

Tourism, Heritage & Culture – Sport & Recreation Branch

COVID-19 WINTER PLAN – LEVEL MEASURES FOR RECREATION AND ORGANIZED SPORT

The information provided in this document reflects the Branch’s efforts to provide clarity and guidance to our partners in the Recreation and Sport sector based on feedback from public health and requirements noted in the [Mandatory Order](#).

The situation is fluid and the guidelines change regularly. The onus is on each organization to understand the restrictions set out by the Province, the recommendations and requirements provided by Public Health, and the Guidelines for New Brunswick Workplaces issued by WorkSafe NB.

- **All organizations/facility operators are required to have a “[Communicable disease prevention plan](#)” (formerly referred to as COVID-19 operational plan) that addresses requirements for mask use, physical distancing, disinfecting, sanitizing and screening and are revised based on GNB level measures.**
- **Recreation and sport organizations should be cautious by assessing and understanding the risk associated with their activities. It is reasonable and acceptable for an organization to adopt stricter requirements depending on the risk assessment of their activities.**
- **Proof of vaccination is required for all indoor organized sport and recreation activities for everyone 12 years and over.**
- **For information on GNB COVID-19 Winter Plan Level Measures see: [GNB COVID-19 Winter Plan Level Measures](#)**

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Masks	Masks mandatory in indoor public spaces including change/locker rooms, meetings, and in outdoor public spaces when physical distancing cannot be maintained Masks are not required by individuals while participating in an organized sport or fitness activity. If some sports are able to incorporate wearing a mask into play or on a team bench, that is encouraged.	Masks mandatory in indoor public spaces including change/locker rooms, meetings, and in outdoor public spaces when physical distancing cannot be maintained <u>Masks are required</u> when not actively engaged in high intensity/aerobic activities, including participants who are not engaged in active play.	
Indoor recreation, fitness and sport facilities	Open with proof of full vaccination	Open with proof of full vaccination 50% capacity Physical distancing of two metres	Closed

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<p>Recreation / Sport and Organized Activities</p>	<p>Practices, games, competitions are permitted for all ages with public health risk mitigation measures in place.</p>	<p>Spectators limited to 50% capacity and physical distancing of two metres</p> <p><u>Children under the age of 12:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Physically distanced practices/training is permitted within a single team/group up to a maximum of 25 athletes (does not include coaches) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o For close-contact sports* (e.g., pairs dance, combat sports) and/or sports that take place in small spaces with poor ventilation (Squash, Racquetball), additional precautions are required to mitigate risk. Close-contact sports may continue to engage in the sport by assigning up to a maximum of 2 individuals to a group that is not interchangeable provided that additional risk mitigation measures be added including but not limited to conducting active screening and requiring participants to provide informed consent and commitment to respect preventative measures during sports activities as well as in their daily lives. - Competitions only allowed for low contact / individual sports* up to 25 athletes (does not include coaches or officials). - Team sport games and competitions are not permitted. - A single team/group is defined as a group having no physical interaction with another group. If the space allows for it, two teams can be on the same playing surface as long as they do not interact with each other. The size of the group should be determined based on the ability to maintain 2m physical distancing during practice. <p><u>Individuals 12 & over (includes adults):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Practices/Training is permitted with a single team/group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Close-contact sports* may continue training by assigning up to a maximum of 5 individuals that is not interchangeable with additional risk mitigation measures. - Team sports are permitted to only have two (2) teams to play each other in a single day. - Team sport* tournaments and close contact sport competitions are not permitted - Competitions for low contact / individual sports* up to 50 athletes (does not include coaches or officials) - Where a person recently turned 12 in 2021 or 2022, that person has 60 days after their 12th birthday to be fully vaccinated before any requirements to show proof of vaccination for <u>practices/training</u> - Children who turn 12 in 2022 (and children who recently turned 12 in 2021) who are fully vaccinated may participate in <u>competitions</u> with the rest of their team who is 12 and over. <p>*see appendix for list of sports</p>	<p>Indoor organized sports and all other organized activities are not permitted</p> <p>Outdoor private lessons that are limited to one child or single-household bubble are permitted provided physical distancing is maintained from any other child or family group.</p> <p>Lodges and other facilities that support outdoor sport must not exceed 50% capacity and must not permit food or drink to be consumed indoors</p> <p>Equipment rentals are permitted. Contacted curbside pickup is encouraged.</p>
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<p>Travel</p>	<p>See GNB COVID-19 Winter Plan Level Measures</p> <p>Organizations are asked to play an active role in identifying where out of region/province/country travel is necessary and where it can be avoided.</p>	<p>Same as Level 1</p>
<p>Contact Tracing & Isolation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Household contacts of individuals who have tested positive either with a rapid POCT or PCR lab-based test <u>MUST isolate and cannot attend organized sport and recreation activities for 10 days after a positive test regardless of vaccination status</u>. After 10 days, an individual who tested positive must be fever-free for at least 24 hours without using fever-reducing medications before attending any organized sport and recreation activities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rapid tests (POCT) should not be used as a tool for participants to return to activities following a positive test. ○ Should a 2nd member of the household test positive a few days later, the isolation period only re-starts for that member who has tested positive. All other household members' isolation end at the initial date, provided they don't have symptoms. • An individual who tests positive is required to notify all people who they were in close contact with 48 hours before that person developed symptoms, OR 48 hours before that person tested positive (whichever came first). • Close contacts of individuals who have tested positive must self monitor for symptoms for 10 days regardless of vaccination status and if close contacts develop any symptoms, immediately cease participation in activities and complete the online assessment form to get tested. • Public Health will not be notifying sport organizations of exposures. A person who tests positive is required to notify their close contacts including sport contacts when applicable who should then follow public health instructions. 	
<p>Additional guidance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Consider passive or active screening as a protective measure prior to activities. When used, screening should remain independent of the participant's vaccination status. ➤ Consider further limiting the number of participants and number of spectators at your events ➤ Consider further limiting the number of games/competitions and/or adjusting the season competition schedule to limit the number of social interactions with various other groups/teams on a weekly basis (eg. double headers vs games against several teams in various regions in the same week) ➤ Where possible, consider keeping groups/teams consistent ➤ Consider having staggered schedules to limit number of individuals entering/exiting at one time ➤ Consider having staggered starts vs mass starts in races ➤ Avoid handshakes with opponents and encourage players to have their own water bottles ➤ Consider posting signage reminding participants to wear masks and maintain physical distancing where applicable; not enter premises if they feel unwell and practice proper hygiene. ➤ Host virtual meetings if possible. 	

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Close Contact Sports	Team Sports	Low Contact / Individual Sports	
Boxing	Basketball	Adaptive Snowsports	Figure Skating
Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu	Baseball	Alpine Skiing	Goalball
Judo	Broomball	Archery	Golf
Karate	Cheerleading	Artistic Gymnastics	Horseshoe
Mixed Martial Arts	Cricket	Artistic Swimming	Lawn Bowling
Muay Thai	Field Hockey	Athletics	Orienteering
Racquetball*	Football	Badminton	Pickleball
Squash*	Hockey	Baton	Powerlifting
Taekwondo	Lacrosse	Biathlon	Road / Cross-Country Running
Wrestling	Olympic Handball	Billiards	Rowing
	Ringette	Boccia	Rhythmic Gymnastics
*close-contact sports or sports in poorly ventilated areas must follow additional measures	Roller derby	Bowling	Sailing
	Rugby	Canoeing/Kayaking	Shooting (skeet or riffle)
	Para Ice hockey	Cross-Country Skiing	Speed Skating
	Soccer	Curling	Swimming
	Softball	Cycling	Table Tennis
	Ultimate	Dance	Tennis
	Volleyball / Beach Volleyball	Darts	Triathlon
	Waterpolo	Diving	Weightlifting
	Wheelchair Basketball	Equestrian	
Wheelchair Rugby	Fencing		
Sports that modify their activities to ensure physical distancing between participants could be considered low contact.		Disciplines within a sport that are predisposed to close contact must conform to the guidance provided for close contact sports.	
<i>Sports not listed here have inadvertently been omitted. Contact the Sport and Recreation Branch for further guidance</i>			