



Communique # 7 – September 4, 2020

Framework Approval for the ‘Second Stage’ Return to Responsible Play

‘Second Stage’ – The “Cohort” Model

Dear Field Hockey BC Members

On behalf of the Field Hockey BC (FHBC) Board of Directors, I am delighted to announce that the Second Stage Responsible Return to Play Framework (for field hockey in BC) has now been officially approved. The FHBC Board of Directors met on the evening of September 3, 2020 to further consider this second stage framework progression, a progression made possible following the recent release of stage two guidelines by the BC Provincial Government agency viaSport.

The now approved second stage responsible return to play framework (date stamped September 3, 2020) will be disseminated to LSO senior contacts, posted on the home page of the FHBC website (www.fieldhockeybc.com), and referenced through Society social media channels. As required, a copy of the approved second stage framework will also be sent to viaSport for public posting on the viaSport website (www.viasport.ca). Such public posting acts as the official catalyst allowing the PSO and LSO's to move forward to implementation.

As was the case for the first stage framework, the now approved second stage framework provides guidance as to the minimum standard expected for active implementation and we once again draw your particular attention to the required safety protocols, the required completion of attestation forms, and at this second stage the detail pertaining to the creation and management of the ‘Cohort’ model. It remains everyone's responsibility whether it be planning for implementation or direct active participation to remain vigilant in the execution of safety protocols, and in doing so help to maintain a high level of participant confidence.

LSO's may now develop and refine activity plans and look to the necessary steps to secure appropriate facility permits for second stage implementation. Please remember that second stage activity plans are required to be posted on your LSO website for public access. As we take this next step towards a return to modified game-based field hockey activity, I wish everyone the very best for what should be an enjoyable start to a new season.

Yours in sport,

Mark Saunders

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