

# Vancouver Athletic FC



## Return to Play Phase 2

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VAFC Founding House Chapters

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## Club Information

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## Introduction

Vancouver Athletic FC is pleased to provide VAFC's return to play program guide. The information in this document is current from September 1st, 2020 and aligned with ViaSport and BC Soccer Return to Play guidelines:

ViaSport: <https://www.viasport.ca/return-sport>

BC Soccer: <https://bcsoccer.net/return-to-play-information>

## Return to Play Timeline

Last update September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

ViaSport and BC Soccer have presented the following timeline and phased approach for a return to soccer activity. Transition into Phase 3 will be implemented as BC health authorities reduce restrictions and on the successful implementation of Phase 2 activities.

Date	Phase	Return to Play Plan
June 2020	One	Return to Modified Training
<b>Now Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020</b>	<b>Two</b>	<b>Modified Games and /or Competition Structure</b>
TBA	Three	NEW Regular Type Training & Games/Competition Structure

### APPENDIX A - SPORT ACTIVITY CHART



We are here (Sept 2020)

	Strictest Controls Prior to May 19, 2020	Transition Measures Approx. May 19th to Sept	Progressively Loosen Future date TBC	New Normal Future date TBC
Restrictions In Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain Physical Distance (2m)</li> <li>No non-essential travel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain Physical Distance (2m)</li> <li>No non-essential travel</li> <li>No group gatherings over 50 people</li> </ul>	Refer to PHO and local health authorities	Refer to PHO and local health authorities
Enhanced Protocols	Increased hand hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased hand hygiene</li> <li>Symptom Screening in place</li> </ul>	Increased hand hygiene	Increased hand hygiene
Facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outdoor or within home</li> <li>Facilities and playgrounds closed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outdoor is safest</li> <li>Indoor facilities slowly re-opening</li> </ul>	Outdoor/Indoor	Outdoor/Indoor
Participants	Individual activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Small Groups</li> <li>No or limited spectators</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Groups sizes may increase</li> <li>Limited spectators</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Large groups allowed</li> <li>No restrictions on spectators</li> </ul>
Non-contact Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low risk outdoor activities can occur (biking, running, etc).</li> <li>Virtual activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fundamental movement skills</li> <li>Modified training activities, drills</li> </ul>	Expansion of training activities	No restrictions on activity type
Contact Activities	Should not occur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Should not occur</li> <li>Contact sports should look for non-contact alternatives to training</li> </ul>	Introduction to pair or small group contact skills	No restrictions on activity type
Competition*	Should not occur	In club play or modified games may slowly be introduced	Interclub or regional game play may be considered	Provincial competitions and larger scale events may return
Equipment	No shared equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimal shared equipment</li> <li>Disinfect any shared equipment before, during and after use</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some shared equipment</li> <li>Enhanced cleaning protocols in place</li> </ul>	Shared equipment

\*Introduction of competitive activities should be in alignment with Sport Specific guidelines

## PHASE TWO: Modified Games and/or Competition Structure

VAFC Soccer programming will comply with the measures and guidelines issued by BC provincial government health authorities and sport/soccer governing bodies.

### Return to Play Workshop

Before Teams are approved to start on field the Head Coach must complete the VAFC Return to Play Workshop hosted by our Technical Staff. Head Coaches will be contacted and provided more details of how to complete this workshop.

### Return to Play Phase Two – Overview

- ⊕ Limit on number of Teams training per field to adhere to guidelines for maximum gatherings
- ⊕ Staggered training times to allow smaller group arrival and dispersal
- ⊕ Arrival and Departure procedure for each soccer field – See APPENDIX 05
- ⊕ Contact training is now allowed within own Team
- ⊕ Coaches/Manager to continue physical distancing (2m, 6f) within Training & Games
- ⊕ Only one parent/guardian accompany their child/player to the field.
- ⊕ Game days may begin Sept 7th; Teams grouped within Cohorts (A “Soccer Cohort” is defined as a closed, smaller group)
- ⊕ Limit players touching equipment
- ⊕ Continue with good hygiene protocols; hand sanitization before /after team training/game
- ⊕ If ill, or having any flu, cold, or COVID like systems, do not attend team event. Stay Home
- ⊕ Teams to keep an attendance record for each team event (Training/Games)

### Game Day

Game day will look different this season. Teams will be assigned to cohorts and a game schedule will be created for those cohort groups.

Team Cohorts will be comprised of four (4) teams, either internal within VAFC or external with other teams in our district or neighboring districts. These team cohorts are allowed to go above the maximum of 50 total participants for teams with 18 players, however the groups of four teams must be maintained. Coaches may be counted outside the 50 participants if they are able to maintain physical distancing protocols.

#### Game Day – Overview

- ⊕ Small-sided or 11v11 games are available in cohort schedules.
- ⊕ No throw-ins allowed; Kick in only simulating an indirect free kick
- ⊕ Players/Participants are to avoid spitting or nose cleaning on or around the field
- ⊕ Players, Coaches, Team Personnel on sidelines must adhere to physical distancing protocols
- ⊕ Cohorts must avoid mixing with other cohorts during game days
- ⊕ If cohorts are adjusted players or teams who are moving must have a 2-week break between activities



## Team Training

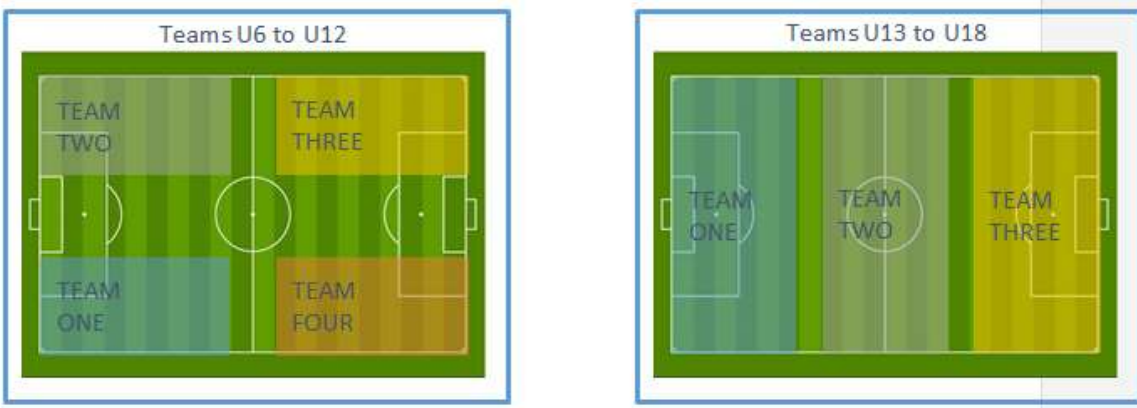
Team training may now continue as before, including full contact play for players within their own team training. However teams are not allowed to train or merge with another team and play together. Coaches and team personnel must adhere to physical distancing at all times.

Teams will be required to follow good hygiene practices and adhere to field arrival and departure times and locations. Teams will not be permitted to enter a field of play while other teams are practicing. The teams (players and team personnel) allocated field time are the only people permitted to be on the field at the same time. Teams and Coaches will monitor their training times and leave the field at their designated time.

VAFC field coordinators will be assigned to each field. These coordinators will monitor field times usage, the arrival and departure of teams and supporting teams with adhering to good hygiene requirements and physical distancing protocols on and around the field.

Teams will be required to take and keep a record of attendance for all training and games events. This is important for any contact tracing that maybe required.

The number of teams per field will depend on the age group, number of players on the teams. Below are some sample training field configurations that maintain separation between teams.



### Team Training overview

- ⊕ Full contact training within own team is allowed
- ⊕ Team not permitted to merge with another team on the field
- ⊕ Training times may be staggered to limit number of people arriving /leaving at one time
- ⊕ Hand sanitization require for before entering and departing the field
- ⊕ Players must not shake hands, give high fives, etc. or embrace in celebration
- ⊕ Teams must adhere to their field location and maintain distancing from other teams
- ⊕ Attendance record must be kept for each training session
- ⊕ Team members must not attend training if sick: Stay at home
- ⊕ Coaches/Team personal must adhere to VAFC's Rule of Two Policy

## Team Checklist

This checklist helps coaches and team personnel ensure a safe return to soccer. We recommend printing this checklist and keeping it available during all team activities. Please note coaches are required to review the following VAFC policies **Illness Policy**, **Rule of Two**, **Participation Agreements** and **Protect Yourself Guidelines** prior to starting coaching activities.

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Arrival and Departure</b>	<b>Insure as a Team everyone knows the arrival and departure plan for you field assignment. See <a href="#">APPENDIX 05</a></b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Field Time</b>	Adhere to the field allocation you have been given. Arrive and depart at given time. Do not enter field of play outside assigned training time
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Spectators</b>	Max one per child maintaining 2m physical distancing around the field. Total spectators will further depend on number of gathering guidelines per field by municipalities/city and BC health authorities
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>First Aid</b>	Each team is required to have an up-to-date First Aid kit available during Team activities. Face mask and gloves are to be used if treatment required.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Hand Sanitization</b>	Each team is required to have hand sanitizer available at each team activity which is to be used prior to and once the activity is concluded. Players and families to be encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Equipment Cleaning</b>	After a session and before the next all the equipment will be cleaned
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Daily Health check</b>	Each member of the team should complete a Daily Health Check, and if experiencing any illness symptoms should not travel to the field. Parents/Guardians to monitor players symptoms and commit to home self-monitoring. BC COVID19 Self-Assessment Tool - <a href="https://bc.thrive.health/covid19/en">https://bc.thrive.health/covid19/en</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>VAFC Illness Policy</b>	Team must adhere to VAFC Illness Policy. <b>See <a href="#">APPENDIX 01</a></b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Rule of Two Policy</b>	Coaches and, Managers should adhere to VAFCs Rule of Two Policy. <b>See <a href="#">APPENDIX 02</a></b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>VAFC Player Agreement</b>	All players, coaches, members, volunteers, participants, and family members of participants to agree to follow VAFC Return to Play Plan while attending club activities – <b>See <a href="#">APPENDIX 03</a></b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Protect Yourself Guidelines</b>	Teams to adhere to VAFC’s guidelines on preparing for play, during play and after play. <b>See <a href="#">APPENDIX 04</a></b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>VAFC Participant Waiver</b>	Each team member (player/coach) must have submitted a signed Participant Waiver. <b>See <a href="#">APPENDIX 06</a> &amp; <a href="#">APPENDIX 07</a></b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Washrooms</b>	Available (usage as directed by municipality/city)
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Water / Food</b>	Individual ONLY: No sharing of water bottles or food or other personal items

**NOTE** “Activity” means *any* VAFC activity: Training, Game, Practice, meeting, Function, etc.





# APPENDIX 01 – VAFC Illness Policy



## Vancouver Athletic Football Club

### VAFC COVID-19: Illness Policy

In this policy:

“Participant” includes an employee, volunteer, coach, player, or parent/spectator.

“Activity” means **any** VAFC activity: Training, Game, Practice, meeting, Function, etc.

1. Participants must inform VAFC of any potential illness, COVID-19 symptoms, COVID-19 testing, or COVID-19 positive test results occurring within 14 days of participating in any VAFC Activity:

- a. Inform an individual in a position of authority (coach, team manager, program coordinator) immediately if, you feel any symptoms of COVID-19: Such as fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat and painful swallowing, stuffy or runny nose, loss of sense of smell, headache, muscle aches, fatigue and loss of appetite.
- b. The person of authority will file a report to [covidreporting@vafc.ca](mailto:covidreporting@vafc.ca).

2. Daily Health Check:

- a. Participants must complete a health check each day prior to arrival at any VAFC field, game or training facility for an Activity to attest that they are not ill or feeling any of the COVID-19 symptoms.
- b. Field coordinators, Coaches & Managers will visually monitor Participants to assess any signs of illness or COVID-19 symptoms to the status of their health and to touch base on how they are regarding their personal safety throughout the Activity.
- c. Participants are encouraged to use the BC health self-assessment tool: <https://bc.thrive.health/covid19/en><sup>1</sup>

3. If a Participant is feeling sick with COVID-19 symptoms:

- a. They should remain at home and contact Health Link BC at 8-1-1.
- b. If they feel sick and /or are showing symptoms while at an Activity, they should be sent home immediately and have them contact 8-1-1 or a doctor for further guidance.
- c. No Participant may participate in any Activity if they are symptomatic.

4. If a Participant tests positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of participating in any VAFC Activity:

- a. Participant will not be permitted to return to any Activity for a minimum of 14 days and until they test negative for the COVID-19 virus.

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<sup>1</sup> See also K-12 Daily Health Check: [http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID\\_public\\_guidance/Guidance-k-12-schools.pdf?utm\\_source=vancouver%20is%20awesome&utm\\_campaign=vancouver%20is%20awesome&utm\\_medium=referral](http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID_public_guidance/Guidance-k-12-schools.pdf?utm_source=vancouver%20is%20awesome&utm_campaign=vancouver%20is%20awesome&utm_medium=referral)





- b. Any Participant who lives, works, or plays closely with the infected Participant will also be removed from any Activity for at least 14 days to limit risk of spread of the virus.
  - c. Close off, clean and disinfect the Activity area immediately and any surfaces that could have potentially be infected/touched.
  - d. The other Participants will be informed of a positive case, however, anonymity of the case(s) will be maintained.
5. If a Participant has been tested and is waiting for the results of a COVID-19 Test
- a. As with the confirmed case, the Participant must be removed from any Activity.
  - b. The Public Health Agency of Canada advises that any person who has even mild symptoms to stay home and call the public health authority of B.C.
  - c. Other Participants who may have been exposed will be informed and removed from any Activity for at least 14 days or until the diagnosis of COVID-19 is ruled out by health authorities.
  - d. The Activity space will be closed off, cleaned, and disinfected immediately and any other surfaces that could have potentially been infected/touched.
6. If a Participant has come in to contact with someone who is confirmed to have COVID-19
- a. Participants must advise the Club or Technical Staff, Coach / Manager if they reasonably believe they have been exposed to COVID-19.
  - b. Once the contact is confirmed, the Participant will be removed from any Activity for at least 14 days or as otherwise directed by public health authorities. Participants who may have come into close contact with the Participant will also be removed from any Activity for at least 14 days.
  - c. The Activity area will be closed off, cleaned, and disinfected immediately and any other surfaces that could have potentially been infected/touched.
7. Quarantine or Self-Isolate if:
- a. Any Participant who has travelled outside of Canada or the province within the last 14 days is not permitted to enter any part of the Activity area and must quarantine and self-isolate.
  - b. Any Participant with any symptoms of COVID-19 is not permitted to enter any part of any Activity area and must quarantine and self-isolate.
  - c. Any Participant from a household with someone showing symptoms of COVID-19 is not permitted to enter any part of any Activity area and must quarantine and self-isolate.
  - d. Any Participant who is in quarantine or self-isolating because of contact with an infected person or in families who are self-isolating, is not permitted to enter any part of any Activity area.



## APPENDIX 02 – VAFC Rule of Two Policy



### Vancouver Athletic Football Club

### VAFC's: Rule of Two Policy

#### Rule of Two

The goal of the VAFC Rule of Two policy is to ensure all interactions and communications are open, observable, and justifiable. Its purpose is to protect participants (especially minors) and coaches in potentially vulnerable situations by ensuring more than one adult is present. There may be exceptions in emergency situations.

- ⊕ Coaches are never alone and out of sight with a participant without another Criminal Record Check (CRC) compliant VAFC coach or a parent/guardian or other VAFC CRC Compliant volunteer present.
- ⊕ Training environment to be open to observation.
- ⊕ Players shall not ride in a coach's vehicle unless with the parent/guardian present or carpools are agreed to in writing with parent/guardian
- ⊕ At least one CRC complaint, parent/guardian of the same gender as the player(s) should be present at any individual meeting.

#### Rule of Two in a Virtual Setting

The VAFC Rule of Two policy applies in the virtual environment (additionally, for those athletes under age 16, a parent or guardian should be present during the session where possible)

- ⊕ VAFC requires two adult coaches be present, or one coach and one adult (manager, parent, guardian, VAFC volunteer). **One-on-one sessions are prohibited at all times.**
- ⊕ All coaches or VAFC Volunteers must be CRC compliant to participate in virtual setting
- ⊕ The virtual setting is not for individual social engagements with players. Information should solely be focused on soccer and/or team-building.
- ⊕ Parents/guardians should be fully informed beforehand about the activities undertaken during the sessions, as well as the process of the virtual session.
- ⊕ Parents/guardians should be required to consent to virtual sessions prior to each session, if irregularly scheduled, or prior to the first session if there is a series of regularly scheduled sessions.
- ⊕ Communication during each session should be in an open and observable environment (i.e., avoid bedrooms) in the athlete's home (athlete's parents'/guardians' home), and the coach must initiate the session from an appropriate location (i.e., avoid bedrooms or "overly personal"/unprofessional settings)
- ⊕ It is recommended to record sessions where that capacity exists.



- ⚙ One-on-one texting, emailing or online contact between coach and athletes is prohibit with player under age 16 .
- ⚙ To support older age ownership of communication individual soccer specific texting and emailing with athletes 16 and older should only occur with parents' written permission.
- ⚙ Social media contact by coach to athlete is prohibited (this including the DMs, tagging, Following, and sharing posts), but appropriate public posting or posting to a team is not restricted.
- ⚙ Parents/guardians to be debriefed with 16 and older athletes about virtual training on a weekly basis.
- ⚙ In addition, care should also be taken to ensure that appropriate security settings have been set for virtual, videoconferencing arrangements, including password protected videoconference invitations.



# APPENDIX 03 – Participant Agreement



## Vancouver Athletic Football Club

### VAFC: Participant Agreement

In this policy:

“Participant” includes an employee, volunteer, coach, player, or parent/spectator.

“Activity” means **any** VAFC activity: Training, Game, Practice, meeting, Function, etc.

This Agreement Applies to: **All** Participants at **any** VAFC Activity. All Participants of VAFC agree to abide by the following points when entering Activity facilities and/or participating in VAFC Activity under the COVID-19 Response plan and RTP Protocol:

- ☉ I agree to symptom screening checks and will let VAFC know if I have experienced any of the symptoms in the last 14 days.
- ☉ I agree to stay home if feeling sick and remain home for 14 days if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.
- ☉ I agree to sanitize my hands upon entering and exiting the facility, with soap or sanitizer.
- ☉ I agree to sanitize the equipment I use throughout my practice with approved cleaning products provided by the club (shared and personal equipment).
- ☉ I agree to continue to follow social distancing protocols of staying at least 2m away from others except during drills, scrimmages and games when I will follow the limits on contact described by coaches
- ☉ I agree to not share any equipment during practice times.
- ☉ I agree to abide by all VAFC’s COVID-19 Policies and Guidelines.
- ☉ I understand that if I do not abide by the aforementioned policies and guidelines, that I may be asked to leave VAFC for up to 14 days to help protect myself and others around me.
- ☉ I acknowledge that continued abuse of the policies and/or guidelines may result in suspension of my VAFC membership temporarily.
- ☉ I acknowledge that there are risks associated with entering VAFC facilities and/or participating in any Activity, and that the measures taken by VAFC and participants, including those set out above and under the COVID-19 Response Plan and Return to Sport Protocols, will not entirely eliminate those risks.

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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



## APPENDIX 04 – VAFC Protect Yourself Guidelines



### Vancouver Athletic Football Club VAFC: Protect Yourself Guidelines

#### PREPARING TO PLAY

- ☉ Wash your hands with disinfectant soap and water for at least 20 seconds before going to the soccer activity.
- ☉ Bring hand sanitizer.
- ☉ No Shared Food, Water or Personal Items. Bring own water bottles labelled with name.
- ☉ Clean your belongings, including your water bottle.
- ☉ Do not share your belongings.
- ☉ Change into your soccer apparel at home (not at the field location).
- ☉ Make sure you have enough water before leaving the house to avoid having to touch a tap or water fountain handle.
- ☉ Consider wearing a mask while playing. (Optional)
- ☉ If you cough or sneeze, do so in a tissue or in your sleeve.
- ☉ Avoid touching door handles, gates, benches, and all other objects where the virus could survive. If you touch something, make sure to wash your hands or use hand sanitizer
- ☉ No Shared Pinnies or Bibs or other personal clothing (toques, gloves, etc.)

#### DURING PLAY

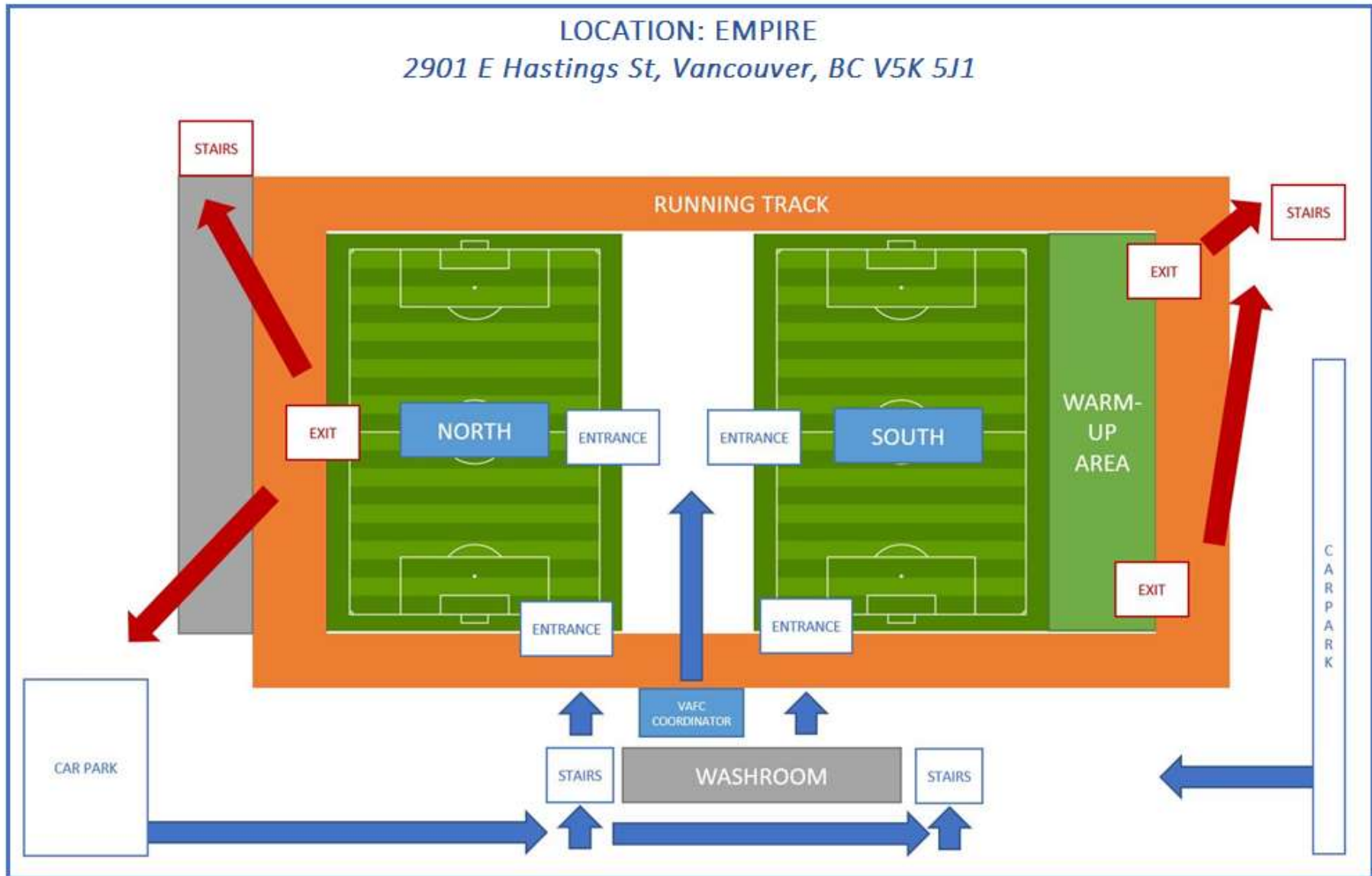
- ☉ Comply with the distancing measures and recommendations issued by the provincial government health authorities, including the arrival and departure of players (except for family members or persons residing in the same household).
- ☉ Within team and designated cohort, tackling and ordinary defensive activities are permitted to the extent instructed by coaches and permitted under the current Return to Play Phase.
- ☉ Listen to your coach and keep to the area of the field the coach has instructed you to be in.
- ☉ As much as possible, keep a 2-meter distance with others outside of play.
- ☉ Limit physical contact with other players in your team not directly associated game play
- ☉ Do not shake hands or do fist bumps, with others
- ☉ Goalkeeper must not share gloves.

#### AFTER PLAY

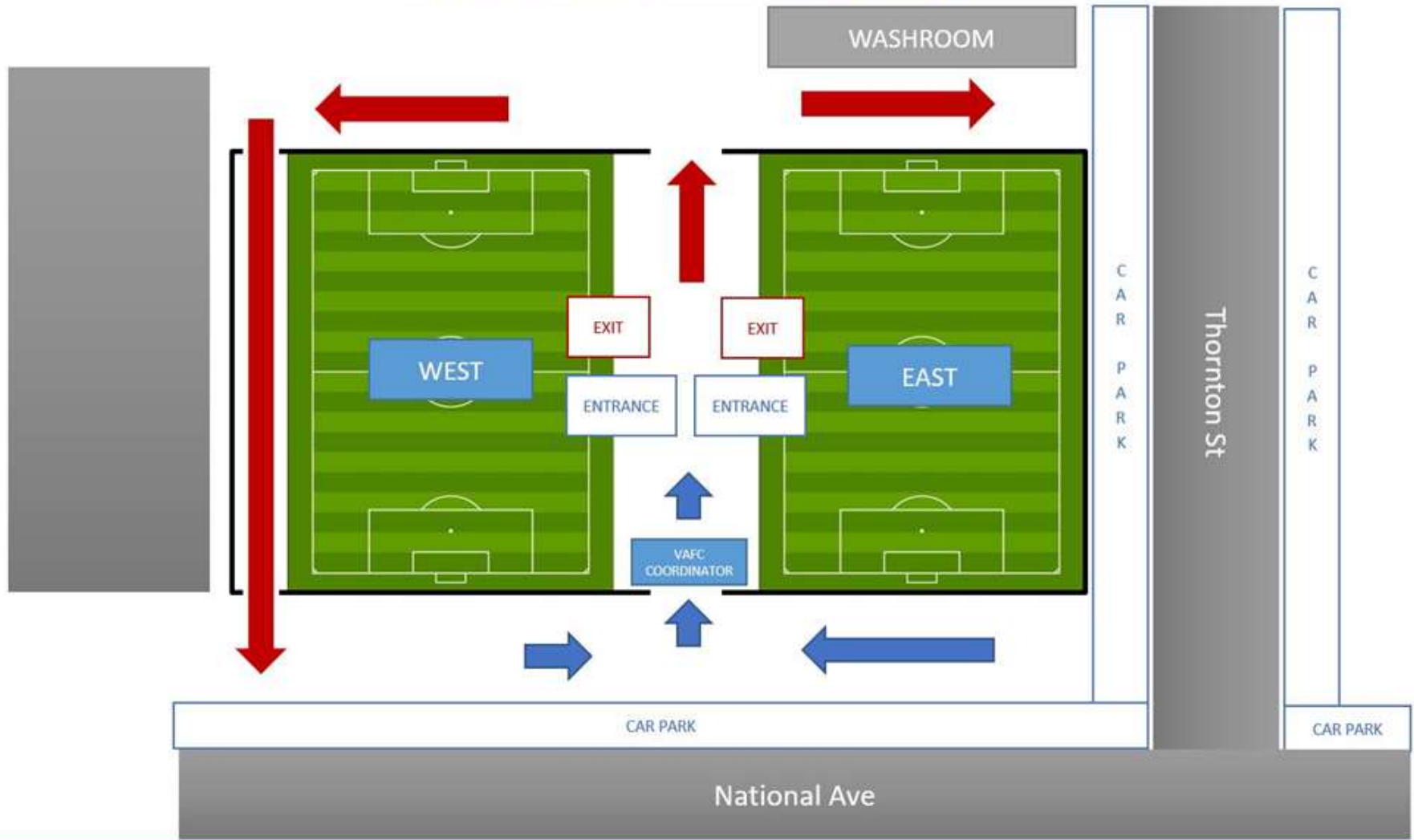
- ☉ Wash hands carefully with water and disinfectant soap or with hand sanitizer.
- ☉ Follow recommendations for locker rooms or changing areas usage
- ☉ Leave the field when requested after the session/game



## APPENDIX 05 – Location Details (Arrival & Departure)

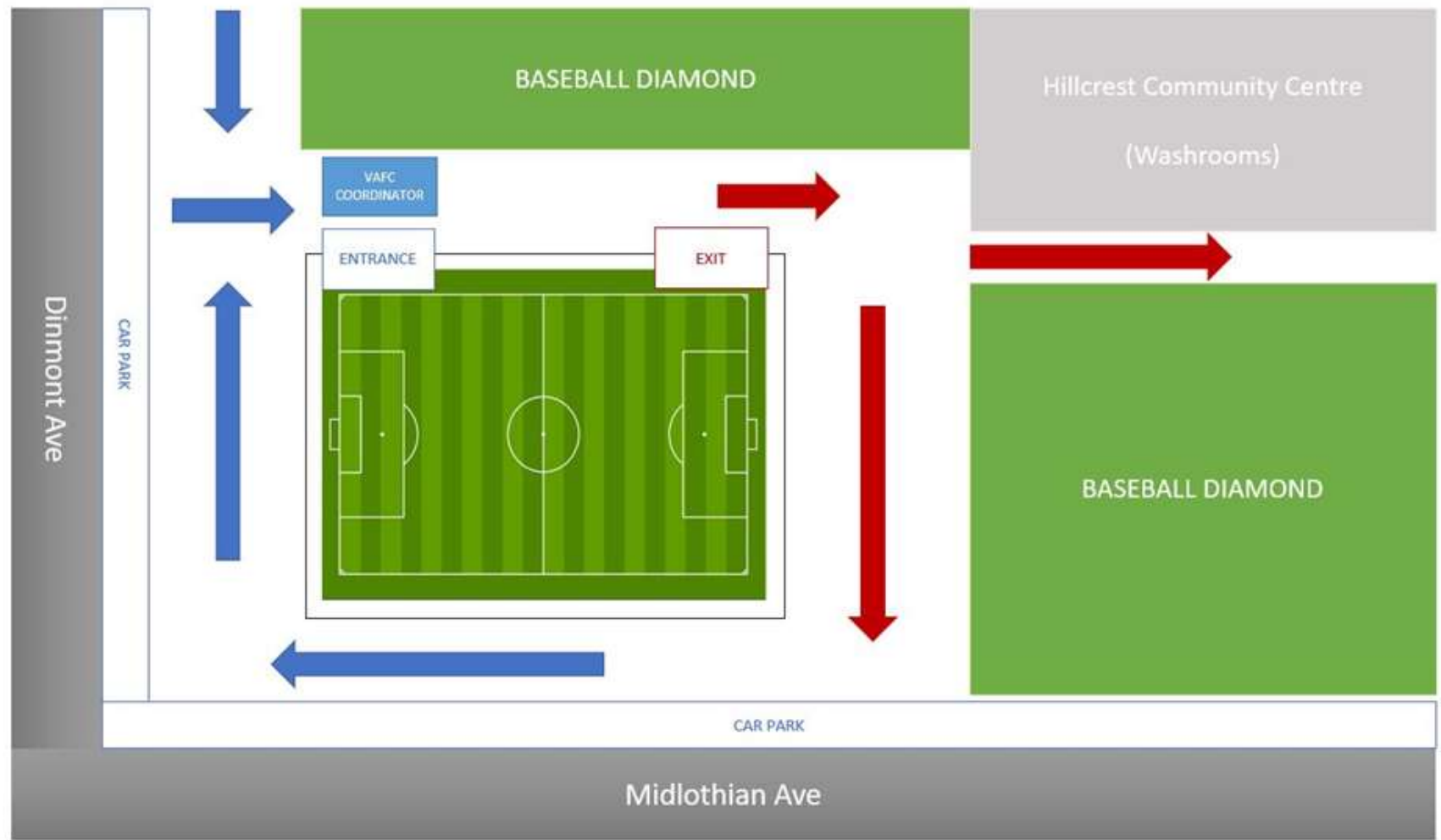


LOCATION: TRILLIUM  
600 National Ave, Vancouver, BC V6A 2E5





*Location: HILLCREST  
Vancouver, BC V5Y 2M4*



## APPENDIX 06 – Youth Participant Waiver

### RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

BY EXECUTING THIS YOU WILL WAIVE CERTAIN LEGAL  
RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

TO: The British Columbia Soccer Association (the "Association") and its directors, officers, agents, representatives, employees, volunteers, members, participants, spectators, Districts, Leagues, Clubs, independent contractors, subcontractors, sponsors, successors and assigns (collectively the "RELEASEES")

**DEFINITIONS:** In this Agreement the term "soccer programs" shall include all activities, programs, events, classes, and services provided, sponsored or organized by the Association including but not limited to: games, tournaments, practices, personal training, dry land training, use of strength training and fitness conditioning equipment, machines and facilities, nutritional and dietary programs, orientational or instructional sessions or lessons, aerobic and anaerobic conditioning programs.

**ASSUMPTION OF RISKS:** I am the parent/guardian of the player being registered and have full legal responsibility for the decisions of said player. I believe my child/ward is physically, emotionally and mentally able to participate in soccer programs, and is doing so voluntarily and willingly.

I am aware that my child/ward's participation in soccer programs involves many risks, dangers and hazards, which could result in damage, loss, serious physical injury or death to my child/ward. I have spoken to my child/ward and have made my child/ward aware of these risks, dangers and hazards. Some of these risks, dangers and hazards include, but are not limited to:

- Health: overexertion, dehydration, fatigue, lack of fitness or conditioning, traumatic injury, bacterial infections, rashes, and the transmission of communicable diseases, including viruses of all kinds, bacteria, parasites or other organisms or any mutation thereof.
- Premises: defective, dangerous or unsafe condition of the facilities; falls; collisions with objects, walls, equipment or persons; dangerous, unsafe, or irregular conditions on grass, turf or other surfaces, extreme weather conditions; travel to and from premises
- Use of 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 own ability.
- Contact: I acknowledge that contact with soccer balls, other equipment, or other persons, whether intentional or unintentional, is a common part of soccer programs, and may lead to serious bodily injury, including but not limited to concussions and/or other brain injury, or serious spinal injury.
- Advice: negligent advice regarding soccer programs
- My child/ward's conduct and conduct of other persons including any physical altercation between soccer participants: I acknowledge that such conduct, including my child/ward's negligence and negligence of other persons, including NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES, may increase the risk of damage, loss, personal injury or death. I understand that the Releasees may fail to safeguard or protect my child/ward from the risks, dangers and hazards of soccer programs, some of which are referred to above.

### RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of the Releasees allowing my child/ward to participate in soccer programs, use its equipment and facilities and providing its soccer services and consultation, I hereby agree as follows:

1. TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS that I have or may in the future have against THE RELEASEES AND TO RELEASE THE RELEASEES from any and all liability for any loss, damage, expense or injury including death that I or my child/ward may suffer or that my next-of-kin may suffer as a result of my or my child's/ward's participation in soccer programs DUE TO ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER, including but not limited to:
  - negligence on the part of the Releasees;
  - breach of contract by the Releasees;
  - breach of warranty on the part of the Releasees in respect of the design, manufacture, selection, installation, maintenance or adjustment of equipment;
  - breach of any statutory or other duty of care including any duty of care owed under the *Occupiers Liability Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 303, on the part of the Releasees; and
  - the failure on the part of the Releasees to safeguard or protect me or my child/ward from the risks, dangers and hazards of soccer programs, some of which are referred to in the Assumption of Risks section of this Agreement.
2. TO HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY THE RELEASEES from any and all liability for any damage, loss, expense or injury to my child/ward resulting from my child's/ward's participation in soccer programs DUE TO ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER, including but not limited to negligence on the part of the Releasees; breach of contract by the Releasees; breach of warranty on the part of the Releasees in respect of the design, manufacture, selection, installation, maintenance or adjustment of equipment; breach of any statutory duty or other duty of care including any duty of care owed under the *Occupiers liability Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 303, on the part of the Releasees; and the failure on the part of the Releasees to safeguard or protect my child/ward from the risks, dangers and hazards of soccer programs, some of which are referred to in the Assumption of Risks section of this Agreement.
3. TO HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY THE RELEASEES from any and all liability for any damage, loss, expense or injury to any third party resulting from my child's/ward's participation in soccer programs.
4. Despite the risks, dangers and hazards of soccer programs, and fully understanding such risks, dangers and hazards, I wish my child/ward to participate in soccer programs with the Association, and I FREELY ACCEPT AND FULLY ASSUME all such risks, dangers and hazards and the possibility of personal injury, death, property damage and loss resulting therefrom.
5. This Agreement shall be effective and binding upon my heirs, next-of-kin, executors, administrators, assigns and representatives, in the event of my death or incapacity.

**SAFETY:** In entering into this Agreement I am not relying on any oral, visual or written representations or statements made by the Releasees with respect to the safety of soccer programs other than what is set forth in this Agreement.

**INSURANCE:** I am aware that the Association carries insurance and that should my child/ward become injured or cause personal injury or property damage to any third party while participating in soccer programs, my child/ward may or may not be entitled to insurance coverage depending on the terms and conditions of the Association's insurance policy.

**JURISDICTION:** This Agreement and any rights, duties and obligations as between the parties to this Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted solely in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia (BC), and I agree to attorn solely to the jurisdiction of the Courts of the Province of BC. Any litigation involving the parties to this Agreement shall be brought solely within the Province of BC and shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of the Province of BC.

By executing this form, whether on-line or by signature, you agree that you are the registering player's parent/legal guardian and that you have read, understand and are bound by the Agreement terms.

Print Full Name

Signature

Date (Month/Day/Year)

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**RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS,  
ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

**BY EXECUTING THIS YOU WILL WAIVE CERTAIN LEGAL  
RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE**

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

**TO:** The British Columbia Soccer Association (the "Association") and its directors, officers, agents, representatives, employees, volunteers, members, participants, spectators, Districts, Leagues, Clubs, independent contractors, subcontractors, sponsors, successors and assigns (collectively the "RELEASEES")

**DEFINITIONS:** In this Agreement the term "soccer programs " shall include all activities, programs, events, classes, and services provided, sponsored or organized by the Association including but not limited to: games, tournaments, practices, personal training, dry land training, use of strength training and fitness conditioning equipment, machines and facilities, nutritional and dietary programs, orientational or instructional sessions or lessons, aerobic and anaerobic conditioning programs.

**ASSUMPTION OF RISKS:** I am aware that my participation in soccer programs involves many risks, dangers and hazards, which could result in damage, loss, serious physical injury or death to me. Some of these risks, dangers and hazards include, but are not limited to:

- Health: overexertion, dehydration, fatigue, lack of fitness or conditioning, traumatic injury, bacterial infections, rashes and the transmission of communicable diseases, including viruses of all kinds, bacteria, parasites or other organisms or any mutation thereof.
- Premises: defective, dangerous or unsafe condition of the facilities; falls; collisions with objects, walls, equipment or persons; dangerous, unsafe, or irregular conditions on grass, turf or other surfaces, extreme weather conditions; travel to and from premises
- Use of 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 own ability.
- Contact: I acknowledge that contact with soccer balls, other equipment, or other persons, whether intentional or unintentional, is a common part of soccer programs, and may lead to serious bodily injury, including but not limited to concussions and/or other brain injury, or serious spinal injury.
- Advice: negligent advice regarding soccer programs
- My conduct and conduct of other persons including any physical altercation between soccer participants: I acknowledge that such conduct, including my negligence and negligence of other persons, including NEGLIGENCE ON the PART OF THE RELEASEES, may increase the risk of damage, loss, personal injury or death. I understand that the Releasees may fail to safeguard or protect me from the risks, dangers and hazards of soccer programs, some of which are referred to above.

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

In consideration of the Releasees allowing me to participate in soccer programs, use its equipment and facilities and providing its soccer services and consultation, I hereby agree as follows:

1. TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS that I have or may in the future have against THE RELEASEES AND TO RELEASE THE RELEASEES from any and all liability for any loss, damage, expense or injury including death that I may suffer or that my next-of-kin may suffer as a result of my participation in soccer programs DUE TO ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER, including but not limited to:
  - negligence on the part of the Releasees;
  - breach of contract by the Releasees;
  - breach of warranty on the part of the Releasees in respect of the design, manufacture, selection, installation, maintenance or adjustment of equipment;
  - breach of any statutory or other duty of care including any duty of care owed under the *Occupiers Liability Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 303, on the part of the Releasees; and
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Print Full Name	Signature	Date (Month/Day/Year)
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## APPENDIX 08 – Club Information

### BC Soccer Charter Program



The BC Soccer Charter Program recognizes clubs who meet Technical, Administration and Governance Criteria. The charter criteria are based on BC Soccer Rules and Regulations and Canada Soccer Long-Term Player Development (LTPD)



Vancouver Athletic FC is proud to be a Charter Licensed Club.

For more information on the BC Soccer Charter Program please visit the website - <https://clubcharter.bcsoccer.net/>

### VAFC Player Pathway

