



To: BCLA Members

Re: BC Lacrosse Association (BCLA) "Return to Lacrosse Phase 3 Guidelines"

The BCLA Return to Lacrosse Committee has worked hard to update and align guidelines so that we can safely deliver lacrosse programming while keeping within the BC Health Authority, viaSport BC and other government regulatory agency guidelines. BC is in Phase 3 of the [Restart Plan](#) as of August 24, 2020. Sport has entered the "Progressively Loosen" Phase of this plan as detailed in the viaSport BC Return to Sport Phase 3. The Province of BC has asked each Provincial Sport Organization to develop its own Return to Sport guidelines and the BCLA Return to Lacrosse Phase 3 Guidelines are aligned with [viaSport BC's Return to Sport Guidelines](#). The BCLA Board has reviewed and approved the [BCLA Return to Lacrosse Phase 3 Guidelines](#).

Finding a solution for the lack of liability insurance had been an issue, and we are pleased with the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture announcement on June 10th that a Ministerial Order has been issued, extending liability protection to not-for-profit amateur sport organizations for damages resulting from exposure to COVID-19. This liability protection applies as long as sport organizations and their members are complying with orders from the provincial health officer and following the BCLA's Return to Lacrosse Guidelines. This protects the directors, officers, staff and volunteers of not-for-profit sport organizations recognized under the BC Societies. The Province of BC recently passed the COVID-19 *Related Measures Act*, which extends sport liability protection 90 days past the provincial state of emergency. To review the Province of BC's announcement, please [click here](#).

Therefore, in order to return to lacrosse activity, BCLA Association/Club members must read, understand and agree to abide by the BC Lacrosse Association's "Return to Lacrosse Phase 3 Guidelines" as circulated and posted on the [BCLA Website Direct Link](#). Please see the [BCLA Member Declaration of Compliance](#).

Next Steps:

Those BCLA-Member Associations/Clubs that want to proceed with lacrosse activities in accordance with the BCLA Return to Lacrosse Phase 3 Guidelines must take the following mandatory steps. These measures must be in place prior to any individual's participation in a BCLA-member lacrosse activity:

1. BCLA Association/Club members must read, understand and agree to abide by the BC Lacrosse Association Return to Lacrosse Phase 3 Guidelines as circulated and posted on the [BCLA Website Direct Link](#).
2. Before returning to activity, the Association/Club President or Senior Officer must submit the completed [BCLA Member Declaration of Compliance](#) to Debbie Heard - deb@bclacrosse.com.
3. In BCLA's Return to Lacrosse Phase 3 Guidelines, we agree to establish all lacrosse activities and offer the safest possible environment for all participants that choose to participate. Once the lacrosse activities has/have been established, your Board will pass a motion supporting the lacrosse

activities that we choose to offer under the terms of the Return to Lacrosse Phase 3 Guidelines.

4. All participating Leagues/Associations/Clubs must be in good standing with the BC Lacrosse Association. This includes being current with payments of all BCLA invoices to date.
5. All athletes must be currently registered (Field Lacrosse – 2020-2021 season; Box Lacrosse – 2021 season TBD).
6. All participants (athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers) must sign the revised (at June 10/20) BCLA Waiver (UNDER the Age of Majority or OVER the Age of Majority Waiver) before participating in any lacrosse activity.

The BCLA will continue to update the BCLA Membership through e-mails, on-line Community of Practice postings and on the [BCLA Website Direct Link](#).

To assist our associations/clubs with the Phase 3 transition and answer questions, the BCLA will host an information town hall zoom meeting on Wednesday September 9, 2020 at 6:00pm. Phase 3 questions for discussion can be submitted in advance to info@bclacrosse.com by 4:00pm Sept 8. Please pass on the meeting link to your Field Lacrosse Association members to help assist with their Phase 3 planning. Please join the session as early as 5:30pm to be admitted. See [town hall zoom meeting link](#). (Meeting ID: 823 7772 1844).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jeff Gombar, BCLA Executive Director – jeff@bclacrosse.com or (604) 421-9755 Ext. 3, or to Gerry Van Beek, BCLA President – gerry@bclacrosse.com.

Yours in Lacrosse,
Gerry Van Beek
BCLA President