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Dear sport and recreation leaders and colleagues,

As sport is making its return to British Columbia, we are here to support you with restarting programming safely every step of the way. We are working hard to collaborate and coordinate with our partners in the sport community. This includes the team at viaSport, who are responsible for connecting directly with the provincial government, WorkSafe BC and public health authorities to advance a province-wide process on behalf of amateur sport organizations. Collectively, we want to ensure we are aligned in our approach to help protect staff, volunteers, participants and the community as the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions are lifted in phases.

Sport and recreation organizations have unique challenges involved in each stage of reopening. We know that our priority at all times is to offer safe, high quality, fun programs and doing that means understanding and following the most current public health and sport guidelines.

viaSport is providing us with up-to-date information and resources to make our decisions around returning to sport as clear as possible. These resources are available at [viaSport.ca](https://viasport.ca) and will be updated regularly as we move through the phases of B.C.'s restart. They include:

- a clear outline of the Return to Sport process;
- the viaSport Return to Sport Guidelines for B.C.;
- links to sport-specific guidelines as they become public;
- a comprehensive list of frequently asked questions;
- key messages to help you communicate with your own audiences;
- a chart outlining the types of activities that can be considered as we transition through the various return phases;
- other resources that may help you make return to sport decisions, including links to WorkSafeBC, Health Authorities and their guidelines, BCRPA's Return to Recreation Guidelines, etc.

Since returning to sport will happen in phases, to ensure you're informed on the latest Return to Sport information, check [viaSport.ca](https://viasport.ca) regularly. We are in this together, so please reach out to us or to viaSport if you need help to work through your plans for returning to activities.

Sincerely,



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