



June 2, 2021

LETTER FROM THE BCLA PRESIDENT

RE: LACROSSE ACTIVITY UPDATE – Lacrosse Restart Plan 2.0

Dear BCLA Members:

Thank you BCLA volunteers for keeping lacrosse front and centre in continuing lacrosse activities.

The sport community received more encouraging news from viaSport BC this week regarding the gradual reopening of sports. Sport was not expecting things to open up so quickly and the BCLA has been inundated with questions. We attended viaSport's June 1st webinar to learn of the BC Restart Plan 2.0 as it relates to sport. These links will assist in the steps involved in opening up sports.

[Please see BC Restart Plan](#)

[Please see viaSport BC Restart Plan 2.0](#)

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

Here is a reminder of the changes in sport for **Step 1-**

Outdoor Sports:

- Practice and games allowed for youth & adults within their home association/club.
- Physical distancing not required on field of play (off field of play 2 meter PD must be maintained).
- Travel allowed to home association/club only (and cannot travel across the 3 travel zones).
- Maximum group size for adults is 50 people.
- No maximum group size for youth to allow for more flexibility for parent assistance.
- NO spectators.
- NO cohorts.

Indoor Sports:

- Same restrictions that were in place prior to May 25.
- 3 meter physical distancing required for youth & adults on the field of play -- skills & drills practices only.
- Adult Sports limited to 2 people.
- Travel allowed to home association/club only (and cannot travel across the 3 travel zones).
- No spectators.

Maximum Group sizes:

- INDOOR Youth – maximum 50 participants (per facility)
- OUTDOOR Youth – no maximum group size.
- INDOOR Adult – maximum 2 people.
- OUTDOOR Adult – maximum 50 participants (per facility)

NOTE: the 50 participants includes players, coaches, refs, timekeepers for now.

viaSport BC has advised sports to transition from the restrictive measures that were placed on sport leading up to the May 25 PHO announcement. As you can see the viaSport BC Restart Plan 2.0

offers basic guidance in a step-by-step manner. The BCLA will plan our activities under their guidance on the path to our regular game soon.

The BCLA Return to Lacrosse Restart Plan 2.0 Guidelines are in the final stages and will be released shortly to BCLA members. Please note, sport will be moving through the viaSport BC Restart Plan 2.0 steps in a quick manner, so we ask Lacrosse leaders to be ready to adapt in a timely manner.

We must continue our Return to Lacrosse activities safely. Please understand lacrosse activities will not all change at once. We will transition from one step of activities to another in a gradual return. Now that outdoor sport activities are eased, we will plan a safe transition for our athletes and volunteers to follow.

Here is what we expect when **Step 2** is announced by the government (**AFTER JUNE 15**)-

Outdoor Sports:

- Increased travel allowed.
- Possibly up to 50 spectators.

Indoor Sports:

- Increased travel allowed.
- No spectators.
- Physical distancing required off the field of play.
- Competition allowed.
- Maximum Group Size (TBD).
- No Spectators.

Online referee clinics are scheduled. See the BCLA Official's page for information. Please have patience with referees as they too are returning to Lacrosse and have not been active in game play.

Please see the [Provincial Health Officer Order on Gatherings and Events](#) (at May 28, 2021).

Please see [viaSport BC Return to Sport page](#)

Please see [Province-wide Restrictions](#)

Please take a common sense approach and continue to follow your association/club and city/municipality safety guidelines. We caution not to jump fully into lacrosse contact activities right away. With the addition of contact and game play outdoors, we must carefully reintroduce and teach safe contact methods to our athletes. Sport anticipates a more active return to sport in the coming weeks as our situation improves.

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 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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