



BC Athletics Amendment to High Performance Athlete Eligibility (April 15, 2021)

After consultation with viaSport and CSI-Pacific (CSI-P) regarding the High Performance athlete exemption as stated in the BC Provincial Health Order dated **March 31, 2021** (see Section I below), BC Athletics is asking high performance athletes who are NOT already training in British Columbia – as of March 31, 2021, to pause any travel into British Columbia for the purpose of sport training and competition, effective immediately.

At this time and until the Provincial Health Order is amended, only those athletes who were in British Columbia as of March 31, 2021 will be allowed to enter any High Performance Competitions scheduled in British Columbia.

Athletes who are on the **Athletics Canada Long List** or **CSI-P** registered athletes who are *already* training in British Columbia remain eligible to train and compete under the High Performance athlete exemption. Athletes who hold membership with another provincial/territorial branch and who meet the criteria for the high performance exemption should apply [here](#). Your application will notify high performance meet directors of your eligibility for competition.

Returning BC Based Club, Varsity and High Performance Athletes

Athletes returning home to British Columbia from another province/territory are advised to complete a 14 day period of self-isolation, which can be shortened to 5-7 days with a negative COVID test result (test taken on Day 5), before returning to a British Columbia Club, Varsity or High Performance training group or entering In-Club, Varsity performance trials or High Performance Competition.

Returning BC Based CSI-P / Athletics Canada West Hub Athletes

CSI-P/AC West Hub Based Athletes returning home to British Columbia from another province/territory must complete a 14 day period of self-isolation, which can be shortened to 5-7 days with a negative COVID test result (test taken on Day 5), before:

1. Returning to the Athletics Canada Western Hub Training Group;
2. Accessing CSI-P Training Facilities
3. Competing in any BC High Performance Competition.

Please note that this is a mandatory requirement of the Canadian Sport Institute – Pacific (CSI-P).

Athletes returning home to British Columbia from outside of Canada must comply with current Government of Canada COVID-19 travel requirements before returning to their training group/Club and / or entering a competition.

BC Athletics will continue to work with Athletics Canada, viaSport and CSI-P to make amendments as the Provincial Health Order allows.

I. HIGH- PERFORMANCE ATHLETES

1. Parts D, E, F and G do not apply to high-performance athletes.
2. A person who is a high-performance athlete who is *already training* in British Columbia may train, practice, compete and travel for that purpose if the person follows the COVID19 safety protocols of the provincial or national sports organization with which the person is affiliated.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19-pho-order-gatherings-events.pdf>

For any questions, please reach out.

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