

**June 8, 2021 Return to Play Plan –
Coed and Over-48s Soccer
[BCGESS and SVICSA]**

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Overview

This Return to Play plan covers the BC Government Employees Soccer Society [BCGESS] and South Vancouver Island Classics Soccer Association [SVICSA]. There is overlap in the membership of these groups, and they frequently scrimmage together, especially outside their regular seasons.

- BCGESS [often called government coed] is a league of 18 teams which usually plays from April to August
- SVICSA is a league of 32 teams with divisions for Over-40, over-48, over-55 and an over-60s scrimmage group. The season runs from September to March, with a smaller summer league.

Public Health Regulations

- Players will follow guidelines created by BC Soccer, Soccer Canada, and ViaSport, plus any particular to the field provider.
- During Phase 1, a maximum of two teams will train together on one field. No games will be played until ViaSport guidelines allow, as clarified by BC Soccer. At that time, regular BCGESS games will begin. SVICSA games will begin in September, provided guidelines allow.
- Players will not attend if they are ill, or they show any symptoms such as:
 - Fever, Chills, New or worsening cough, Shortness of breath, New muscle aches or headache, and/or Sore throat
- Players will not attend if they:
 - Have travelled outside of Canada within the last 14 days
 - Are a close contact of a person who tested positive for Covid19
- Hu Wallis will appoint a group member who will screen all participants prior to entry to log attendance and answer the following screening questions at every session.
 - The participant and their household is symptom free
 - The participant and their household has not travelled outside Canada in the last 14 days
 - The participant is not caring for or come into contact with anyone who is a presumptive case or confirmed case of Covid-19
- Hu Wallis or his alternate will collect and retain every session's participant attendance lists for 30 days. Attendance list is to include participants, first and last name, phone number and email.

Personal Protection

- Players will avoid touching their eyes, nose or mouth during their time in the facility
- Players will not spit during play
- Players will wash their hands frequently before and after each session
 - Or if not able, Players will use hand sanitizer before and after each session
- Players will wear masks and maintain 2m distance, except on the field of play

Arrival/Departure at the Venue

- Players will arrive no more than five (5) minutes before and after scheduled time.
- Players understand there is no access to change rooms or showers.
- Players will arrive in full sport specific equipment and follow any posted signage on where to enter and exit the venue
- Players and spectators will not congregate in the parking areas, or public areas before, during or after indoor turf related activities

Physical Distancing during sessions

- As per Via Sport, no physical distancing is required during play.
- No more than 50 bodies maybe at the field at any one time.
- No handshakes or high fives
- Players will use individual water bottles – the sharing of water bottles is prohibited
- Players will not share personal equipment [gloves, etc]
- Players won't huddle or conference in close quarters before, during or after the game/practice
- When off the field of play, players will maintain 2m distancing, and wear masks
- No spectators will be allowed in Phase 1. When Phase 2 begins, we will manage spectators, and if any do attend, they shall adhere to the principal of physical and social distancing and stay to the designated spectator areas.

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