

Dear Squash BC Members Club representatives

Squash BC is very pleased to provide the following update.

Working collaboratively with provincial sport organizations including SQBC, viaSport has proposed to the Provincial Health Authority and BC Centre for Disease Control on how to safely move into sport's Phase 3 - Progressively Loosen. Sport has been grouped into 4 categories, with squash in Group C – "sport with sustained contact". On August 24th, the ministry overseeing sport announced the move to Phase 3 – Progressively Loosen, see the [Sport Activity Chart](#) from [viaSport's Return to Sport Guidelines for BC](#). **This new phase allows for a 50-player cohort model and a framework for returning slowly to competitive play, e.g. leagues and tournaments, with modifications and restrictions.**

To learn more about Phase 3 viaSport is hosting a public webinar to provide an overview of the Progressively Loosen phase and answer your questions.

When: Thursday, August 27th at 10:30 am

Who: Municipal and recreation leaders, local sport organizations, facility operators, community stakeholders, interested members of the sport community

How: Register for the webinar [here](#). Pre-submit questions using this [form](#).

Over the next two of weeks SQBC will be providing updated resources supporting our facilities and players in how to safely build back various types of competitive play as we move into the fall season. In the works are a revised Return to Squash (R2S) Guidelines document including the Matrix of Sample Phased-in Squash Activities with Corresponding Risk Mitigations, revised event Sanctioning Rules, and the plan for how leagues and tournaments will run with supporting event documentation. All of this is being built with the guidance of our hard-working R2S Task Force and our league and tournament organizers across the province, and then submitted for approval to the Squash BC Board.

Hang tough and stay with your existing plans and programs, we are working hard to get this next phase defined and implemented. Even in moving to Phase 3 of sport the key factors that continue to be important, including:

- Continued enhanced hygiene measures
- Minimizing close physical proximity – any sport that has close proximity or physical contact should be done within a cohort
- Limiting the number and duration of contacts between different participants (when physical distancing is not possible)
- Maintaining physical distancing when not participating in the sport activities (e.g. pre- and post-game).

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me at executive.director@squashbc.com,

Thanks,
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