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COVID-19

While we are experiencing social distancing, program postponement and a general shut down due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, communication is key to everyone being safe but there is also a need to communicate as a community.

The Coach Connection will be sent out for the next few months to offer support and information to coaches.

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Just freshly released today was a guidance document created for farms/farming operations to adhere to physical distancing and personal hygiene protocols issued by the PHO. Please feel free to share this information (attached and available at the link below) with your members.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19-pho-guidance-farms-farm-workers.pdf>

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COVID-19 Relief Fund for residential customers

If you're a residential customer and you or your spouse/partner have stopped working due to COVID-19, you may be eligible for free credit on your **BC Hydro bill**.

https://app.bchydro.com/accounts-billing/bill-payment/ways-to-pay/covid-19-relief-fund/residential.html?WT.mc_id=nl_res_COVID19relief

Online NCCP courses available now: Log into your Locker account a coach.ca and select eLearning

AVAILABLE
Coach Initiation in Sport
Coaching Athletes with a Disability
Developing Athletic Abilities pre-workshop session
Leading Drug-Free Sport Online Evaluation
Managing Conflict Online Evaluation
NCCP Emergency Action Plan
NCCP Sport Nutrition
Make Ethical Decisions (MED) Online Evaluation
Making Head Way
Safe Sport Training

April 7, 2020: World Health Day and COVID-19 resources for the B.C. sport sector

At viaSport, our priority right now is to stay connected with leaders and members of the sport sector. In an effort to inform and empower you, we are committed to sharing resources and information as they become available.

New resources this week include:

- The law firm Norton Rose Fulbright Canada has a [series of webinars](#) available covering topics around finance in the midst of COVID-19, including wage subsidies for charities.
- Our auditor PwC also has a [series of webinars](#) occurring every Tuesday to help non-profit organizations navigate questions around funding and operations.

We will continue to share guidance from public health authorities and updates related to the sport sector on an ongoing basis at [this webpage](#). We have also compiled a list of resources on [financial assistance and information](#). In an effort to consolidate questions around grants and funding for sport programs, we have a [frequently asked questions](#) page available.

We will regularly update these resources and keep you informed on impact on the sector through [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#): @viaSportBC.

Please take a moment to share this message with anyone you think may benefit from amateur sport-related updates in British Columbia.

From all of us at viaSport, we hope you are all keeping safe and healthy.

COVID-19 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND INFORMATION

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In an effort to better inform the B.C. sport sector, we have put together a list of various supports and guides currently available. This list will also be updated as more information becomes available.

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Assistance and Programs

- The Sport Law and Strategy Group is offering a free webinar series to give real time advice to sport leaders. Read more and register for [Conversations Matter: You Ask, We Share](#).
- The Province is providing relief on power bills, read [the release](#).
- The Federal Government announced a number of relief measures for individuals and organizations, see them [here](#).
- The Provincial Government has also announced a number of relief measures, see them [here](#).
- Information on small business loans, small capital loans and purchase order financing from the [Business Development Bank of Canada](#)
- While information is still being finalized, interested organizations can sign up for notices regarding the [Facebook small business grants program](#)
- Your organization may be eligible for the [Vancity and Vancouver Foundation Community Response Fund](#)
- [BC Hydro deferral program](#) to help ease hydro costs
- If you are out of work, there are also updates and [changes to EI and sickness benefits](#) that individuals can take advantage of
- If you are out of work, you may also be eligible for the [Emergency Care Benefit](#)
- Canada Revenue Agency has a program that will allow you to [defer your tax payments](#)
- There is also the [Temporary Wage Subsidy for Employers](#), which is a three-month measure that will allow eligible employers to reduce the amount of payroll deductions required to be remitted to the Canada Revenue Agency

More information for small businesses

- [Province of B.C. Supports for Small Businesses](#)
- Resources for [small businesses](#)
- The Canadian Chamber of Commerce's [Pandemic Preparedness Guide](#) for businesses

Federal Wage Subsidy And The Standardbred Industry

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Recently, the Government of Canada announced its Emergency Employer Wage Subsidy Program. Standardbred Canada has broken down how the \$71 billion program may be applicable to those in the Standardbred horse industry.

1. Unlike other announced programs, the new Wage Subsidy Program not only applies to taxable corporations, non-profits and charities, but it also applies to individuals and partnerships that employ at least one individual. This makes the program more relevant to many in the industry who may not be set up as small businesses, but still employ one person or more.
2. The subsidy applies to eligible employers who suffer a drop in gross revenues of at least 30 per cent in March, April or May, when compared to the same month in 2019. With revenues expected to be dramatically reduced or eliminated across the horse racing industry during these months, this could make many employers eligible.

Note: If you are not eligible in March, that does not mean that you are not eligible in April or May. New applications can be made for each month of the program.

3. The program guidelines are very broad, with the intentions of keeping Canadians employed. Like in other industries, those in the horse racing industry who employ Canadians should consider applying when the application portal opens.

How much?

- The Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy would apply at a rate of 75 per cent of the first \$58,700 normally earned by employees – representing a benefit of up to \$847 per week.
- An eligible employer's entitlement to the wage subsidy is based entirely on the wages actually paid to employees. All employers are expected to make best efforts to top up salaries to 100% of the maximum wages covered, but the top up is not required for eligibility to the program.

When?

- The program is scheduled to be in place for a 12-week period, from March 15 to June 6, 2020.

How to apply?

- Applications for this subsidy will be available through a portal on the [Canada Revenue Agency site](#). The Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy funds are expected to start flowing in 6 weeks time.

Organizations that do not qualify for the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy may continue to qualify for the previously announced wage subsidy of 10 per cent of remuneration paid from March 18 to before June 20, up to a maximum subsidy of \$1,375 per employee and \$25,000 per employer.

SC will continue to provide more details about the Wage Subsidy Program, and other Federal programs, as information becomes available.

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