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COVID-19 Update – Health Restrictions Update

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The Provincial Health Officer announced on January 25 that sport tournaments for children and youth can return as of **February 1, 2022**. This is good news as it will allow for play weekends to take place with multiple teams and for more teams to compete against each other as we head towards Provincial Championships. Adult (18+ and Masters) tournaments remain on hold at this time.

Excerpt from the Province of BC [website](#):

Starting February 1, all child and youth sport tournaments are allowed for people 21 years or younger. Tournament requirements include:

- [Masks are required indoors](#) when not actively engaged in sport (on the field of play).
- [Proof of vaccination](#) is required for all spectators (12+) and all non-employee tournament support people such as parents, coaches, volunteers, and officials.
- 50% spectator capacity.

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.

An updated *Gathering and Events Order* will be released with the changes to tournaments. viaSport has updated their [Return to Sport chart](#) and their [FAQ's](#) to reflect the PHO's announcement on tournaments. Additional information can be found on the [Province-wide restrictions](#) page.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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