

VIA EMAIL

November 10, 2020

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

From: BC Soccer

Re: Further clarification on the Provincial Health Authority Announcement from November 7, 2020

Dear Full/Associate Members and Affiliated Clubs,

This memo is in follow up to BC Soccer's November 7, 2020 memo regarding the BC Health Authority and specifically Dr. Henry's announcement made on the same date.

We have now received further clarification from ViaSport, the body providing direction to the sport sector in BC and the link between the BC Health Authority and the BC Sport Sector. The clarification is also supported by the information on the BC Government website, linked [here](#).

Based on the clarification, BC Soccer is advising that the announcement/Order means the following for sanctioned soccer activity in the **Lower Mainland**.

- It is effective for two-weeks, ending November 23, 2020 at noon.
- It applies solely to the [Fraser Health](#) and [Vancouver Coastal Health](#) Regions.
- Indoor soccer can only occur under [BC Soccer's Phase 1 Guidelines](#). No spectators allowed.
- Outdoor soccer **can** occur under the current [BC Soccer Phase 2 Guidelines](#) (where soccer has been since the cohort model was introduced). However, based on the Order, team* travel (and refereeing assignments) must be limited to stay within the Fraser Health Region and to stay within the Vancouver Coastal Health Region. For clarity, this means team travel (and referee assignments) to, from, and between the Fraser Health Region and the Vancouver Coastal Health Region **can not** occur.

*Team location is based on the location of the team's club (or parent organization).

IMPORTANT NOTE: soccer decision making occurs at all jurisdiction levels; be it player/parent, team, club, district, league, provincial, and at the national level. Provincially, soccer in BC can continue to occur under [BC Soccer's Phase 2 Guidelines](#) (with the above temporary restrictions in place for the Lower Mainland). Importantly, decisions at the team, club, district, and/or league levels also impact soccer. Field and facility owner decisions, such as municipalities, also affect soccer activity/delivery, with the ultimate decision-maker being the player/parent/participant and their choice to participate.

As we have continued to do since March 2020, we will provide updates and information as and when appropriate as we collectively work through the seemingly everchanging situation.

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CC: Charlene Krepiakovich, CEO, ViaSport British Columbia
BC Soccer Board of Directors and Staff