



**VIA EMAIL**

August 24, 2020

**Attention:** BC Soccer Full/Associate Members and Affiliated Soccer Clubs

**From:** BC Soccer Association

**Re:** Return to Play – Phase 2 for soccer

Dear Full/Associate Members and Affiliated Clubs,

Soccer's Return to Play Phase 1 commenced June 2 with on-field activity occurring earliest June 12.

BC Soccer thanks and congratulates those Members and Affiliated Clubs that have work hard over the last couple months to support soccer activity for your communities under the Phase 1 terms.

**BC Soccer's Return to Play Phase 2 Plan – Recommendations and Guidelines**

Based on the further easing of restrictions from the BC health authorities and allowance from Via Sport, we are now positioned to release BC Soccer Board of Director approved "BC Soccer's Return to Play Phase 2 Plan – Recommendations and Guidelines" that accompany this memo.

**Members and Affiliated Clubs Next Steps for Phase 2 Return**

For those Members and Affiliated Clubs that offered soccer activity under "BC Soccer's Return to Play Phase 1 Plan – Recommendations and Guidelines", and want to progress to Phase 2 for soccer by offering activity in accordance with the ViaSport and Canada Soccer endorsed "BC Soccer's Return to Play Phase 2 Plan – Recommendations and Guidelines", the following four mandatory steps must be completed:

1. Review *Via Sport's Return to Sport updated Guidelines for B.C.*
2. Review *BC Soccer's Return to Play Plan Phase 2 – Recommendations and Guidelines*
3. Pass a board motion supporting your organization's decision to offer soccer activity under the Phase 2 terms.
4. Ensure the soccer activity is offered in the safest possible environment for all participants that choose to participate.

For those Members and Affiliated Clubs that **DID NOT** offered soccer activity under "BC Soccer's Return to Play Phase 1 Plan – Recommendations and Guidelines", and want to offer soccer activity in accordance with the ViaSport and Canada Soccer endorsed "BC Soccer's Return to Play Phase 2 Plan – Recommendations and Guidelines", the following four mandatory steps must be completed:

1. Review *Via Sport's Return to Sport updated Guidelines for B. C.*
2. Review *BC Soccer's Return to Play Plan Phase 2 – Recommendations and Guidelines*
3. Fully complete Canada Soccer's "Return to Soccer Assessment Tool" which requires you to commit to offer soccer activity under the terms in *BC Soccer's Return to Play Plan Phase 2 – Recommendations and Guidelines*.

4. Pass a board motion supporting the soccer activity that your organization is choosing to offer under the terms.
5. Ensure the soccer activity is offer the safest possible environment for all participants that choose to participate.

#### **Next Phase Timings**

We are pleased to be moving to Phase 2 for Soccer which allows us to collectively introduce limited contact in training followed by gameplay within cohorts and additional modifications as stated in the plan. The third and final phase for soccer is “Return to the NEW Regular Type Training & Games/Competition Structure”. Moving to this phase will be aligned with the BC health authorities and we have not received any indication on when activity beyond what is currently in “*BC Soccer’s Return to Play Plan Phase 2 – Recommendations and Guidelines*” will occur.

#### **Looking Further to the Future and Supporting Families**

BC Soccer is also pleased to inform the Members and Affiliated club of the creation of the “Give and Go” Program we have established with KidSport. This program is designed to support members and affiliated clubs, by helping families that would otherwise not be able to enroll their kids in soccer, therefore, the entire soccer ecosystem in our province benefits. This Program will be introduced within the next week or so and we encourage you to share within your communities once announced.

Thank you for your attention to this. Keep well and stay positive.

Kind regards,

BC Soccer Association

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