

Officiating under COVID-19

April 14, 2021

Officials are reminded to keep up to date on latest COVID guidelines via the [COVID-19 Updates](#) available on the BC Athletics website. The Office of the Provincial Health Officer (PHO) Orders and viaSport application of these to Sport and BC Athletics application of these specifically to Athletics are regularly reviewed and updated to reflect the state of affairs in BC. The latest guidelines include the following:

1. Officials must wear masks all the time – whether indoors or outdoors.
2. Officials who have been vaccinated:
 - a. Must continue to follow all the Health and Safety Guidelines. The Provincial Health Officer and Ministry of Health are the only authorities that can ease/relax the current restrictions. **There is, as per the bi-weekly online updates with viaSport staff and all PSO leaders – no flexibility or exception to PHO orders whether the individual is vaccinated or not.**
 - b. The current restrictions are for those **who are vaccinated** and for those **who are not vaccinated**:
 - i. Do not attend an event if you are not feeling well, have had contact within the last 14 days with someone who has test positive for COVID.
 - ii. Must follow all Health and Safety Protocols in place at the In-Club or Varsity Performance Trials or approved High Performance Competitions.
 - iii. Must wear a mask both indoors and outdoors when at an event to Officiate.
 - iv. Must maintain physical distance of 3 metres.
 - v. Must only officiate for the 1st or 2nd claim clubs at In-Club or Varsity Performance Trials - Unless it is for a High Performance Competition. If unsure of the level of the event (In-Club, Varsity, High Performance) contact Megann VanderVliet megann.vandervliet@bcathletics.org or Clif Cunningham clifton.cunningham@bcathletics.org to confirm.
 - vi. For High Performance competitions, draw Officials from the local community and region whenever possible.
 - vii. As per the March 19th, 2021 PHO Order and application of these by viaSport for Sport in BC:
 1. Although there is some flexibility to allow for participants to travel short distances to reach a home club, the intention of the Order is to **minimize travel for sport activities, and to stay close to home**. For example, participants from Vancouver Island should not travel to the Lower Mainland, from the Kootenays to the Okanagan, or from the North to Okanagan.
3. **Note:** PHO Orders, Restrictions on Sport and Specifically to Athletics can change from one day to the next, without consultation, warning or lead time.