



The BCMSL participants' Health & Safety is our priority. After a lengthy review of the COVID19 and ViaSport requirements/recommendations of Phase 2/3, the committee has adopted the following but not limited to when performing the game 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 should come dressed, arriving at the facility no more than 15 minutes before game time.
- C. Players must leave the facility promptly at the end of the game. (No social gathering)
- D. Each team will occupy one side of the field (sidelines) while maintaining Social Distancing or wearing a mask at all time
- E. Each team will designate two (2) staff members to handle their equipment (Nets, Balls, Corner Flags etc.)
- F. Each team will provide two (2) sanitized game balls, re-sanitized repeatedly for re-use
- G. Each team will provide hand sanitizer and sanitizing/disinfectant agents for the sanitization of the balls
- H. Once the ball is out of play on any side of the field, it will be replaced by a sanitized one
- I. There will be no throw-ins (Handled as an indirect free kick from the sideline)
- J. The sideline free kick will be considered as a normal free kick with the offside rules in effect
- K. Player can not run to the ball for a sideline free kick, just one (1) step back.
- L. The “wall” for the sideline free kick will be maintained by only one (1) player at a distance of 3m (10ft)
- M. There will be no direct free kicks at any time during a game as the wall can only consist of one (1) player at a minimum distance of 3m (10ft). Penalty kick will still be in effect.
- N. Players are not allowed to handle the ball in the field of play except for the Keeper
- O. Goalkeepers must wear gloves and should sanitize them at half-time
- P. Confrontation between players is prohibited and will result in the players suspension
- Q. If a replacement ball is needed, it must be sanitized before it is brought into play.
- R. Spitting is prohibited. Spitting in the field of play will result in a ten (10) minutes suspension
- S. When a substitution is made the player exiting will maintain Social Distancing or wear a mask on the sideline
- T. There will be no equipment or beverages sharing
- U. Spectators are not permitted within 15m (50ft) of the game participants

League Scheduling Changes:

- Games to be played in a round robin format in a “Group/Co-hort” of 4 teams or less to a maximum of 50 Players per game (Co-hort) and to a maximum of 100 players per Group
- There will be 2 weeks break (Quarantine) after the 1st. round robin is over (6 Games)
- After 2 weeks break (Quarantine), teams will change to a newly-formed “Group/Co-hort”
- The cycle will repeat until the end of the season.

If things improve during and after the 1st. try (1st. 2 weeks break), BC Soccer indicated that they may eliminate the “Group/Co-hort” but participants will still have to remain within their League.