



July 2, 2021

To: BCLA Members

Re: BC Lacrosse Association (BCLA) Return to Lacrosse Guidelines Restart Plan 2 -- STEP 3

Dear BCLA Members:

We are getting closer to normal sport activities as BC's Restart Plan moves into Step 3. Thank you to the many BCLA volunteers who stuck with our sport and offered a safe place for our athletes.

The BCLA Return to Lacrosse Step 3 Guidelines are updated and aligned with information received from viaSport's Return to Sport Restart STEP 3 Guidelines. Please be patient as we progress through Step 3 together.

The sport community continues to reopen. BC's Restart Plan Step 3 is in effect as of July 1, 2021. There is significant step towards fewer restrictions for sport activities. We must continue to move through the step-by-step plan in a safe manner. Sport Leaders met with viaSport BC June 30th to learn more about BC's Restart Plan STEP 3 and how it applies to sport.

viaSport BC's Return to Sport Restart 2.0 plan is for Provincial Sport Organizations to follow and to develop guidelines their own Return to Sport plans. The **BCLA Return to Lacrosse Guidelines Restart Plan 2.0 STEP 3** aligns with viaSport BC's Return to Sport Restart Plans.

Please see [Government of BC's Restart Plan](#)

Please see [viaSport BC's Return to Sport website](#)

Please See [BCLA Return to Lacrosse Restart Plan STEP 3 Guidelines](#)

Please see [WorkSafeBC Step 3 Communicable Disease Prevention](#)

In order to return to lacrosse activity, BCLA association/club members must read, understand and agree to abide by the **BCLA's Return to Lacrosse Restart Plan 2.0 Step 3 Guidelines**.

Preparing for Step 3 of BC's Restart-

WorkSafe BC website noted, on June 17, the Provincial Health Officer issued a statement advising that beginning in Step 3 of the Restart Plan, employers (organizations) may begin to transition away from posting a copy of a COVID-19 Safety Plan at their workplace towards communicable disease prevention. Organizations, and BCLA associations/clubs, will transition away from producing a COVID-19 Safety Plan to developing a Communicable Disease Response Plan. However, some safety measure will still need to be adhered to for safe lacrosse activities.

Throughout all Return to Lacrosse phases and steps, BCLA members followed the BCLA Member Declaration of Compliance detailing measures for safe lacrosse activities. Moving forward, it is no longer mandatory to fill out and submit a BCLA Declaration of Compliance. However, member association/clubs

must still have participants be currently registered in their respective season(s) (Box Lacrosse season & Field Lacrosse season) and must sign the current BCLA Waiver (UNDER the Age of Majority or OVER the Age of Majority Waiver) before participating in any lacrosse activity.

In viaSport's Restart Step 3, the big differences for the Lacrosse community are:

- There is no maximum group size.
- Outdoors: Increased number of spectators.
- Indoors: Limited number of spectators.
- Physical Distance does not need to be maintained on or off the field of play.
- Masks are not required on or off the field of play.

Please take a common sense approach and continue to follow your association/club and city/municipality guidelines.

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. Please work with your local city/municipality/facilities to adhere to any of their requirements to ensure you are providing Lacrosse activities in the safest manner. Cities/municipalities are also planning the next steps of the Restart Plan and it will be a work in progress.

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.

Lacrosse enthusiasts have waited months to experience lacrosse games. As we reach these milestones, the lacrosse community needs your help to build our sport back and offer a great lacrosse experience for our athletes and fans. We can only do this through volunteerism. Please consider volunteering for your lacrosse association/club/league and offer a helping hand when you can.

The BCLA will continue to update the BCLA Membership through e-mails, on-line Community of Practice, social media and the BCLA Website as we move through the steps of the Restart 2.0 Plan.

To assist our associations/clubs with the Restart Plan and answer questions, please contact Gerry Van Beek, BCLA President – gerry@bclacrosse.com or Jeff Gombar, BCLA Executive Director – jeff@bclacrosse.com or (604) 421-9755 Ext. 3.

Thank you for your patience.

Yours in Lacrosse,
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