



May 7, 2021

LETTER FROM THE BCLA PRESIDENT

RE: COVID-19 PROVINCE-WIDE RESTRICTIONS - LACROSSE ACTIVITY UPDATE

Dear BCLA Members:

The 2021 Box Lacrosse season continues with skills and drills activities for people under 22 years of age. Thank you all for co-ordinating these activities to keep our athletes active.

No new announcements have come from viaSport BC regarding changes with sport activities. Please continue to follow your association/club and city/municipality safety guidelines to ensure the safest lacrosse activities. Please see a summary of activity conditions and the list of PHO restrictions and related documents at the end of this communication.

Lacrosse Canada has announced the cancellation of all 2021 Minor Box, Men's Field Lacrosse and the Founders Cup National Championships. Announcements on the status of other Lacrosse National Championships is forthcoming. The BCLA Team BC Programs will announce plans for high performance programming soon.

As the COVID-19 situation continues, sport will adapt to the restrictions set forth by the Ministry of Health with direction from viaSport BC.

Sport activities continue as community-based activities in one's home association. We don't know when games will be permitted. Please continue to hone our skills with practice! Please see the present allowances for sport activities.

Sports for Children and Youth-

These are activities delivered by a provincial sport organization or a local sport organization and may include participants who are under 22 years of age. **Indoor and outdoor sport for people under 22 years of age** can continue but:

- Participants maintain a physical distance of **three metres** from one another while on the field of play and do not engage in handshaking, high fives, hugging, etc.
- Participants can only travel to their home club/association.
- Games, tournaments and competitions are temporarily suspended for teams.
- There are no spectators, unless the presence of a spectator is necessary in order to provide care to a participant.
- The focus is on activities that have a low risk of COVID-19 virus transmission (i.e., can maintain three meters physical distance).
- Lacrosse activities (practices) **CAN** occur as per the BCLA Return to Lacrosse Phase 1 Guidelines reverting back to Skills & Drills training **ONLY**.

Travel to home club/association: Individuals are permitted to travel to their home club/association for the purpose of sport, while following all restrictions in the current public health order.

- 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 who are not in their household.

Adult group sport (22 years and older)-

- If the group sport is indoors – **only 2 persons participate;**
- If the group sport is outdoors – **only 10 persons participate;**
- The participants maintain a distance of **three metres** from one another while engaged in the group sport, unless the participants reside in the same private residence;
- There are no spectators, unless the presence of a spectator is necessary in order to provide care to a participant.

The Public Health Order does not specifically address every individual situation. When interpreting the Order, please remember the intention of the Order is important. That intention is to stay local as much as possible. This will help to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our communities and keep sports safe. The PHO strengthened province-wide restrictions. These restrictions came into effect March 29 at 11:59 pm and last to May 25 at midnight.

Read the [Provincial Health Officer Order on Gatherings and Events](#) (at Mar. 31, 2021).

Read the full details around what these [updates to the Order mean for sport](#) (viaSport page).

Please see [Province-wide Restrictions](#) for sport (latest updated information).

Please read [viaSport's Travel Reminders for Spring/Summer Sports](#).

Please read viaSport's updated [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQ).

This is how sport, and the BCLA must proceed under the latest province-wide restrictions in the foreseeable future until sport is directed otherwise. The BCLA will continue to update our members as we learn more from the BC Government, PHO and viaSport BC on information as it relates to COVID-19.

Thank you for your hard work and patience through this challenging situation. 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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