

Return to Play Plan



Fall / Winter

2020/21

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide the details of Surrey United Soccer Club's (the "Club") Return to Play Plan ("RTPP") for the 2020/21 Fall/Winter season programming. This plan is intended to be read in parallel with the guidelines of governing bodies within government and within soccer. On June 3, 2020, Canada Soccer rated this RTPP as "low risk". This plan and all referenced material are intended to support informed decision-making by our members, volunteers, coaches, and other representatives of the Club related to their participation in the Club's programs.

Return to Play Guidelines

In June 2020, two very important documents were released related to the soccer community's return to play and are current as of the date of this publication. These documents are referenced and linked below and provide the foundation and guidelines that are included in this Return to Play Plan.

Monday June 1st: [ViaSport Return to Sport Guidelines](#)

Wednesday June 3rd: [BC Soccer Return to Play Plan](#)

Providing a Clean, Safe Environment

Fortunately, soccer is predominantly an outdoor sport in British Columbia and therefore, our fields are one of the safer environments for sports activity. We have completed a WorkSafeBC BC COVID-19 Safety Plan to ensure the environment in which we are all participating within is safe for players, technical staff and volunteers. The Club has implemented the following health and safety precautions in providing a clean and safe environment.

Clubhouses

- To avoid unnecessary gathering and potential contamination, both Clubhouses will remain closed except with advanced, written permission from the Club President or Senior Vice President.

Changerooms

- All changerooms will be unavailable to all players.
- Changerooms may be used by the Club for sanitization of equipment exclusively.

Equipment

- Club academy and programs will use SUSC equipment which will be sanitized by the Club each day with recommended sanitization products and stored in the same location after use.
- Teams will be provided with their own equipment (cones, balls) to ensure contact on surfaces remains extremely limited. Team equipment may not be handled / touched by an individual other than that team's coach(es) at any time.

Fields

- Fields will have one entrance and one exit only. Adherence to entry and exit points must be followed by all participants, volunteers, and staff for the safety of all members.
- Session start and end times will be staggered to permit coaches and players the opportunity to attend training sessions within appropriate physical distancing requirements and guidelines of health authorities and to lower the number of individuals at the park at any given time.
- Player backpacks will be physically distanced from other player's bags in adherence to the requirements and guidelines of health authorities. When training occurs within a fenced field, the fence posts will be used for placement of player's belongings in an appropriately distanced manner.
- Washing stations with soap will be available at the main field, Cloverdale Athletic Park, for ease of hand washing of players, technical staff, and volunteers in a heavily populated environment.

Parks

- Park maps have been developed to indicate directional flow, player meeting areas, and training space entrances and exits which must be adhered to by all players, team staff, and parents/guardians. [<CLICK HERE FOR PARK MAPS>](#)
- Parents and guardians are requested to stay in their vehicles during all training sessions or to leave the park and pick up their athlete in a pre-arranged location at the end of their session to avoid any additional physical distancing challenges or risks to the players and Club staff / volunteers.
- Parents viewing sessions along the fences may jeopardize the maximum occupancy permissions of each field granted to the Club by the City of Surrey and parent cooperation is necessary for compliance and the safety of all other members.

Measures to Keep People Safe

Illness Policy

The Club has issued a new Illness Policy that must be followed by all in attendance at or participating in any way in Club programming or events. Failure to abide by the terms of the policy will result in removal from the session and the most blatant cases, removal from Club for either the remainder of the program or the season, at the Club's sole discretion. [CLICK HERE FOR POLICY](#)

Players

All adult players must complete a Fall/Winter [Return to Play Participant Agreement](#) before they will be permitted to participate in any Club-affiliated training session. Failure to complete this Agreement will restrict players from participation in any Club or Club affiliated program or event. A new Return to Play Participant Agreement is required for Fall/Winter season programming even if the player has signed one previously for other, summer Return to Play programming.

Players must use the [RTP Player Checklist](#) to remind themselves of the steps they must take to participate in Club programs before, during and after every session. This checklist includes the requirement for players to dress at home and arrive in their kit and cleats. This checklist also includes the requirement for all players to have their belongings in a single bag/backpack with a personal water bottle and their own hand sanitizer clearly labelled with their name for all training sessions to avoid use by any other individual. This also includes the requirement for a COVID-19 self assessment prior to attending any Club training session.

Technical Staff, Club Volunteers

All technical staff and Club volunteers must complete a [Return to Play Agreement – Technical Staff and Volunteers](#) before they will be permitted to participate in any Club program or event.

Coaches and Managers must use the [RTP Coach/Manager Checklist](#) to remind themselves of the steps they must take to participate in Club programs before, during and after every session. This includes the requirement for a COVID-19 self assessment prior to attending any Club program or event.

Personal Protective Equipment kits are available for instances in which a technical staff member or volunteer coach/manager find themselves unable to socially distance in an emergency (i.e., an injury on the field).

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Technical Programs

The Club will be following BC Soccer's Return to Play plan set out here:

| | Strictest Controls Prior to May 19, 2020 | Transition Measures Approx. May 19th to Sept | Progressively Loosen Future date TBC | New Normal Future date TBC |
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| Restrictions In Place | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain Physical Distance (2m) No non-essential travel | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain Physical Distance (2m) No non-essential travel No group gatherings over 50 people | Refer to PHO and local health authorities | Refer to PHO and local health authorities |
| Enhanced Protocols | Increased hand hygiene | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased hand hygiene Symptom Screening in place | Increased hand hygiene | Increased hand hygiene |
| Facility | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor or within home Facilities and playgrounds closed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor is safest Indoor facilities slowly re-opening | Outdoor/Indoor | Outdoor/Indoor |
| Participants | Individual activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small Groups No or limited spectators | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Groups sizes may increase Limited spectators | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large groups allowed No restrictions on spectators |
| Non-contact Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low risk outdoor activities can occur (biking, running, etc). Virtual activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fundamental movement skills Modified training activities, drills | Expansion of training activities | No restrictions on activity type |
| Contact Activities | Should not occur | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should not occur Contact sports should look for non-contact alternatives to training | Introduction to pair or small group contact skills | No restrictions on activity type |
| Competition* | Should not occur | In club play or modified games may slowly be introduced | Interclub or regional game play may be considered | Provincial competitions and larger scale events may return |
| Equipment | No shared equipment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimal shared equipment Disinfect any shared equipment before, during and after use | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some shared equipment Enhanced cleaning protocols in place | Shared equipment |

DISCLAIMER

This Return to Play Plan is intended to be used for the purposes set in this document. While we have written this RTPP with relevant and timely information, information known about the COVID-19 coronavirus and recommended health and safety measures can rapidly change no guarantee can be given as to completeness of any information provided in this RTPP.

In the event of an ambiguity or conflict between this RTPP, its referenced documents and the *Public Health Act*, regulations, or orders thereunder, the *Public Health Act*, regulations and orders prevail. Nothing in this document is intended to provide legal advice.

This document contains links to third party web sites. Links are provided for convenience only and the Club does not guarantee its accuracy, timeliness, or fitness for a particular purpose. The information in those links may be updated from time to time.

Anyone choosing to participate in any Club program does so at their voluntary and sole risk. Choosing to participate is a personal decision that must be made with full information. Where a participant is identified as a "high risk" individual doctor's permission is strongly recommended before participation in any Surrey United Soccer Club activities.