



Officiating During COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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1. Do I need to wear a face mask at meets?

Each meet will have a Safety Officer, who is part of meet management, who will ensure safety protocols and use of personal protective equipment. Generally, face masks should be worn when officiating, you should keep 2m distance from others, and sanitize equipment after it has been touched by athletes, coaches, officials, etc. More information can be found in the Officiating Protocols on the BC Athletics website.

2. What is the limit on number of people attending a meet—including athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, meet management?

All competitions must follow current BC Health guidelines. Current guidelines limit group gatherings to a maximum of 50 and continued use of physical distancing and hygiene measures.

3. How Many Athletes May Compete in a Track Event?

- A maximum of 8 athletes per race on the Track.
- Laned Events should leave an open lane between competitors to allow for Physical Distancing
- Non-laned Events (i.e. Middle Distance / Distance)
 - Athletes are encouraged but not required to keep 2m of separation during the event.
 - Athletes who compete in an event where physical distancing is not possible are required to refrain from competition for a period of two weeks. For the avoidance of doubt, an athlete may compete on weekend #1, sit out weekend #2 and self monitor (they may continue to train with club/training group during this time), and compete again weekend #3.
 - Physical Distancing (Minimum of 2 meters separation) should be maintained when not competing. (i.e. start line)

4. How Many Athletes May Compete in a Field Event?

A maximum of 8 athletes per event. Physical Distancing (Minimum of 2 meters separation) should be maintained at all times.

5. Do I need to travel to officiate?

It is recommended that individuals remain primarily within their home region when travelling for sport in order to limit the number of groups that they are coming into contact with. You may be asked, or volunteer, to travel to meets within your region. You do not have to travel if you prefer not to.

Officiating protocols may vary across regions, municipalities, cities, and communities (more than the Prov Health Officer/Govt of BC) as directed by the Local Health Authorities. Any differences will be communicated to officials via the Event Director and the Safety Officer.

6. Do I need to quarantine if I travel to officiate?

At this point in time, there is no requirement to quarantine for BC officials traveling to meets within BC.

7. What happens if I decline an opportunity to officiate?

The decision to officiate at a meet is a personal choice by the official. There is no obligation to officiate and it will not impact your standing within BC Athletics (e.g., upgrading pathway).

8. Where do I find more information on officiating under COVID-19?

Officiating protocols for each of the disciplines can be found on the BC Athletics website [Here](#).