

BCPA Return to Play Plan

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Introduction

This document provides guidance on restarting powerlifting competitions within the BCPA. It will be updated as new information becomes available and government regulations change. It is possible that restrictions may regress in reaction to worsening conditions. Please check for updated versions of this document on the BCPA website before moving forward with any plans to compete or hold a competition.

Current Provincial Health Orders

The provincial government of BC has empowered [viaSport](#) to direct provincial sport organizations. While powerlifting is not a recognized provincial sport organization, viaSport is still asking non-recognized sport organizations to follow their guidance. viaSport maintains a regularly updated [Return to Sport webpage](#).

BC's response to COVID-19 is [regularly updated on this page](#). All sport activities are currently allowed. Proof of vaccination is no longer required for sport activities and programs. Wearing masks in public indoor settings is not required by public health.

BCPA Requirements Related to COVID-19

Proof of Vaccination

Proof of vaccination will not be required at BCPA events. We highly recommend that BCPA athletes, volunteers, and members follow provincial guidance for vaccination to reduce transmission of COVID-19 and severity of symptoms.

Masking

Masks are not required at BCPA events. Participants and spectators can choose to wear a mask. Athletes can continue to wear a mask on the competition platform while performing their lift attempts.

Attendance Limits

There are no attendance limits in place for BCPA events.

Drug Testing Room

CCES will provide their own operational guidance. The meet director must accommodate CCES personnel and cannot not impose additional restrictions on personnel.

Future Guidance

The BCPA Return to Play Plan remains in effect as a living Plan for the foreseeable future. Elements of this Plan may change in response to updates to BC Provincial Health Orders. For example, if restrictions come into effect once again then this Plan will be updated to reflect the new health orders. The latest BCPA Return to Play Plan will always be in effect at any given time.