard to understand and share what they mean for sport. We thank you for your patience, flexibility as we all work to flatten the curve together.

As the official [Order of the Provincial Health Officer](#) has been released, we have been able to gain further clarity on key pieces of information for basketball:

- Indoor sports must maintain physical distance
- No spectators at indoor sport activities
- Travel into, from or between VCH and FHA regions is not allowed for any sport activities
- Sport organizations are NOT required to suspend operations or send a revised plan to their Medical Health Officer.

The full details around what this new order means for sport can be found on the viaSport [information page](#) which is constantly being updated as new details arise.

We acknowledge how difficult this change is and applaud the efforts of organizers, parents, participants, coaches, and volunteers who are working diligently to keep our sport and our communities safe.

The following Q and A has been generated from both viaSport and Basketball BC's frequently asked questions.

How do these latest restrictions impact basketball?

- All competitions and games are suspended in the Vancouver Coastal and Fraser Health regions for two weeks.
- Only individual activities are permitted if strict physical distance measures can be maintained. No team or small group training.
- Ball Sharing is allowed as long as strict cleaning of equipment and participant sanitizing measures are maintained.
- Travel for sports into or out of the Vancouver Coastal and Fraser Health regions is suspended for two weeks.

Who do the restrictions apply to?

The restrictions apply to all individuals and sport organizations in the Vancouver Coastal and Fraser Health regions.

How long are the restrictions in place?

The order is in effect from November 7, 2020 at 10:00 pm to November 23, 2020 at 12:00 pm.

Why are these restrictions in place?

There are an increasing number of cases occurring in the Vancouver Coastal and Fraser Health regions. These targeted actions have been put in place in order to ensure that we flatten the curve and essential services can remain open. The restrictions in place are based on data of where Health regions has seen transmission of the virus

What activities are allowed while this order is in place?

Activities in the Vancouver Coastal and Fraser Health regions that are allowed to continue include:

- Outdoor sports activities
- Indoor sport activities that can maintain physical distancing
- All activities must remain within the boundaries of their regional health authority
- Sports and physical activities occurring in the school environment

What are the travel restrictions while this Order is in place?

No person may travel to, from or between the regions of the Fraser Health Authority and the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority for any sport related activity, including practice, training, games or Tournaments. However, a high-performance athlete is permitted to travel to, from and between the Fraser and Vancouver Coastal health regions for the purpose of participating in a designated provincial or national training program.

How is a high-performance athlete defined?

High performance athletes are individuals that have been identified to a targeted athlete list with Canadian Sport Institute Pacific by Basketball BC and Canada Basketball.

Can coaches and officials travel from Vancouver Coastal Health Region to Fraser Health Region or vice versa?

Coaches and officials can commute between the Fraser and Vancouver Coastal Health Regions for their work/sport activities, whether it is a volunteer or paid position.

How is this different from Phase 2 for sport?

Phase 2 of the viaSport guidelines did not differentiate between indoor and outdoor activities. Under the order, indoor contact sports need to revert to physically distanced training as outlined in Phase 2 of our Return to Sport plan.

Travel restrictions are also different. Individuals or teams are not permitted to travel between Regional Health boundaries.

What restrictions are in place for spectators?

In the Vancouver Coastal and Fraser Health regions, spectators are not permitted for indoor sport activities, unless necessary to provide care to a participant.

Who needs to have their safety plans reviewed by a Medical Health Officer?

All sport organizations should review and update their safety plans. However, sport organizations are not required to submit their plan to a Medical Health Officer for approval. As long as a sport organization has a safety plan in place that complies with the new restrictions they may remain open.

Indoor, group fitness activities (such as spin classes, yoga, group fitness, dance) that operate in the Vancouver Coastal and Fraser Health regions can only resume activities once guidelines for group fitness activities have been approved by the provincial health officer and the business has updated their COVID-19 safety plan and received approval from their local Medical Health Officer.

How does this impact sport outside the Lower Mainland?

The viaSport and Basketball BC Return to Sport guidelines for phase 3 remain in effect for those outside of the Vancouver Coastal and Fraser Health regions. Individuals or sport teams may not travel to the Vancouver Coastal or Fraser Health regions for the purpose of sport while the restrictions are in place.

Are there enforcement mechanisms in place?

Orders can be enforced by police or other compliance and enforcement officials. People who do not follow the order could be fined.

What happens after November 23?

The office of the Provincial Health Officer (PHO) will continue to review the data and rates of transmission in order to make an informed decision on whether it is appropriate to lift, modify or extend the restrictions.

We continue to receive inquiries regarding how many cohorts in which an individual player should take part.

As mentioned in previous updates, Individuals should limit the number of sport cohorts to which they belong to reduce the number of people with whom they are interacting. This includes individuals who are participating in multiple competitive sports beyond basketball, but also multiple basketball cohorts.

There remains no formal guidance that states a maximum of one cohort per person, but we continue to urge individuals, families, and organizations to limit the groups with which they interact so that they can keep their teammates, coaches, and communities safe. viaSport and Basketball BC have always encouraged parents and participants to be thoughtful about how many contacts to which they are exposing themselves. Limiting your cohort participation also helps in contact tracing if a positive COVID-19 case does occur.

November 10, 2020**Update #16 – EQUIPMENT SHARING**

Are 2 and 3 person passing drills allowed within these new restrictions within the Fraser Health and Coastal regions? If so, what cleaning protocols should be in place regarding ball/player sanitizing?

Yes, based on the latest viaSport recommendations, 2 or 3 person passing drills are allowed but physical distancing must be maintained.

Minimum standards recommend that players wash/sanitize hands before and immediately after drills involving ball sharing and partner involvement. In addition, balls or any shared equipment are to be cleaned before and after use in the shared drills. Generally, the greater frequency of cleaning the better.

November 9, 2020

Update #15

A [Provincial Health Officer Order](#) was put in place for all individuals, places of work and businesses across the Lower Mainland. This includes all communities within the Vancouver Coastal and Fraser Health regions, with the exception of Hope, the Central Coast, Bella Coola Valley, the Sunshine Coast, Powell River and Howe Sound. This Order is in effect for two weeks, from November 7 at 10 p.m. until Monday, November 23, 2020 at 12 p.m. and focuses on four areas: social gatherings, travel, group physical activities, and workplace safety.

- Indoor competitions and games for sports that cannot maintain physical distance are suspended in the Vancouver Coastal and Fraser Health regions for two weeks.
- Indoor sports in the Vancouver Coastal and Fraser Health regions that cannot maintain physical distance in games are able to conduct individual exercise activities and/or practices if physical distance measures can be maintained.
- Travel for sports into or out of the Vancouver Coastal and Fraser Health regions is suspended for two weeks.

How do these latest restrictions impact basketball?

- All competitions and games are suspended in the Vancouver Coastal and Fraser Health regions for two weeks.
- Only individual activities are permitted if strict physical distance measures can be maintained. No team or small group training.
- Travel for sports into or out of the Vancouver Coastal and Fraser Health regions is suspended for two weeks.
- All training sessions are to be regional with no inter regional participants attending.

What phase of training will we be in?

At this point, the directive states that we will return to Phase 2 basketball program modifications in the Vancouver Coastal and Fraser Health regions. Phase 2 only allows for individual training. This phase stresses the importance of maintaining physical distancing at all times which includes no sharing of equipment.

All other Health regions can continue with the Phase 3 modifications. Details about Phase 2 and Phase 3 basketball program modifications are in the [Basketball BC Return to Sport Plan](#)

F. PARTICIPANT DECLARATION/ATTESTATION/AGREE

1. SAMPLE AGREEMENT – PROVIDED BY VIASPORT

*Modify agreement as appropriate where the participant is a minor and the agreement is signed by a parent or guardian

Application - all athletes, coaches, members, volunteers, participants and family members of participants while in attendance at club activities ("Participants")

All Participants of <NAME OF ORGANIZATION> agree to abide by the following points when entering club facilities and/or participating in club activities under the COVID-19 Response plan and RTP Protocol:

- I agree to symptom screening checks and will let my club know if I have experienced any of the symptoms in the last 14 days.
- I agree to stay home if feeling sick and remain home for 14 days if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.
- I agree to sanitize my hands upon entering and exiting the facility, with soap or sanitizer.
- I agree to sanitize the equipment I use throughout my practice with approved cleaning products provided by the club (shared and personal equipment).
- I agree to continue to follow social distancing protocols of staying at least 2m.
- I agree to not share any equipment during practice times.
- I agree to abide by all of my Clubs COVID-19 Policies and Guidelines.
- I understand that if I do not abide by the aforementioned policies/guidelines, that I may be asked to leave the club for up to 14 days to help protect myself and others around me.
- I acknowledge that continued abuse of the policies and/or guidelines may result in suspension of my club membership temporarily.
- I acknowledge that there are risks associated with entering club facilities and/or participating in club activities, and that the measures taken by the club and participants, including those set out above and under the COVID-19 Response Plan and Return to Sport Protocols, will not entirely eliminate those risks.

Date:

Signature:

2. SAMPLE DECLARATION – PROVIDED BY CANADA BASKETBALL

[Sample Declaration](#)

G. PARTICIPANT WAIVER - RELEASE & INDEMNITY AGREEMENT RE: COVID-19

It is recommended that all organizations and clubs have waivers for all participants including athletes and coaches.

SAMPLE PARTICIPANT WAIVER - PROVIDED BY CANADA BASKETBALL

[Sample Participant Waiver](#)

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