

# PHO UPDATE: What Does This Mean for Hockey?

**Update from viaSport:** During the return to sport process, via Sport's role is to focus on the safe return of participants to sport activities in BC. This continues to be our number-one priority. The current [Public Health Order: Gathering and Events](#) allows for spectators in facilities. Although the Order allows for up to 50 patrons (spectators) at events, spectators may still be limited because of the challenges in accommodating them in facilities. viaSport supports each municipality's decision on spectator access as they navigate these challenges. For updates on facility access for spectators, please contact your municipality, [BC Recreation and Parks Association](#) or [Recreation Facilities Association of BC](#). For sport organizations, it is important to ensure facility plans can support aspects of your sport-specific plans.

## Activity Participants

Individuals essential to a particular hockey event or hockey program

### Players (per team)

- 17 Skaters + 2 goalies (Minor)
- 18 Skaters + 2 goalies (U18AAA & Jr)

### Team Officials (per team)

- Head Coach (max. 1)
- Assistant Coach (max. 3)
- HCSP / Trainer (max. 1)

### Officials

- On-ice: 1-2 Referee(s), 1-2 Linesperson(s)
- Off-ice: Scorekeeper & Time Keeper

### Essential Event Staff

- Broadcaster & Videographer
- (the above are limits)*

Activity Participants must adhere to all viaSport Phase 2 & Phase 3 guidelines, and local municipality and facility guidelines;

## Patrons (Spectators)

An individual who attends a hockey event but is not part of the Essential Hockey Activity Participant Group.

- This group is limited to a maximum of fifty (50) people
- The **Home Team** is responsible for checking-in and collecting contact information for all patrons in attendance at the sport activity and closely monitoring the total number present.
- Patrons must ensure they are able to maintain physical distance (2-metres) from all essential activity participants, facility staff and all other facility patrons; before, during and after activity while at the facility.

## Community Guidelines

Each municipality has the ability to further outline their capacity to accommodate participants and patrons within the established guidelines, with support from the British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA)

Each facility has the ability to further outline their capacity to accommodate participants and patrons within the established guidelines, with support from the Recreation Facilities Association of British Columbia (RFABC)

BC Hockey Members are encouraged to regularly engage with their local municipality and facilities to confirm guidelines and protocols in place within their communities.