



June 16, 2021

To: BCLA Members

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

Dear BCLA Members:

The BCLA Return to Lacrosse Committee members have updated and aligned our guidelines with viaSport's Return to Sport Restart 2.0 STEP 2 guidelines so we can safely deliver Lacrosse activities. Please be patient as we progress through these steps together with our Return to Lacrosse activities.

The sport community continues a gradual reopening. BC's Restart Plan 2.0 Step 2 is in effect as of June 15, 2021. Sport activities must continue to move through the step-by-step plan in a safe manner with all safety protocols associations/clubs have implemented. We met with viaSport BC June 14 & 15 after the government press conference to learn more about BC's Restart Plan STEP 2 and how it relates to sport.

viaSport BC's Return to Sport Restart 2.0 plan is for Provincial Sport Organizations to follow and to develop their own Return to Sport plans. The **BCLA Return to Lacrosse Guidelines Restart Plan 2.0 STEP 2** aligns with viaSport BC's Return to Sport Restart Plans.

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

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

See [BCLA Return to Lacrosse Restart Plan STEP 2 Guidelines](#)

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 Guidelines**.

Next Steps-

Those BCLA-Member associations/clubs that want to proceed with Lacrosse activities in accordance with the **BCLA Return to Lacrosse Guidelines Restart Plan 2.0** must take the following mandatory steps listed in the BCLA Member Declaration of Compliance.

NOTE: Many BCLA associations/clubs have completed the necessary steps of the BCLA Declaration of Compliance and previously submitted their signed document to the BCLA. However, associations/clubs will need to update their safety plans to reflect the updated STEP 2 activities with your city/municipality/facility. For association/clubs that have NOT completed a Declaration of Compliance, please submit a signed document to deb@bclacrosse.com prior to Lacrosse activities.

The BCLA Declaration of Compliance measures must be in place prior to any individual's participation in a BCLA-member lacrosse activity.

Please see the [BCLA Member Declaration of Compliance](#)

In viaSport's Restart Step 2, the big differences for the Lacrosse community are:

- Youth and adults can play games both in indoors and outdoors.
- Travel for sport is allowed. Recreational travel, including sport, is allowed within BC.
- Up to 50 spectators are allowed outdoors.
- No spectators indoors.

Please take a common sense approach and continue to follow your association/club and city/municipality safety guidelines. We caution that BCLA members ease into lacrosse contact activities and carefully reintroduce and teach safe contact methods to our athletes.

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 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.

The transition between the viaSport Restart Plan steps of will be dependent on case counts, hospitalizations, and vaccination rates. Movement between these steps will occur quickly and we all must be ready to adapt to these changes.

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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