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Dear BCMBA Members,

In recent days we have had several inquiries regarding the move to Phase Three of the viaSport Return To Sport (RTS) and its relation to travel, overnight stays, and tournament play.

The movement to Phase Three primarily involves the expansion of competitive cohorts (from 50 to 100). It also expands regional travel. With these changes also come questions; we would like to summarize some key points that will address many of these questions.

Cohort play (as per Baseball BC and viaSport guidelines)

- A cohort may consist of up to 8 teams (based on average rosters of 12 players), but must not exceed a total of 100 players between all teams within that cohort.
- Teams must remain in their respective cohorts for the duration of their scheduled season.
- Should a team wish to depart their cohort, they should refrain from activities for two weeks prior to their first event outside the cohort. For example, if a team wishes to participate in games outside their established cohort and then return to that cohort, they would break from activities two weeks before the external games and again for two weeks before returning to their established cohort.
- Failure to observe the above two-week pause recommendation may result in exclusion from your original cohort. (This is designed to prevent one team in a cohort exposing the rest of their cohort members to possible transmission)

Travel (as per Baseball BC and viaSport guidelines)

- Day travel within your cohort region is permitted.
- Overnight travel is **NOT** permitted with the EXCEPTION of travel for High-Performance Development Camps and Provincial Championships (if offered).

Tournaments (as per Baseball BC and viaSport guidelines)

- Tournaments are **NOT** permitted at this time in BC
- Provincial Championships are permitted provided that they adhere to Baseball BC (PSO) and viaSport Phase Three cohort and competitive play recommendations.
- Any teams participating in Tournaments outside of the Baseball BC approved events will be required to observe a two-week "quarantine" period before returning to competition within their BC Minor Baseball assigned cohorts.

We ask that your Association Executive please forward this letter to all coaches of each of your respective Fall Ball programming (all divisions) as it is imperative that we all adhere to Baseball BC and viaSport guidelines given the recent increases of COVID-19 cases in BC.

Should you have further questions regarding the Phase Three return to play procedures or wish for additional clarification on any element of the 2020 Baseball RTP documents or guidelines, please contact our Risk Management Chair, John Braaten, at 1stvp@bcminorbaseball.org

Thank you,

The Board of Directors
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