

### **Tennis BC**

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## Return to Play Update - June 3, 2021

Following up with information from the most recent PHO Order, and in conjunction with communication and clarification through viaSport, we have again updated our *Preventative and Protective Measures Guidelines* and renamed it *Return to Play*. With restrictions starting to lift and activities opening up again, we are pairing down our document to provide only the required information particular to our sport. If you would like to review the previous *Preventative and Protective Measures Guidelines*, please email <a href="mailto:info@tennisbc.org">info@tennisbc.org</a>.

While we are optimistic and excited with the restart plan, we must all continue to follow the BC health authority's guidance and require all members and affiliated clubs to do the same. We also understand that each **municipality has potentially different restrictions and limitations** for bookings/activity, therefore, please work with your local cities/municipalities to adhere to any requirements to ensure you are providing a safe environment for all participants.

As always, we continue to work with, and receive updates from viaSport. We will also continue to update and share our document whenever there are changes made.

Enjoy the outdoors, stay safe and have fun!

Thank you,
Your Tennis BC Team

# **RETURN TO PLAY**

#### GENERAL PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

- 1. Be compliant with the guidelines and restrictions issued by the BC Health authorities.
- 2. Ensure your facility has proper contact tracing protocols in place.
- 3. Communicate with your participants to advise them what areas in your facility are open and available to them and what is closed off.
- 4. Communicate with your participants to advise them of what hygiene measures you have in place and what is expected of them.
- 5. Continue to ask your staff to perform daily assessments of their health and remind them to stay home if sick.
- 6. Physical distancing is still required when off court.
- 7. Masks are still required when off court.
- 8. Remind your patrons to continue to bring their own water and not share water bottles.

#### **INDOOR TENNIS**

- 1. Indoor group coaching can be allowed for juniors only (21 and under), and only if there is adequate space for full 3-metre physical distancing by all students. The student/coach ratio must not exceed 4-1.
- 2. There are no indoor groups allowed for adults (22+). The recommendation now is that coaching for adults will now only be private lessons (2 max on a court, which now includes the coach). We feel it is acceptable for semi-private lessons if both participants are from the same household.
- 3. Indoor coaching for doubles for adults is not allowed at this time.
- 4. No sanctioned events allowed at this time.

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#### **OUTDOOR TENNIS**

- 1. There are no restrictions currently for outdoor play, for either adults or youth. Group lessons and programming are allowed.
- 2. No physical distancing is required while playing outdoors and on the court.
- 3. No sanctioned events allowed at this time.
- 4. Outdoor Club tournaments are allowed for members of the host club only. As travel is still not allowed, we cannot run outdoor tournaments that bring together participants from different clubs.
- 5. No spectators allowed.

On May 25, 2021 the BC Government announced its Restart Plan. Below we share <u>ViaSport's Return to Sport Restart 2.0 chart.</u>



ALL STEPS: Transition between the steps will be dependent on case counts, hospitalizations, and vaccination rates. Sport specific COVID-19 guidance documents and safety plans should be adapted to fit the steps outlined in this Return to Sport Restart 2.0 Chart.

\*Home club—the sport organization, club or facility with, or at which, a person is registered for ongoing sport programming

\*\*High-performance athlete—a person who is identified by the Canadian Sport Institute Pacific as a high-performance athlete affiliated with an accredited provincial or national sports organization

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STEP	Criteria	PHO Guidance	Personal Gatherings	Organized Gatherings	Travel	Sports & Activities	Businesses	Offices & Workplaces
MAY 25	C: stable H: stable D1: 60%	Masks mandatory, indoor public spaces Physical distancing If sick, stay home and get tested	Outdoor personal gatherings – up to 10 people Indoor visitors – up to 5 people or 1 household	Indoor seated organized gatherings – up to 10 people Outdoor seated organized gatherings – up to 50 people	Recreational travel within your zone Non-essential travel between zones restricted	Low-intensity indoor fitness classes Outdoor local team games and practices for all ages – no spectators	Indoor & outdoor dining – up to 6 people Liquor service - 10PM Existing WorkSafeBC Safety Plans remain in place	Start gradual return to workplaces and offices Existing Safety Plans remain in place
JUNE 15 (Earliest date)		Masks mandatory, indoor public spaces Physical distancing If sick, stay home and get tested	Outdoor personal gatherings – up to 50 people Indoor visitors – up to 5 people or 1 household Playdates	Indoor seated organized gatherings – up to 50 people Sector consultations on next steps on indoor and outdoor gatherings	BC recreational travel BC Transit and BC Ferries – increased services as needed	High-intensity indoor fitness classes - reduced capacity Indoor team games for all ages - no spectators Spectators for outdoor sports - up to 50 people	Liquor service – midnight Banquet halls reopen – limited capacity, Safety Plans Sector consultations on next steps on easing of restrictions	Continue return to work Small in-person meetings
3 JULY 1 (Earliest date)	C: low H: declining D1: 70%	Masks – recommended Careful social contact If sick, stay home and get tested	Return to usual on indoor and outdoor personal gatherings Sleepovers	Increased capacity, indoor and outdoor gatherings – Safety Plan Fairs & festivals with Safety Plan	Canada recreational travel	All indoor fitness classes – increased capacity Limited spectators for indoor sports	Dining – no group limit Bingo halls, casinos and nightclubs – limited capacity Operate based on new Safety Plans	Seminars and bigger meetings Operate based on new Safety Plans
SEPT 7 (Earliest date)	C: low H: low D1: 70%+	Masks – personal choice Normal social contact If sick, stay home and get tested	Normal social contact	Increased capacity on large organized gatherings (i.e. concerts)	Canada recreational travel	Increased indoor and outdoor spectators Return of normal sport competitions – Safety Plans	Continue to operate based on new Safety Plans	Fully re-opened offices and workplaces

## **BC'S RESTART:** A PLAN TO BRING US BACK TOGETHER

C: C-19 case counts H: C-19 hospitalizations D1: minimum % of people 18+ with dose 1

Once again, we thank you wholeheartedly for your compliance and willingness to continue to observe these restrictions and recommendations to the very best of your ability. As we all continue to make this effort together, you have shown us just how strong our tennis community really is!

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