

Dear Squash BC Facility members,

I know that with the start of a new year we were all hoping of an easing of restrictions. However, given the current situation in BC with rising COVID numbers it is not surprising that yesterday, Dr. Bonnie Henry announced the extension of the Provincial Health Authority (PHO) order of December 7, 2020, and its application through to February 5, 2021.

viaSport has provided additional clarification ([click here](#)) to the Public Health Office (PHO) order on December 28th and this affects all sport in BC. These updates change Squash BC's previous recommendations for safe play as seen below.

- Adult group sport is defined as sporting activities involving more than one person 22 years of age and older and includes training and practice for an individual or a team sport but does not include sport activities for children or youth, varsity sport or high-performance athlete sport activities.
- **If the adult group sport is indoors, only two persons participate – maximum of two people on court whether a singles or doubles court e.g., 2 players or one player and one coach.**
- **Adult participants must maintain a distance of 3 metres from one another while engaged in the group sport, unless the participants reside in the same private residence.**
- Youth category has been extended to under 22 years of age, but does not change any of the restrictions for maintaining a distance of 3 metres from one another while on court, unless in the same private residence. Click [here](#) for details.

Squash BC is supportive of activities to keep your members on court safely during this extended period of province-wide restrictions, and recommends focusing on drills and skills, which create a more manageable time on court. While theoretically games can be played if 3m distance can be maintained at all times, this is not likely feasible given how most players play and the dimensions of the singles court.

For reference, the latest PHO order can be found here, <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/restrictions>

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards

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