



**BC MASTERS
SOCCER
LEAGUE**

The BCMSL is an outdoor Soccer League operating year-round. In response to the BC Government & Via Sports BC, Re-Opening of the Outdoor Activities, BCMSL will adopt but not limited to the recommended Guidelines when occupying all Municipal, Provincial, Recreational Parks and School Boards outdoor facilities.

BCMSL PROTOCOLS:

Prior to any participation in the BCMSL activities, all registered participants must sign the waiver acknowledging that they have read and agreed to abide by the BCMSL COVID19 protocols as set up below

Participant/s from other soccer organization is/are not allowed to participate in BCMSL activities

Unregistered individual will not be allowed to participate in any BCMSL activities

Prior to attending a BCMSL activity, participant must inform the team/club and the League if he or any member of their household has or experienced any of the Corona Virus symptoms such as fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat and painful swallowing, stuffy or runny nose, loss of sense of smell, headache, muscle aches, fatigue and loss of appetite in the last 14 days or has travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days.

Participants will be routinely contacted to inquire about their state of health

Each Team will be allowed a maximum of 25 participants. while practising social distancing when not in the field of play

Team sharing of beverages (Water Bottles) is not allowed

Handling of the ball in the field of play is not allowed by any unvaccinated players except for the Goalkeeper

Avoid spitting and nose clearing as much as possible

Accolades during and after the game (Handshakes, high fives, hugging) will not be exercised

All game balls will be sanitized repeatedly throughout the game

Post game teams Socializing on the field is not allowed

Dressing Room use (If any) will be restricted as per the social distancing protocol or Municipal recommendations

Soiled game equipment/uniforms will not be shared

All team equipment is to be handled by the designated staff only

Wearing a mask is mandatory when social distancing is not possible

Wearing a mask during BCMSL activities is encouraged but not mandatory when social distancing is possible

Game official will be staying within their "Group/Co-hort" as much as possible

As a responsible organization BCMSL will notify the Health & Safety Authorities if any participant or member/s of their household is identified with the Corona Virus symptoms.

COVID-19 Waiver

As a participant of the British Columbia Masters Soccer League, I agree to abide by the rules set out below when participating in BCMSL activities under the COVID-19 Response plan and Return To Play Protocols:

I agree to have read and understand BCMSL COVID19 Protocols

I agree to abide by BCMSL COVID-19 Protocols at all times.

As a registered participant of BCMSL, I certify that I am not a participant in any other soccer organization.

I agree to inform BCMSL and my team/club if I, or any member of my household has or experienced any of the Corona Virus symptoms or has travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days.

I agree to stay home if feeling sick and remain home for 14 days if experiencing Corona Virus symptoms such as fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat and painful swallowing, stuffy or runny nose, loss of sense of smell, headache, muscle aches, fatigue and loss of appetite.

I agree to follow the social distancing protocols of staying at least 2m away from others when not in the field of play or wear a protective mask.

I agree not to share any equipment or beverages during BCMSL activities.

I acknowledge that there are risks associated when participating in BCMSL club activities. The measures taken by BCMSL and my Team/club, including those set out above and under the BCMSL COVID-19 Response Plan and Return to Play Protocols, will not entirely eliminate those risks.

I understand that if I do not abide by the aforementioned protocols/guidelines, that I may be asked to leave the club for up to 14 days to help protect myself and others around me.

I acknowledge that continued abuse of the protocols and/or guidelines may result in suspension of my BCMSL/club membership.

COVID-19 Game Protocols

The BCMSL participants' Health & Safety is our priority. After a lengthy review of the COVID19 and ViaSport requirements/recommendations, the committee has adopted the following but not limited to when performing the league activities

Game Protocols

Game Changes:

A. Players may only be registered on one soccer team and in only one league

(This will help minimize the spread of the virus – ViaSport and PHO requirement)

B. Players must leave the facility promptly at the end of the game as per the facilities protocols

C. Each team will occupy their side of the field (sidelines) while maintaining Social Distancing or wearing a mask at all time

D. Each team will designate two (2) staff members to handle their equipment (Nets, Balls, Corner Flags etc.)

- E. Each team will provide two (2) sanitized game balls, re-sanitized repeatedly for re-use*
- F. Each team will provide hand sanitizer and sanitizing/disinfectant agents for the sanitization of the balls*
- G. Goalkeepers must wear gloves and should sanitize them at half-time*
- H. Confrontation between players is prohibited and will result in the players suspension*
- I. If a replacement ball is needed, it must be sanitized before it is brought into play.*
- J. Spitting is prohibited. Spitting in the field of play will result in a ten (10) minutes suspension*
- K. When a substitution is made the player exiting will maintain Social Distancing or wear a mask on the sideline*
- L. There will be no equipment or beverages sharing*
- M. Spectators are not permitted at any BCMSL activities*

UNVACCINATED PLAYERS

BCMSL respect the individual freedom of choice.

All unvaccinated player/s must:

- A. Inform their respective Team Manager/Coach of their status as to protect themselves from potential contamination.*
- B. Wear a mask at all time when not participating in the field of play*
- C. Keep the social distancing protocols at all times*

All Managers/Coaches must

- A. Inform the official of the status of the unvaccinated player/s prior to the start of the game*
- B. Observe the full BCMSL COVID19 protocols when unvaccinated player/s is/are present at a game*

FIRST AID PROTOCOLS

- Each team will provide a First Aid Kit for minor injury*
- Each team will have a designated staff member to administer minor First Aid treatment*
- The First Aid (attendant) will be wearing gloves and mask while performing the treatment*
- Only minor injury will be treated on location*
- Emergency Response will be called for any injury requiring medical attention*