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LETTER FROM THE BCLA PRESIDENT

RE: LACROSSE ACTIVITY UPDATE – Lacrosse Restart Plan 2.0 – STEP 2

Dear BCLA Members:

The sport community continues the gradual reopening as we progress to Step 2 of BC's Restart Plan. As you may be aware, today the BC Government announced the move to STEP 2 of BC's Restart Plan. Step 2 takes effect tomorrow (June 15).

viaSport BC is updating all posted documents including the Return to Sport Restart 2.0 Chart and frequently asked questions. viaSport is currently confirming details on travel, outdoor, and indoor capacity for sport. The BCLA is waiting on this clarification from viaSport BC.

The BCLA will be sending out the updated Return to Lacrosse Guidelines (Step 2) that align with BC Restart Plan 2.0 once the following is updated and released by the Provincial Government:

- Updated Gathering and Events Order
- Clarification that the lifting of the Travel ban is applicable to sport.
- Follow up from viaSport - currently they are waiting for details from the Province.

Here are the changes in the **BC Restart Plan Step 2** as announced by the Government, but still to be finalized by viaSport BC. This is what we expect.

Outdoor Sports:

- Competition and games allowed for youth and adults. No Change.
- Increased travel allowed.
- Physical distancing not required on field of play
 - Off field of play physical distancing must be maintained.
- Maximum group size for adults **is expected** to be 50 people (to be determined).
- No maximum group size for youth to allow for more flexibility for parent assistance.
- Up to 50 spectators allowed outdoors.

Indoor Sports:

- Competition and games allowed for youth and adults.
- Increased travel allowed.
- Physical distancing not required on field of play
 - Off field of play physical distancing must be maintained.
- Maximum Group Size **is expected** to be up to 50 people and all following local safety protocols (to be determined).
- Masks Mandate is still in effect for all indoor public facilities.
- No spectators at any indoor activities.

What we expect this means for Lacrosse activities:

- Increased travel allowed
 - Teams can travel from their home association/club to other associations/clubs.
- Contact and game play for adult and youth Lacrosse indoors is now permitted.

Maximum Group sizes:

- INDOOR Youth & Adult – maximum 50 participants (per facility).
- OUTDOOR Youth – no maximum group size (per facility).
- OUTDOOR Adult – maximum group size is expected to be 50 people (per facility).

NOTE: 50 participants includes players, coaches, referees, timekeepers, team officials, etc.

BCLA planning will follow the guidance of viaSport BC's Restart Plan 2.0.

We must continue our Return to Lacrosse activities safely. Understand lacrosse activities will not all change at once and we'll gradually transition from one step to another. Not all associations/clubs are providing programming for the same timeframes. Check with your local association/club for their plans.

Remain patient with your facilities and association/club volunteers. They must transition their operational capacities and may not be able to respond immediately for a safe return to indoor play.

These links will assist in the steps involved in opening up sports.

Please see the [BC Restart Plan](#)

Please see the [viaSport BC website](#)

Please see the [viaSport Restart Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Please see the [Provincial Health Officer Order on Gatherings and Events](#) (latest update)

Please see the [Province-wide Restrictions](#)

Again, please use patience and use common sense following your association/club and city/municipality safety guidelines.

This is how sport and the BCLA must proceed under the viaSport BC Restart Plan. The BCLA will continue to update our members as we learn more from the BC Government, PHO and viaSport BC.

Thank you for your hard work in keeping lacrosse front and centre so our athletes continue to develop. Your efforts are appreciated. If you have any additional questions, please e-mail me at gerry@bclacrosse.com

Yours in Lacrosse,
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