

Return to Play Plan



June 2020

### Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide the details of Surrey United Soccer Club's (the "Club") Return to Play Plan ("RTTP"). 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 RTTP 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. These documents are referenced and linked below and provide the foundation and guidelines that are included in this Return to Play Plan.

Monday June 1<sup>st</sup>: [ViaSport Return to Sport Guidelines](#)

Wednesday June 3<sup>rd</sup>: [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.
- All meetings will be hosted and attended online.

#### Changerooms

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

#### Equipment

- Equipment will be sanitized by the Club after every session with recommended sanitization products.
- Equipment may not be handled / touched by an individual other than the session coach at any time.
- Equipment will be stored in the same, secure location after the final session of each day.

#### Fields

- Fields will have one entrance and one exit only.
- 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.
- Player backpacks will be placed in designated spaces along the fence only, physically distanced from any other player's bag in adherence to the requirements and guidelines of health authorities.
- Washing stations with soap will be available at every session and at each field for continued hand washing of players, technical staff, and volunteers.

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### Parks

- Only Cloverdale Athletic Park will be used for Club programming in the early stages of Return to Play.
- Park maps have been developed to indicate traffic flow, waiting areas, and pickup/drop off locations [<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 at the end of the session to avoid any additional physical distancing challenges or risks to the players and Club staff / volunteers.

## Measures to Keep People Safe

### Check-In Requirements

In the initial stage of Return to Play, all players, technical staff and volunteers attending any Club programming after June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 will be asked to check in using the TeamLinkt app. This application is similar to TeamSnap but the Club has made it and all its advanced features available to Club members free of charge. All coaches and managers are asked to become familiar with this app for future Club programming. The scheduling module of this app will serve as check in – “*available*” will be interpreted as “*in attendance*” or the roster feature can be used each session as the official attendance mechanism for player/staff check in. This will assist the health officials in the event of any COVID-19 outbreak. For information on TeamLinkt and the necessary information to download this free of charge please [CLICK HERE](#).

### 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 and parents/guardians of youth players must complete a [Return to Play Participant Agreement](#) before they will be permitted to participate in any Club program or event. Failure to complete this Agreement will restrict players from participation in any Club or Club affiliated program or event.

Players are asked to use the [Pre-Session 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.

### 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 are asked to use the [Pre-Session 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 self assessment prior to attending any Club program or event.

Technical Staff and Club volunteers will be educated on all sanitization requirements. Personal Protective Equipment kits have been assembled for any instance a technical staff member or volunteer 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
Restrictions in Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain Physical Distance (2m)</li> <li>No non-essential travel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain Physical Distance (2m)</li> <li>No non-essential travel</li> <li>No group gatherings over 50 people</li> </ul>	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"> <li>Increased hand hygiene</li> <li>Symptom Screening in place</li> </ul>	Increased hand hygiene	Increased hand hygiene
Facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outdoor or within home</li> <li>Facilities and playgrounds closed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outdoor is safest</li> <li>Indoor facilities slowly re-opening</li> </ul>	Outdoor/Indoor	Outdoor/Indoor
Participants	Individual activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Small Groups</li> <li>No or limited spectators</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Groups sizes may increase</li> <li>Limited spectators</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Large groups allowed</li> <li>No restrictions on spectators</li> </ul>
Non-contact Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low risk outdoor activities can occur (biking, running, etc).</li> <li>Virtual activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fundamental movement skills</li> <li>Modified training activities, drills</li> </ul>	Expansion of training activities	No restrictions on activity type
Contact Activities	Should not occur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Should not occur</li> <li>Contact sports should look for non-contact alternatives to training</li> </ul>	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"> <li>Minimal shared equipment</li> <li>Disinfect any shared equipment before, during and after use</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some shared equipment</li> <li>Enhanced cleaning protocols in place</li> </ul>	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.