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# RICHMOND FC RETURN TO PLAY GUIDE





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## INTRODUCTION

On May 6, 2020 the Government of B.C. announced “BC’s Restart Plan: Next Steps to Move Through the Pandemic”. The purpose of this document is to provide the details of Richmond FC’s (the “Club”) Return to Play Plan (“RTPP”) from June 2020 to present. This plan is intended to be read in parallel with the guidelines of governing bodies within government and within soccer. Canada Soccer rated this RTTP as “low risk”. This plan and all referenced material are intended to support informed decision-making by our members, volunteers, coaches, and other representatives of the Club related to their participation in the Club’s programs.

### Return to Play Guidelines

ViaSport and BC Soccer provide all clubs in BC with updates and guidance on all Return to Play protocols in the documents referenced below and provide the most current information available at the time of play following June 2020 to the present time.

- [ViaSport Return to Sport Guidelines](#)
- [BC Soccer Return to Play Plan](#)
- [Current Provincial Health Orders](#)

The Club recommends all families carefully review the processes outlined to fully understand the measures Richmond FC is taking to mitigate the risks associated with returning to play. It is important that all participants abide by all Club official and staff instructions communicated prior to and during sessions. *Participation in Richmond FC programming is considered voluntary, and anyone feeling uncomfortable with the current risks, should either not register or remove themselves from the program. Where a participant is considered high-risk, Richmond FC recommends a doctor’s permission to participate in Richmond FC activities.*

All players must be registered with Richmond FC in order to participate in any programming and complete a participant waiver included in the registration form.

## ILLNESS POLICY

Richmond FC has created an Illness Policy specifically for COVID-19 that must be followed by all in attendance at or participating in any Club programming or events. Failure to abide by the terms of the Illness Policy will result in removal from the session. In circumstances of extreme disregard, removal from the Club for either the remainder of the program or the season, is at the Club’s sole discretion.

[Click here to review the Richmond FC Illness Policy.](#)



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## SAFE SOCCER ENVIRONMENT

Soccer has the advantage of being an outdoor sport, so soccer fields are one of the safer venues for activity. The Club has completed a Communicable Disease Plan that is updated continually to ensure that we are providing a safe environment for players, staff and volunteers.

### Equipment

- Staff, coaches, players and volunteers are not required to wear masks but should do so if it makes them feel more comfortable. It is recommended to keep masks on-hand in equipment bag for situations of “close contact”, e.g, assisting with an injury. Physical distance does not need to be maintained on or off the field of play.
- All equipment will be sanitized by the Club after each training session.
- Players will not share any personal belongings, such as water bottles or clothing.

### Clubhouse/Change Rooms

- The Boyd Clubhouse washrooms are available for use.
- Washrooms will be available on the east side of the West Richmond Community Centre.

### Fields

- Fields will have one entrance and one exit only. [CLICK HERE for Richmond Fields Entry/Exit.](#)
- Maximum number of people on field is unlimited for players, coaches, staff and officials.

### Spectators

- As of June 2021, spectators are permitted at outdoors sports events.
- More than 5,000 seated people will need to reduce capacity by 50 per cent.
- Richmond FC requests that spectators not enter the field of play, e.g. go through the gates and must watch from outside the fences or in the bleachers. Physical distancing and mask wearing it not required.

### Daily Pre-Activity Requirements

- Prior to each session, all participants (players and coaches) are required to complete a Covid-19 [Self-Assessment](#) to determine ability to participate in that day’s activity.
- Pre-Session Checklists: All players, coaches, managers, and spectators are asked to help us keep our members safe and healthy throughout the season by following the [Return to Play Checklists](#)
- Familiarize yourself with [Richmond FC’s Illness Policy](#).

### Pre-Activity Meeting Locations

Park maps have been provided to provide teams an easy way to identify meeting locations that align with designated gate entry. Teams are not to meet on the field while previous groups are training and are to leave the field immediately following their allocated time to avoid gathering concerns.



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## Contact Tracing

Attendance must be taken at every session and maintained on hand, available upon request, for a period of at least thirty (30) days following any session. This may be done by TeanSnap or other attendance tool.

## Proof of Double Vaccination Requirement

As of November 17, 2021 the PHO Order on Gatherings and Events was updated lessening the requirement for proof of vaccination for sport. See ViaSport chart below.

## Return to Sport Restart 2.0



**DUE TO EVOLVING PUBLIC HEALTH PROTOCOLS, THIS INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME. This chart is current as of November 17, 2021.\*\***

Where to show proof of vaccine (two doses) as of October 24, 2021.

	OUTDOOR SPORT	INDOOR SPORT
YOUTH SPORT (0-21 years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proof of vaccination is <b>NOT REQUIRED</b>:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth (21 and younger) participating in sport events and programming</li> <li>Supervisors* for youth sport events and programming</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proof of vaccination is <b>NOT REQUIRED</b>:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth (21 and younger) participating in sport events and programming</li> </ul> </li> <li>Proof of vaccination is <b>REQUIRED</b>:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supervisors*(12 and older) for youth sport events and programming</li> <li>Youth (12 and older) participating in sport programming and events primarily intended for adults</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
ADULT SPORT (22 years and older)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proof of vaccination is <b>NOT REQUIRED</b>:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adults participating in outdoor sports, including for those who come indoors to use amenities such as change rooms and meeting rooms for groups under 51.****</li> </ul> </li> <li>NOTE: Additional regional health orders are in place in <b>Fraser East***, Interior and Northern Health</b>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proof of vaccination is <b>REQUIRED</b>:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adult participants and supervisors* of sport events and programming</li> <li>Adults participating with youth (21 and younger) in sport events and programming</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
SPECTATORS (12 years and older)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proof of vaccination is <b>NOT REQUIRED</b>.</li> <li>NOTE: Additional regional health orders are in place in <b>Fraser East***, Interior and Northern Health</b>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proof of vaccination is <b>REQUIRED</b> at all sport events and programs</li> </ul>

## NOTES

\*Supervisor refers to a person leading, supporting or assisting a sport activity, but who is not working as an employee. This includes parents.

Adult sport means organized individual or group sport activities for those aged 22 and older. Examples include, but are not limited to, adult league soccer, masters swim group, drop-in adult hockey, and adult badminton.

Pools: The Order does not apply to those participating in swimming and other activities in pools. Non-employed supervisors must show proof of vaccination.

Sport facilities and organizations may implement stricter requirements at their discretion.

\*\*\*\*Restaurants, food or liquor premises, and all other events and gatherings must follow Proof of Vaccination requirements as outlined in the Order.

\*\* The interpretation of when proof of vaccination is required has been confirmed by the Office of the Provincial Health Officer.

\*\*\* Fraser East consists of the following communities: Hope, Chilliwack, Abbotsford, Mission and Agassiz/Harrison