



To The Point

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I don't know what day it is anymore



And I'm too afraid to ask

Return to Play update

The State of Emergency in BC has been extended for 2 more weeks (to June 9), with “no likely end in sight” per Premier John Horgan in his May 27th televised briefing.

viaSport submitted their Sport Sector Return to Sport guidelines, and the Government and WorkSafe BC have reviewed and approved the document.

BC Archery's COVID committee developed a Return to Play Plan and Workbook which has been approved by the Board and is ready for publishing. This plan and workbook supplements the requirements of viaSport and the government. It should not be used as a stand-alone document, but rather in conjunction with the guidelines published by viaSport and the Province of BC.

At this time, affiliated clubs should review these documents and develop plans specific to their own venues.

viaSport's document includes a [Return to Sport Activity Chart](#) which outlines the types of activities that can be considered as we transition through the various return phases. Note that we are currently in the second column, “Transition Measures”, which lasts until at least September. This chart should be viewed in conjunction with Provincial and local Health orders and recommendations, which include gatherings of fewer than 50, and adhere to requirements of your posted plan, which should follow the guidelines provided by viaSport and BC Archery.

It is still the advice of public health officials to move ahead slowly.

According to the Provincial Health Office, every organization is required to publicly share their Return to Activity Plans. These plans must be developed prior to reopening your facility. Every person attending your venue should have access to your Plans in order to understand the risks of attending and understand what is required of them if they choose to participate.

The health and safety of our members is not a trivial matter.

Archers, your frustration is shared by all of us. We want to be back shooting arrows as much as you do. We want to ensure that it is safe to do so, and that we are acting reasonably and prudently. But the onus is not only on the Association and the clubs. You, the athletes and participants, also need to ensure that you are doing your part. Please have patience while clubs navigate new protocols. Do not attend if you have been in contact with , or you yourself have, COVID-19 symptoms. Follow the new rules that will be set by each facility.

Steps:

1. viaSport Sport Sector Return-to-Sport guidelines approved and published
2. BC Archery reviews Archery's plan to align with the viaSport plan
3. BC Archery publishes plan & associated workbook
4. Clubs to create/review their plans to align with the BC Archery Plan and, where applicable, the plans of the facility-owner (recreation facility, municipality, landlord, etc)
 - Ensure that club plans are specific to your facility
 - Club-plans to be approved by the club's board of directors
 - Clubs to publish their plans
5. Reopen sport, following the plan, and following provincial/municipal recommendations.

Find the BC Archery Return to Play Plan and Workbook, along with many other resources, [on our website](#).

Participant responsibility

Safe return to sport is everyone's responsibility: Archers, club admins, volunteers, all of us! If we all do our part, we can get back to shooting and enjoying our sport.

- ⇒ Stay home if you have symptoms or have been around someone with symptoms
- ⇒ Follow the rules set by your club and those of BC Archery, the municipality and the province
- ⇒ Stay in your home community. Don't attend clubs where you're not a member and avoid travel.
- ⇒ Control your expectations
 - ⇒ There will be no formal competitions until further notice
 - ⇒ If you have not had a safe place to practice the last few months, lower your personal performance expectations while you get up to speed
 - ⇒ Start slow; consider lowering your draw weight, shoot shorter distances, shoot fewer arrows. Increase gradually.
- ⇒ Have patience with the process
 - ⇒ Club admins are trying their best to provide you with access to the range while still ensuring that your health and safety are looked after
 - ⇒ Follow the club's new rules. Also,
 - ⇒ Don't stay longer than your allocated time (others want to shoot too!)
 - ⇒ Pre-register, don't just show up and expect to be accommodated
 - ⇒ Make sure you understand the new protocols. Ask what you are expected to bring, like a chair, your own water, target pins, sanitizer, etc.
- ⇒ Offer to help! Your club's volunteers are working harder than ever. Ask what you can do to make it easier to keep the club running.

In the words of Dr. Bonnie Henry:

BE KIND, BE CALM, BE SAFE