

Horse Council BC Update – December 4 2020

Regarding new Provincial Health Orders issued December 3, 2020

Please note this is in addition to current [Return to Sport Guidelines](#) outlining COVID 19 protocol. Any changes or further details will be posted as received by the Provincial Health Authority.

At this time the written order has yet to be posted; however, information is posted on the Province's website [here](#) with the following referring to sport:

Specifically, the updates include:

All indoor and outdoor **team sports** for people **19 years of age and older** are suspended. The website lists a number of sports as examples, it is important to note that this is not an exhaustive list. **All team sports** must follow these restrictions.

Youth indoor and outdoor team sports

All organized indoor and outdoor sports for people under 19 years of age must follow [viaSport's Return to Sport Phase 2 guidance](#) with respect to maintaining physical distance for participants. This means games, tournaments and competitions are temporarily suspended for teams.

Individual drills and modified training **activities** can continue

- Amateur sports organizations and leagues may implement additional guidelines to ensure the health and safety of participants
 - Participants must maintain a physical distance of **three metres** from one another;
 - Activities should be low risk of transmitting the virus (e.g. individual activities, group training that maintains physical distance)
 - Games, tournaments and competitions for teams are not allowed

Still in effect:

- Travel restrictions are in place for sport; individuals should continue to stay close to home.

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- Spectator Restrictions see below

Sports games, competitions and practices

Games, competitions and practices can continue with no spectators and no travel.

Spectators

No spectators are allowed at any sport activities under the order. The only people allowed to attend sport activities are those that provide care to a participant or player. For example, providing first aid.

Travel for athletic activities

Travel to, from and between regions for athletic activities like games, competitions, training and practice is prohibited under this order. For example:

- A team from Abbotsford cannot attend a training session in Chilliwack
- A team from Victoria cannot attend a practice in Richmond

Exemptions

High performance athletes are not included in the order. To qualify as a high performance athlete, you must be:

- Identified by the Canadian Sports Institute Pacific as a high performance athlete affiliated with an accredited provincial or national sports organization
- Already training in B.C.
- Continuing to follow the safety guidelines of your provincial sports organization

Travel advisory

At this time, all non-essential travel should be avoided. This includes travel into and out of B.C. and between regions of the province. For example:

- Do not travel for a vacation
- Do not travel to visit friends or family outside of your household or core bubble

What is essential travel?

Individual circumstances may affect whether a particular trip is considered essential or non-essential. Essential travel within B.C. includes:

- Regular travel for work within your region
- Travel for things like medical appointment and hospital visits

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For example, if you live in Vancouver and work in Surrey you can continue to commute.
If you need to travel for essential reasons, take the same health and safety precautions you do at home.

- Wash your hands often
- Practice safe distancing, 2 m
- Travel only with yourself, household or pandemic bubble
- Stick to the outdoors whenever possible
- Clean spaces often

More information can be found here-

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-order-gatherings-events.pdf?bcgovtm=889fec52d2-Sportscape_2019_COPY_01

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