



Communique #11 – May 31, 2021

PHO Order Interpretation (Second Edition from May 25th PHO Announcement)

Return to Responsible Play - Restart 2.0

Dear Field Hockey BC Members

Following Return to Responsible Play meetings with viaSport BC earlier today, I am writing to follow-up on the previous FHBC Communique #10 sent out on May 25th, 2021. As promised, FHBC will be providing updates as new information is received regarding the interpretation of Provincial Health Office (PHO) order announcements and expectations for the Organized Sport Sector. There are still areas of the latest announcement regarding PHO order interpretation and 'Restart 2.0' that require clarification, especially as it relates to the definition and environmental expectation of 'tournaments' and 'competitions', however the following is sent as both a reminder and in the case of points 4, 5 and 6 an important update:

1. Both **Adult** members and **Youth** members may return to **Outdoor** field hockey activity.
2. Activity is restricted to a 'Home Club' and the associated local outdoor facility(s).
3. Travel is restricted to a 'Home Club' and the associated local outdoor facility(s) - noting adherence to the current PHO Regional Travel Restriction still applies.
4. Physical Distancing is no longer required for outdoor field hockey activity.
 - This is restricted to the designated field of play AND field infrastructure (team bench areas). Off-field physical distancing 2m and associated COVID safety plans must still be adhered to.
5. Adult group size on any single outdoor field facility should be restricted to within the 'Rule of 50'.
6. There is no maximum group size for Youth to allow for greater flexibility in delivery (eg. Adult supervision)
 - Subject to Municipal and/or Operator/Owner rules and regulations, LSO's may now decide what is reasonable in the numbers of Youth members able to access a single outdoor field of play facility. Municipal or Operator rules and regulations must be adhered to which may require adherence to specific group size limit set by the Municipality or facility Operator.
7. There is no need or requirement to form participant cohorts.
8. With no requirement for cohort modelling, members within a 'Home Club' may interact within a training and/or game play environment.
9. COVID Safety Plans must still be in place and adhered to.
10. Attestation Form completion ahead of participant activity is still required.
11. No spectators are permitted at this time.
12. The requirement for a new PSO Responsible Return to Play Framework aligning to 'Restart 2.0' still requires further viaSport BC and Provincial Government guidance.

Further FHBC Return to Responsible Play communiques to the membership will follow as FHBC receives greater clarity and interpretation over time. In the meantime, FHBC very much appreciates our memberships continued patience as we progressively move towards an exciting post-COVID new norm for the Organized Sport Sector.

For further detail regarding Field Hockey's COVID-19 response and to access the Responsible Return to Play Framework documentation, please access this information housed on the Field Hockey BC website at: <https://fieldhockeybc.com/covid-19-response/>. Further reference material can be found on the viaSport BC website at <https://www.viasport.ca/return-sport>.

Yours in sport,

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