

# 1 KBVA - Covid 19 – Return to Play and Safety Plan

There is a hierarchy of guidelines that each of us as KBVA members needs to adhere to so we can play KBVA events. How this works:

1. The Provincial Health Authority puts out guidelines for the province.
2. Via Sport BC implement this plan and make it specific for all sport.
3. Volleyball BC implement this plan and make it specific for all Volleyball.
4. KBVA implements this plan and make it specific to beach volleyball at our events.

## 1.1 Provincial Health Authority

The **Provincial Health authority** released a province wide plan:

(<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/restart#step-one>). Key extracts from this guidance includes:

### 1.1.1 Adult and youth outdoor group and team sports

Outdoor group sports for adults and youth are allowed.

### 1.1.2 Spectators

[Outdoor spectators up to 50 allowed.](#)

### 1.1.3 Travel for sport

[Recreational travel within B.C. allowed.](#)

## 1.2 Via Sport

**Via Sport BC** then implements the provinces plan for all sports: (<https://www.viasport.ca/return-sport>).

Key extracts from this guidance includes:

### 1.2.1 Via Sport Restart plan – Step 2

Maximum group size is 50 for adults (i.e. 22 and over). That 50-person count includes participants, coaches, managers, trainers, and other persons involved in an official capacity under 22)

Physical distance not required on field of play (i.e. contact is allowed). Off field of play, physical distance of 2 m must be maintained.

Up to 50 spectators

## 1.3 Volleyball BC

**Volleyball BC** then implement the Via Sport plan for all Volleyball: (<http://www.volleyballbc.org/return-to-play> and <http://www.volleyballbc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/06152021-A-Phased-Return-to-Volleyball-Plan.pdf>) Key extracts from this guidance includes:

### 1.3.1 Outdoor sport

The Gathering and Events Order prohibits bringing together more than 50 participants as a group, including coaches, officials and any other persons involved. The field of play for volleyball is 1 court. In line with the Order, there can never be more than 50 people on 1 field of play or 1 volleyball court.

There may be multiple volleyball courts at a facility and these are considered separate fields of play. A volleyball program, activity or competition may operate over multiple fields of play but may never bring

more than 50 people together collectively as part of the activity (eg. in an awards ceremony or social gathering)

### 1.3.2 Risk

It is important that all organizations and individuals understand that when you choose to participate in physical activities outside the home during the pandemic – including volleyball - you are at an increased risk of contracting COVID 19. This is an inherent risk of participating in non-essential activities in your community.

### 1.3.3 Risk assessment

After reviewing risk criteria, we consider volleyball to be a MEDIUM risk sport for the contraction of COVID-19 due to the shared use of the ball. Beach volleyball is considered less risky than indoor volleyball. Participants should carefully assess their personal health situation before embarking on this activity.

### 1.3.4 Acknowledgement of Risk

Participants should be asked to sign a participant agreement acknowledging their acceptance of the risks.

### 1.3.5 Requirements to re-open

To reopen, each volleyball organization must:

1. Create a COVID-19 Safety Plan that meets the guidelines set out in the Volleyball BC guidance;
2. Gain approval of the COVID-19 Safety Plan from their Board of Directors; and
3. Publish the approved COVID-19 Safety Plan electronically, front and center on the organization's website home page and/or in hard-copy in a conspicuous place.

### 1.3.6 General Hygiene Considerations

- Participants should wash their hands before and immediately following participation in volleyball activities.
- Participants should avoid touching one's face throughout volleyball activities.
- Participants should cover their mouth and nose with a tissue when they cough or sneeze, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash their hands, or sneeze/cough into their elbow.
- There should be no sharing of water bottles, towels, or other personal items.
- Participants should always maintain physical distancing of 2 metres when off the court.
- There should be no unnecessary contact between participants – this includes handshakes, hugs, meeting at the net, and high-fives.
- Participants should not congregate or socialize before or after the activity.
- For contact tracing purposes, retain all participant information for each session of activity. Contact information should be retained securely for 30 days.

I \_\_\_\_\_ have downloaded, read and agreed to be bound by the guidelines set out by the Provincial Health Authority, Via Sport and Volleyball BC at all times during a KBVA event.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**WAIVER OF CLAIMS, RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISKS, AND  
INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (the "Agreement")**

**WARNING: READ CAREFULLY!  
THIS AGREEMENT WILL AFFECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS**

**BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT YOU WILL WAIVE CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING YOUR RIGHT TO SUE. YOU WILL AGREE TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR CERTAIN RISKS AND AGREE TO FULLY INDEMNIFY KITS BEACH VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION AGAINST LEGAL LIABILITY FOR INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE, ILLNESS AND DISEASE (INCLUDING COVID-19)**

**BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT YOU WILL ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE THAT TRANSMISSION OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASE (INCLUDING COVID-19) IS AN INHERENT RISK ASSOCIATED WITH YOUR PARTICIPATION IN VOLLEYBALL ACTIVITIES**

I, the undersigned Participant, understand that this Agreement is a binding legal agreement. Any clarification or questions or concerns must be raised before signing.

I understand that this Agreement is made for the benefit of Kits Beach Volleyball Association (the "**Organization**") and its directors, officers, agents, representatives, employees, volunteers, members, participants, spectators, independent contractors, subcontractors, sponsors, successors and assigns, lessors, and other districts, leagues, clubs or associations (collectively, the "**Releasees**").

I understand that the Organization will not permit me to participate in any volleyball activities organized, offered, or sanctioned by the Organization (the "**Activities**") unless and until this Agreement is signed by me. In consideration of permitting me to participate in the Activities, I acknowledge and agree to the following terms:

**1. ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISKS:** I understand that there are many risks associated with my participation in the Activities (the "**Risks**"). **I UNDERSTAND THAT COVID-19 IS A SIGNIFICANT HEALTH RISK AND CARRIES A HIGH RISK OF TRANSMISSION THROUGH PHYSICAL OR SHARED CONTACT.** I acknowledge that the Risks include, but are not limited to, serious personal injury, death, property damage, illness and disease (e.g. communicable diseases including COVID-19 and influenza). I further acknowledge that I am in the best position to assess the impact that a communicable disease may have on me or on others with whom I may transmit such disease. I understand that the Organization may offer online programming, including remote and virtual instruction, coaching, practice, training or competition, which can carry different Risks than in person Activities. Examples of the Risks include, but are not limited to personal injury, death, property damage or illness resulting from:

- ❖ **HEALTH:** food and beverages, overexertion, dehydration, fatigue, traumatic injury, infections, rashes, and transmission of communicable diseases (including COVID-19 and influenza), bacteria, parasites or other organisms or mutations thereof.
- ❖ **CONDUCT:** my own conduct and conduct of other persons, including any physical altercation between persons.
- ❖ **PREMISES:** defective, dangerous or unsafe condition of the facilities; falls; collisions with objects, walls, equipment or persons; dangerous, unsafe, or irregular conditions on the field of play or other surfaces; extreme weather conditions; and travel to and from premises.
- ❖ **EQUIPMENT:** mechanical failure of the equipment; negligent design or manufacture of the equipment; the provision of or the failure by the Releasees to provide any warnings, directions, instructions or guidance as to the use of the equipment; failure to use or operate the equipment within my ability.

**I FREELY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I AM AWARE OF THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH OR RELATED TO THE ACTIVITIES AND I ACCEPT \_\_\_\_\_**

**AND FULLY ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE RISKS.**

Participant Signature

**2. WAIVER OF CLAIMS, RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY:** I, the undersigned Participant, hereby agree as follows:

- ❖ I hereby waive any and all claims that I have or may have in the future against the Releasees in connection with my participation in the Activities;
- ❖ I hereby release and forever discharge the Releasees from any and all liability for all loss, damage, expense, injury, death, property damage, illness or disease (e.g. communicable diseases including **COVID-19** and influenza) that I, my executors or administrators, or any other third party may suffer as a result of my participation in the Activities due to any cause whatsoever, whether arising from the NEGLIGENCE of the Releasees, breach of any statutory or other duty (including but not limited to the *Occupiers Liability Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 303), breach of contract, mistake or error of judgment of the Releasees, or otherwise; and
- ❖ I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all damages, loss or expense (including legal costs) of any kind resulting from any and all claims, demands, causes of action of any kind whatsoever including those involving negligence on the part of the Releasees that may be made or initiated by, or on behalf of me, arising out of or connected with my preparation for or participation in, or both, or travel to or from any of the activities, events and programs of the Releasees.

**3. REPRESENTATIONS:** I am not relying on any oral, visual or written representations or statements made by the Releasees with respect to the safety of the Activities other than what is set forth in this Agreement.

**4. JURISDICTION:** I agree that this Agreement and all terms contained within are governed by the laws of the Province of British Columbia. I hereby irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the Province of British Columbia. Any litigation in any way relating to the Activities or to the matters addressed in this Agreement must be instituted in the Province of British Columbia.

**5. SEVERABILITY:** If any provision (or part of any provision) in this Agreement is unenforceable, such provision (or part of such provision) shall be severed and shall be inoperative, and the remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

I CONFIRM THAT I HAVE HAD SUFFICIENT TIME TO READ THIS AGREEMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY, INCLUDING ALL OF ITS TERMS, THAT I FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL LEGAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND HAVE AGREED TO THE TERMS FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS AGREEMENT IS BINDING ON ME, MY EXECUTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Participant (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Signature

## KBVA Health Check Questionnaire

To comply with the Provincial Health Officer order, all participants must confirm they have completed a day of participation health check prior to checking in at the registration table for a KBVA event.

Some of these questions may seem personal but they are important to help ensure the health and safety of everyone at the event. No personally identifiable information is recorded.

**Reminder – face masks are required in all areas where physical distancing cannot be maintained.**

**1. Are you experiencing any of the following new or worsening symptoms?**

Fever or Chills	Nausea and/or vomiting
Cough	Extreme fatigue or tiredness
Sore throat	Body aches
Difficulty breathing	Loss of appetite
Diarrhea	Headache
	Loss of sense of smell or taste

Yes  No

**2. Have you traveled outside of Canada, including the United States, within the last 14 days?**

Yes  No

**3. Have you been identified as a close contact of a COVID-positive case by Public Health?**

Yes  No

**4. Have you been told to self-isolate by Public Health?**

Yes  No

If you answered YES to any question (including having just one symptom in question 1) or refuse to answer, you have not passed the health check and cannot participate. You should return home and seek medical advice or use the [BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#).

If you have answered “YES” to questions 2 or 3, you should leave the beach and use the [BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine testing needs for COVID-19 or seek medical advice from your health practitioner.

If you answered “yes” to question 4, you must return home immediately and continue to self isolate according to the Public Health direction received.

If refusing to answer any of the questions, you are reminded we are asking these questions because of an order by the Provincial Health Officer, which is legally enforceable. If you continue to refuse to answer the questions, you may not participate in the event.