



**British Columbia
Table Tennis Association**

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COVID-19 Return to Sport Policy

Purpose

This document was developed in an attempt to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 among athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, and spectators.

All table tennis clubs should and must comply both with Provincial Health Office guide lines as well as those issued by viaSport.

Risk Management

1. Participants who show symptoms of a flu, continuous coughing, sneezing, short of breath & other symptoms of COVID-19 are not allowed to enter the premises.
2. Physical distancing (minimum 2 meters) must be observed.
3. Cleaning of equipment after every use.
4. Washrooms / changing rooms to be cleaned after every use.
5. Participants must sign a Waiver of Liabilities. Please refer to Appendix A. (page 4)
6. Extra barriers are to be installed between tables.
7. Front counter should install barriers.
8. Hand sanitizers must be available at the counter and participants must use it before entering the premises.

Facility and Use

9. Daily practice time slots are to be created. Participants must reserve their playing time slot due to capacity control and contact tracing. Drop-ins are not allowed.
10. Arrival times should be close to reserved time slot. If arrived early, participants must wait in their vehicles.
11. At the conclusion of reserved time slots, participants must depart immediately.

12. There should be a break between two time slots for movement of participants.
13. Gloves and mask should be available for staff.
14. Frequent cleaning of high touch areas such as door handles, washroom paper dispensers, countertop area, etc.
15. Parents / legal guardians are not allowed in the premises. They must wait in their vehicles.

Communication to Participants

16. This plan is to be posted on our website as well as in a prominent area of the gym.

Sport Programing

17. Team B.C. Training.

Starting time: TBA

Purpose: To prepare the athletes for the 2021 Canadian National Championships and 2023 Western Canada Winter Games.

A) Athletes are invited to participant in squad training, after which selection of team members will commence, based on performance during training and tournament results.

B) Doubles play and multi-ball practice will resume later.

18. Parents / legal guardians cannot enter the gym. They must wait in their vehicles.

A) For rules, please refer to Appendix B. (page 7)

19. Competition.

Due to the uncertainty of the development of COVID-19, rules for competitions will be developed in a later stage.

However, parameters governing competitions must take into consideration situations that apply to coaches, referees, umpires, volunteers, and spectators.

Appendix A.

British Columbia Table Tennis Association

Release and Waiver of Liabilities, Assumption of Risks, and Indemnity Agreement

1. **IN CONSIDERATION OF** being permitted to participate in any way in British Columbia Tables Tennis Association activities, I and /or my minor child, our personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin:
2. **ACKNOWLEDGE**, agree and represent that I and/or my minor child understand the nature of table tennis Activities and that I and /or my minor child are qualified in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activities. I further agree that if at any time I believe conditions including but not limited to COVID-19 and its consequences, and equipment to be unsafe, I and/or my minor child will immediately discontinue further participation in the Activities.
3. **FULLY UNDERSTAND** that
 - (a) Table Tennis Activities may involve risks and damages of serious bodily injury, including infections of COVID -19 and its consequences permanent disability, paralysis, death, harassment, exposure to inappropriate conduct and language (RISKS)
 - (b) These Risks and dangers may be caused by me and/or my minor child's own actions or inactions, or the actions or inactions of others participating in the Activities, the condition in which the Activities take place. OR, the negligence of the "Releasees" named below.
 - (c) There may be other risks and severe social and economic losses either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time, and **I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITIES** for losses, costs, and damages I and /or my minor child incur as a result of my participation in such Activities.
4. **I HEREBY ACCEPT AND ASSUME** all such risks, known and unknown and assume responsibilities for the losses, costs and/or damages following such injuries, disability, paralysis or death, even if cause in whole or in part by the negligence of the "Releases" named below.

5. **I HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE AND CONVENANT** not to sue British Columbia Table Tennis Association, their respective administrators, directors, directors, agents, officials, volunteers, employees, other participants, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises on which the Activities take place. (Each one considered one of the “Releasees” herein) from all liabilities, claims, demands, losses, or damages on my account, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the “Releasees” or otherwise including negligent rescue operations; and I FUTHRER AGREE, that if, despite this Release and Waiver of Liabilities, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement, I and/or my minor child, or anyone on me and/or my minor child’s behalf makes a claim against any of the Releasees, I will indemnify, save and hold harmless each of the Releasees from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, losses, liabilities, damages or costs which may incur as a result of such claim.

6. **I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, AND UNDERSTAND THAT I GIVEN SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT FREELY AND WITHOUT AN INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE, AND INTENT IT TO BE COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL AND UNCONDITIONAL TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW AND AGREE THAT IF ANY PORTION OF THIS AGREEMENT IS HELD TO BE INVALID, THE BALANCE, NOTWITHSTANDING SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.**

NAME OF PARTICIPANT:

_____	_____	_____
Please print	Signature	Date

NAME OF PARENT /LEGAL GUARDIAN (IF PARTICIPANT IS UNDER 19 YEARS OF AGE)

_____	_____	_____
Please print	Signature	Date

Appendix B

Rules for Team BC training

1. Athletes must sign a Waiver of Liability form.
2. Athletes must arrive dressed in table tennis attire...i.e. no use of changing rooms.
3. Athletes must respect the minimum 2-meter physical distance.
4. Athletes must use the sanitizer to clean their hands at the front counter before entering the gym.
5. Parents nor spectators are NOT allowed in the gym. They must wait in their vehicles.
6. Inspection of each other's rackets are not allowed.
7. Athletes are not allowed to touch the table.
8. Athletes must store their gear under their table ends.
9. Athletes are to use the washroom one at a time.