



BC High Performance Athlete Competition Eligibility

After consultation with viaSport and CSI-Pacific (CSI-P) regarding the High Performance athlete exemption as stated in the BC Provincial Health Order dated **March 31, 2021** (see Section I below), high performance athletes who were **NOT** already in BC as a training home base prior to March 31, 2021 are asked **NOT** to enter BC for the purpose of sport.

At this time and until the Provincial Health Order is amended, only those athletes are on the **Athletics Canada Long List or CSI-P registered athletes** who were in British Columbia as of **March 31, 2021** will be allowed to enter high performance competitions in BC. If there are changes to the Provincial Health Order that allows travel into BC for sport to resume, we will communicate the new orders as soon as possible. If you are an athlete interested in travelling into BC for any scheduled high performance competitions please apply [here](#):

If you are returning back to your home base in BC, please note the following COVID protocols to ensure health and safety of high performance competitions.

Returning BC Based Club, Varsity and CSI-P / Athletics Canada West Hub Athletes

CSI-P/AC West Hub Based Athletes returning home to British Columbia from another province/territory must complete a 14 day period of self-isolation, which can be shortened to 5-7 days with a negative COVID test result (test taken on Day 5), before:

1. Returning to the Athletics Canada Western Hub Training Group:
2. Accessing CSI-P Training Facilities
3. Competing in any BC High Performance Competition.

Athletes returning home to British Columbia from outside of Canada must comply with current Government of Canada COVID-19 travel requirements before returning to their training group/Club and / or entering a competition.

Please note that until **May 25, 2021**, there are travel restrictions in place in BC, restricting travel between provincial zones (Northern/Interior Health, Vancouver Coast/Fraser Health, Island Health). As an example, this means that until **May 25, 2021**, athletes whose home base is on Vancouver Island, should not come to Vancouver for training or competition and vice versa (please note that this is inclusive of those athletes who meet the High Performance athlete exemption of the Provincial Health Order).

BC Athletics will continue to work with Athletics Canada, viaSport and CSI-P to make amendments as the Provincial Health Order allows.

I. HIGH- PERFORMANCE ATHLETES

1. Parts D, E, F and G do not apply to high-performance athletes.
2. A person who is a high-performance athlete who is *already training* in British Columbia may train, practice, compete and travel for that purpose if the person follows the COVID19 safety protocols of the provincial or national sports organization with which the person is affiliated.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19-pho-order-gatherings-events.pdf>

For any questions, please reach out.

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