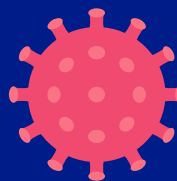


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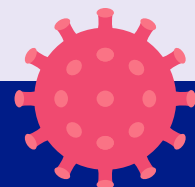
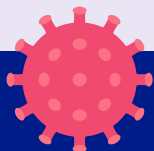
## Sports Phased Return to Play Guidance

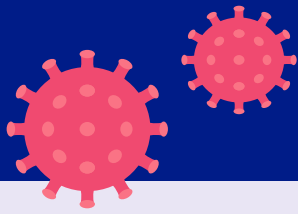


The Government of Bermuda recognizes the roles that our National Sport Governing Bodies have played in the social, physical, mental and emotional wellbeing of the citizens of Bermuda. During this unprecedented time most of our normal activities have been suspended or compromised due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We recognize the role sports can play in providing outlets to combat the impacts of the pandemic. We as a country must maintain a balance between our need for sporting activities and the health and safety of our citizens. In collaboration with the Department of Health, National Security Department, Association of National Sport Governing Bodies and Department of Youth, Sport & Recreation we provide a phased “The Return to Play” procedural guidelines for sports.

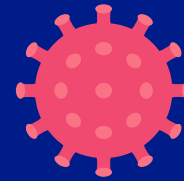
### **STAGE 1: NON-COMPETITIVE TRAINING FOR EXERCISE AND TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT**

- Maximum of 10 persons allowed which includes coach or instructor
- No contact during exercise or technical development activities
- New group of 10 persons should arrive at least 30 minutes (to allow for cleaning of equipment) after existing group has vacated
- 6 feet between participants should be observed at all times (wearing of mask required except during physical exertion)
- No fans allowed during Phase 1





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## STAGE 2: TEAM TRAINING

- Return to team training will be guided by Health Department's assessment on the active COVID-19 cases in Bermuda and what is deemed the appropriate numbers that can participate
- No contact during exercise or technical development activities
- 6 feet between participants should be observed at all times (wearing of mask required except when doing an activity)
- New groups should arrive at least 30 minutes (to allow for cleaning of equipment) after existing group has vacated
- No fans allowed during Phase 2

## STAGE 3: CONTACT SPORTS TEAM TRAINING TO PREPARE FOR COMPETITION

- Full competitive training will be guided by Health Department's assessment on the **downward** number of active COVID-19 cases in Bermuda
- Sporting training activities and persons will be able to participate as normal to prepare for competition
- No competitive competition allowed vs other teams/clubs/groups
- Participants and officials of contact sports must have a negative COVID-19 Test, taken not more than 5 days before training in order to resume Stage 3 activities. The test must be repeated every 28 – 30 days.
- New groups should arrive at least 30 minutes (to allow for cleaning of equipment) after existing groups to avoid large gatherings
- The maximum numbers allowed at a venue will be guided by the Health Department's assessment of the existing state of Bermuda as it relates to the spread of COVID-19

## STAGE 4: RETURN TO PLAY

- Sports can compete and participate within the allowed COVID restrictions per Public Health Regulations and Guidance
- Participants and officials of contact sports must have a negative COVID-19 Test taken within the last 30 days in order to take part in Stage 4 activities. The test must be repeated every 28 – 30 days.

- Fans permitted with COVID-19 restrictions
- Maximum numbers allowed at venues will be guided by the advice of the Health Department
- Any positive test shall result in mandatory testing for all within the team/group that are in the same sport bubble. The quarantined sport bubble must be reported to Maceo Dill (Sports Development Officer) [mdill@gov.bm](mailto:mdill@gov.bm)
- Public Health clearance will be required before any athlete/coach that has previously tested positive to be allowed back into sports
- Teams/Sports Persons that participate in public sporting events shall where possible remain in their sport bubble and refrain from other large public gatherings
- Venue management **MUST** submit a match day operational plan as to how they will manage the crowd. This plan should include the number security that will be on duty and must be an approved ratio based on the size of crowd that will be permitted to be at the event, as per the Public Health Regulations and Guidance.

## PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES

1. Further to the “Phased Return to Play” guidelines all current and applicable COVID-19 Laws shall apply
2. Sports clubs/teams/groups shall develop written protocols for their activities, events and participants in accordance with the phased “Return to Play Guidelines”
3. Protocols where applicable shall provide site plans showing how their activities will operate in accordance with the phased “Return to Play Guidelines”
4. Return to Play plans shall be submitted to Maceo Dill (Sports Development Officer) [mdill@gov.bm](mailto:mdill@gov.bm) for approval
5. Where applicable a site visit will be made to venues
6. Applications to have more than the permitted number of persons to attend an event can be made to the Minister of National Security by completing the online form—Exemption Mass Gathering or emailing [emogroup@gov.bm](mailto:emogroup@gov.bm)

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