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VIA EMAIL

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Attention: BC Soccer Full/Associate Members and Affiliated Soccer Clubs

From: BC Soccer

Re: June 10, 2020 - BC Government Announcement re: Liability Coverage

Dear Full/Associate Members and Affiliated Clubs,

We continue working to provide information and updates as things change and evolve to best support you as we collectively work through the ongoing impacts of the current situation.

As you are all aware, risk and liability has been a concern as we collectively look to return to soccer. Today, we are pleased to share the news that the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture announced a Ministerial Order extending liability protection to not-for-profit amateur sport organizations for damages resulting from exposure to COVID-19. This liability protection applies as long as sport organizations are complying with orders from the provincial health officer and following viaSport's Return to Sport Guidelines. For BC Soccer Members and Affiliated Clubs, that mean following the Canada Soccer approving *BC Soccer's Return to Play Phase 1 Plan – Recommendations and Guidelines*.

Today's announcement serves to protect the directors, officers, staff and volunteers of not-for-profit sport organizations recognized under the B.C. Societies Act. We are still waiting for more detailed information from ViaSport around claim procedures and timing, however, we have been informed that this Order is in effect immediately and until the state of emergency is lifted.

You can read the Province of B.C.'s announcement here.

Regardless of the above announcement, we are continuing to explore what insurance options may become available through our broker with different underwriters.

The following two sections are being provided as reminders for the Members and Affiliated Clubs.

Lifting the Sanction of Soccer Activity in BC
Based on Canada Soccer approving *BC Soccer's Return to Play Phase 1 Plan – Recommendations and Guidelines*, the Members and Affiliated Clubs can plan to soccer activity under the terms of the plan. To ensure Members and Affiliated Clubs have sufficient time to complete Canada Soccer's "Return to Soccer Assessment Tool" and establish training programs that adhere to *BC Soccer's Return to Play Phase 1 Plan – Recommendations and Guidelines* and ViaSport's Guidelines, the earliest that on-field sanctioned soccer activity may commence in BC under the terms is June 12, 2020 and only when the Member and/or Affiliated Club has completed the required steps as outlined in the next section.

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Members and Affiliated Clubs Next Steps for Phase 1 Return

For those Members and Affiliated Clubs that do want to offer soccer activity in accordance with the Canada Soccer approved *BC Soccer's Return to Play Plan Phase 1 – Recommendations and Guidelines*, the following four mandatory steps must be completed by a Senior Board or Staff Member (signing officer is ideal):

1. Review *BC Soccer's Return to Play Plan Phase 1 – Recommendations and Guidelines* and *ViaSport's Return to Sport Guidelines for B.C.*
2. Fully complete Canada Soccer's "Return to Soccer Assessment Tool" which requires you to commit to offer soccer activity under the terms in *BC Soccer's Return to Play Plan Phase 1 – Recommendations and Guidelines*.
3. Pass a board motion supporting the soccer activity that your organization is choosing to offer under the terms.
4. Establish the training program(s) and offer the safest possible environment for all participants that choose to participate.

Notes:

- A report from Canada Soccer's "Return to Soccer Assessment Tool" will be provided to the individual completing the assessment, to BC Soccer, and to Canada Soccer.
- As provided in May 13, 2020 memo, it is recommended to use the updated participant waivers provided.

CLICK HERE to access Canada Soccer's "Return to Soccer Assessment Tool".

Kind regards,

BC Soccer

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