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Re: Nelson Baseball Association's COVID-19 Safety Plan

INTRODUCTION

This document is the COVID-19 Safety Plan ("Plan") for the Nelson Baseball Association ("Association"). The Plan was developed following guidance provided by the BC Provincial Health Office ("PHO"), viaSport British Columbia ("viaSport"), and WorkSafe BC. The PHO and viaSport guidance is current as of 3 February 2022. We are currently under viaSport Return to Sport Restart 2.0 protocol (Appendix I).

NELSON BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

The Nelson Baseball Association is a non-profit youth sport organization which offers programming to children and youths aged 5-18 years. We have about 150 players from Nelson and the RDCK (Areas E, F, and H) and field about 12 teams.

We practice and play games at our Lions Park and Queen Elizabeth Park fields. Our spring season extends from mid-April to the end of June. Our fall season extends from early September to mid-October.

COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN

The current PHO guidance is outlined in the Chart in Appendix I. There are currently no restrictions for outdoor youth sport (0-21 years).

Using the WorkSafe BC communicable disease prevention template, we identified that there is the potential for cold and/or viral infection while playing baseball. As a result, we have identified the following measures that are applicable to youth sport outdoors on our baseball fields:

- There are washrooms at our baseball fields and our players will be instructed by their coach to wash their hands before and after practices and games.
- The washrooms at our baseball fields are cleaned by City staff every evening.
- If a player has symptoms of cold and/or flu, they will be asked to stay home until they feel well again.
- If a player test positive for COVID-19 (PCR and/or Rapid Test), they will be asked to stay home until they return a negative test and/or no longer have cold and/or flu symptoms.

Our Association will continue to monitor PHO and viaSport guidance as the season progresses.

CLOSURE

This COVID-19 Safety Plan (“Plan”) was developed for the Nelson Baseball Association (“Association”). In the preparation of the Plan, the Association exercised reasonable skill, care, and diligence in reviewing and adopting guidance, policy, and protocol developed by provincial government and organizations.

In receiving the Plan, the City of Nelson agrees that the contents will not be copied, communicated, assigned to, or otherwise utilized by any other party without the prior written approval of the Association.

The Association does not accept any responsibility for the use of this Plan for any purpose other than intended, or to any third party, and does not accept responsibility for damages, if any, suffered by any third party as a result of decisions made on the basis on this Plan.

APPENDIX I

DUE TO EVOLVING HEALTH PROTOCOLS, THIS INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME. *This chart is current as of February 3, 2022.*

CURRENT PHO GUIDANCE

Outdoor sport

- All activities for children and youth are allowed, including programs, events and tournaments.
- Masks: not required on or off the field of play.
- Group Size: There is no maximum group size for participants, coaches, volunteers, staff and officials
- Physical distance does not need to be maintained on or off the field of play.
- Spectator seated capacity is at 50% or 5,000 whichever is greater

All sport

- Adult sport tournaments are not allowed. Tournaments are single or multi-day events where 3 or more teams compete against each other outside of regular league play. This restriction does not include:
 - A gathering where adult team members compete individually against each other
 - A gathering where the result will decide if an adult team will advance to play in a national or international competition
- Interprovincial travel and international travel for sport is not advised .
- All activities that would typically take place in a sport environment (other than tournaments) may continue
- High performance athletes are exempt from the Order. They can train, travel or compete in accordance with the athlete's respective PSO, NSO and Canadian Sport Institute Pacific COVID-19 safety protocols.
 - High performance athletes are identified by the Canadian Sport Institute Pacific and affiliated with an accredited provincial or national sports organization

Indoor sport

- All activities for children and youth are allowed, including programs, events and tournaments.
- Masks: not required on the field of play. Masks are mandatory off the field of play.
- Proof of vaccination required for all spectators (12+) and all non-employee support people like parents, coaches and volunteers for indoor sport
- Group Size: There is no maximum group size for participants, coaches, volunteers, staff and officials.
- Physical distance does not need to be maintained on the field of play. Off the field of play, maintain distance where possible
- Spectator seated and standing capacity is at 50%

General Guidance

If you test positive for COVID-19, [follow BCCDC guidance](#)
For more detailed information about proof of vaccination, [click here](#).

Communicable Disease Response Plan: Sport Organizations are not required to have a COVID-19 Safety Plan for activities on the field of play; however, sport organizations should consider developing a [communicable disease prevention plan](#) as per [WorkSafe BC guidance](#).

Liability: The Province of B.C. extended COVID-19 liability coverage for organizations until December 31, 2022 through the [COVID-19 Related Measures Act \(CRMA\)](#). This protects people and organizations from damages resulting from transmission or exposure to the virus that causes COVID-19.

Where to show proof of vaccine (two doses):

	OUTDOOR SPORT	INDOOR SPORT
YOUTH SPORT (0-21 years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of vaccination is NOT REQUIRED: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Youth (21 and younger) participating in sport events and programming ◦ Supervisors* for youth sport events and programming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of vaccination is NOT REQUIRED: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Youth (21 and younger) participating in sport events and programming • Proof of vaccination is REQUIRED: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Supervisors* (12+)** for youth sport events and programming ◦ Youth (12+)** participating in sport programming and events primarily intended for adults
ADULT SPORT (22 years and older)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of vaccination is NOT REQUIRED: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Adults participating in outdoor sports, including for those who come indoors to use amenities such as change rooms and meeting rooms for groups under 51.**** 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of vaccination is REQUIRED: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Adult participants and supervisors* of sport events and programming ◦ Adults participating with youth (21 and younger) in sport events and programming
SPECTATORS (12 years and older)**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of vaccination is NOT REQUIRED 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of vaccination is REQUIRED at all sport events and programs

NOTES

***Supervisor** refers to a person leading, supporting or assisting a sport activity, but who is not working as an employee. This includes parents required to be present at a child/youth program.

Adult Sport means organized individual or group sport activities for those aged 22 and older. Examples include, but are not limited to, adult league soccer, masters swim group, drop-in adult hockey, and adult badminton

Pools: proof of vaccination is required for adults accessing swimming pools. Non-employed supervisors must show proof of vaccination.

Sport facilities and organizations may implement stricter requirements at their discretion.

** **For youth aged 12 only**, one dose of vaccine will be accepted.

*****Restaurants, food or liquor premises, and all other events and gatherings** must follow Proof of Vaccination requirements as outlined in the Order.

The interpretation of when proof of vaccination is required has been confirmed by the Office of the Provincial Health Officer.

RELEVANT LINKS

- [viaSport Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [B.C.'s Restart Plan](#)
- [Proof of Vaccination Program information](#)
- [Travel Guidance for B.C.](#)
- [Communicable Disease Prevention Guidance](#)
- [Mask Guidance](#)
- [COVID-19 \(Limits on Actions and Proceedings\) Regulation](#)
- [Government of BC COVID-19 Restrictions Information](#)

DISCLAIMER

VIASPORT BC RETURN TO SPORT GUIDANCE

viaSport's role in the Return to Sport process is to communicate timely updates and information to help the sport community plan its return. This information from viaSport is not intended for legal purposes and all sport organizations and participants are reminded to follow all current health orders and recommendations set out by the Office of the Provincial Health Officer. For the full disclaimer, please [click here](#).