



## SUBMITTED TOWN HALL QUESTIONS

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**1. Will you be going ahead with an Academy Phase 1 (w/ no contact)?**

*We are currently in Phase 2 of the Return to Sport Guidelines. As such, physical distancing is maintained as much as possible with group contact skills within cohorts.*

*Cohorts are both within the club and within the league play.*

- Within the club, players are grouped into cohorts (teams). This is who they will train and play with.*
- Within the league, teams are grouped into cohorts. These team cohorts (i.e. U11 girls teams from SDU, North Delta, Surrey, Cloverdale) will only play against each other.*

**2. Are there any options that allow children to train but not participate in games?**

*Registration in Academy only is possible. However, game play is part of skill development during Academy sessions.*

**3. Why does the SDU Health Check not align with the Delta School District health check (i.e. runny/stuffy nose is excluded from the SDU list)?**

*The SDU Health Check outlines symptoms that are distinctively associated with COVID-19. as per the guidelines outlined by viaSport, BC Soccer and advised by the BC CDC, BC Soccer and the Provincial Health Officer. Symptoms such as runny/stuffy noses are not distinctively associated with COVID-19. As of Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, the Delta School District has revised their health check symptoms which are now in line with SDU.*

**4. We have been provided conflicting information about how physical distancing will not be enforced but is expected? Please clarify?**

*Everyone has a part to play to ensure the health and safety of our SDU community and the responsibility for physical distancing lies with each and every one of us. This is laid out as part of the participant agreement to play and our use of facilities within Delta.*

*To answer this questions fully, there are two part: how physical distancing relates to the players and how it relates to parents/ spectators.*

*In relation to the players:*

- During practices, physical distancing will be maintained whenever possible (i.e. individual skill work, water breaks, coach-player feedback etc.). This will be reinforced by the coaches and players themselves.*
- The players within a team are also considered a cohort and therefore, have the ability to engage in close contact play with each other and with other teams within their cohort. This*



*will allow games to proceed with some modifications to play (i.e. throw ins will be kicked in to minimize player handling of the game ball).*

*In relation to parents and spectators:*

- *Parents and spectators will only be permitted in casual spectator areas around the fields of play.*
- *As per the Provincial Health Officer, we are limited to the number of people who are able to congregate in any one place at any time. In order to be in compliance with this public health order, we ask the follow of parents and spectators:*
  - *Our preference is for parents/ guardians to drop their child off at the park/ field*
  - *If a parent/ guardian must stay, only 1 parent/ guardian is to be in the park at the field.*
  - *Only players and coaching staff are allowed on the playing surface*
  - *Physical distancing is required in the casual areas. If this is not possible, we ask that parents/ guardians wear a mask as per the Health Authorities recommendations*
  - *Spectators are to stay on the side of the field where their child is participating and not move between or into other casual areas.*
  - *To ensure compliance with the public health order, SDU reserves the right to limit the number of spectators at the facility.*
  - *Where there are sufficient SDU staff and designated volunteers available, congregations of people will be addressed and anyone not practicing social distancing will be reminded and asked to follow protocol.*
  - *Anyone found repeatedly defying this protocol, after having been informed will be removed from the facilities for the duration of the program.*

**5. What would a typical COVID practice look like for U5/ U6/ U7?**

- *Practices will consist of both individual and team skill development.*
- *Physical distancing will be maintained as much as possible with the exception of during game play as the members of a team are considered a cohort.*
- *Therefore, the members of a cohort have the ability to engage in close contact play with each other and with other teams within their cohort. This will allow games to proceed with some modifications to play (i.e. throw ins will be kicked in to minimize player handling of the game ball).*

**6. Is the grid formation for all age groups?**

*The grid formation was only utilized during Phase 1 of the Return to Play Guidelines. We are now in Phase 2 and grid formation is not a part of this phase of return to play. However, it may be used periodically if it fits the nature of the skills being worked on at the time.*

**7. I understand the policies for practices however I don't understand how these protocols are going to be enforced or followed in game situations. Can you share any information about that?**



*During practices, physical distancing will be maintained whenever possible (i.e. individual skill work, water breaks, coach-player feedback etc.). This will be reinforced by the coaches and players themselves.*

*Because players within a team considered a cohort, much like their classes at school, they have the ability to engage in close contact play with each other and with other teams within their cohort. This will allow games to proceed however, there are some modifications that have been incorporated into game play to minimize the handling of equipment among players (i.e. throw ins will be kicked in to minimize player handling of the game ball).*

- 8. Can you please explain the play on the field? Will there always be 6 ft between players while they're playing? How is that possible?**

*This question was just answered.*

- 9. Do the groups of 50 people or less include spectators?**

*The groups of 50 people on a field do not include spectators. It only includes players and coaches. Spectators are to be in the designated common areas and not on the field of play.*

- 10. Will we be required to complete pick-up and drop-off tracking forms for practices and games? (we did in baseball)?**

*Pick-up and drop-off tracking forms for practices and games will not be required. Parents, players and coaches are required to conduct health checks before every SDU practice/ game/ activity. Coaches are required to take attendance at every SDU practice/ game/ activity should the need to case track arise.*

- 11. Will spectators be allowed to use bleachers during practices and games?**

*Casual spectator areas will be around the fields of play and follow all facility/ park signage and instructions as we mentioned earlier. The use of bleachers will be dependent upon whether Delta has these aspects of the facility/ park open for use during practices and games.*

- 12. How early can we arrive to fields for games? The video says 10 mins – but Wednesday's email says: WARM UP AREA – Dugald Morrison and Winskill Priority for space in the warm up area is given to teams preparing for their session on the turf. Teams may enter this area 30 minutes prior to their scheduled allotment time to warm up. Whatever the time is will need to be made very clear to coaches. Coaches on the field need to respect their time and leave on-time (no last minute drills or team meetings). Coaches coming on the field need to respect their start time as well.**

*We have received clarity from Delta that we are able to accommodate up to 80 players at a time at Dugald Morrison and Winskill turf with the use of warm up area for teams preparing for the session*



*on the turf. As such Teams may enter this area 30 minutes prior to their scheduled allotment time to warm up. This will be outlined with our coaches as well during our Coaches information session.*

- 13. Some of the boys at the U12 level were getting opportunities to practice with some of the higher level teams at their age level? Can that continue considering they would be outside of their normal 'cohort'?**

*Call ups will not be permitted as players must be within the team cohort.*

- 14. What do we do if short players – are call-ups still allowed? If yes - Will there be any additional steps that need to occur?**

*Call ups will not be permitted as players must be within the team cohort.*

- 15. Masks and gloves to check any kid on the field? Is the injured kid allowed to remain on the field – assuming no injury (ball to the face)**

*Should a minor injury occur, the session coach will communicate with the pleyer to assess the injury verbally while maintaining physical distance.*

*Depending on the injury, the following may occur:*

- The player will sit out until they feel better to re-join*
- The player will walk to their parent for attention*
- The player will receive first aid treatment (All fields will have a first aid kits and should be equipped with gloves and masks. If first aid is required due to the nature of the injury, a mask and gloves will be required as physical distancing will no longer be possible).*

- 16. What is the protocols if someone from our team tests positive?**

*In the event that there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 among our SDU community:*

- Fraser Health Authority will interview the impacted individual to initiate the contact tracing process.*
- Fraser Health will determine how the individual was infected and who they were in close contact with.*
- Fraser Health will determine what steps close contacts should take. This may include self-isolating or self-monitoring symptoms for 14 days.*
- Only Fraser Health can determine who is a close contact.*
- The SDU General Manager and Fraser Health will work together on a communications plan to let staff, players and their families know when there is a confirmed case within the SDU community and if it impacts them.*
- The SDU General Manager will work closely with Fraser Health to determine if there is any risk to other members of our SDU community, and if any additional steps are required. We will follow the health authority's guidance.*



- *The key point for families to remember is that Fraser Health will connect directly with any individuals who may have been exposed with further instructions via phone call or letter. If you are contacted by Fraser Health, please follow their advice carefully.*
- *As per our SDU Return to Play Safety Plan, if your child has symptoms, please keep them home and follow the guidance from the BC Centre for Disease Control and refer to the SDU Illness Policy outlined in the SDU Return to Play Safety Plan.*

**17. What happens if a player has gone for a test? I am assuming they can't be with the team until the test comes back 'negative'.**

*If a player has been experiencing symptoms and gone for a test, they are to stay home and follow the guidance from the BC Centre for Disease Control and the Fraser Health Authority.*

**18. If a team member tests positive – does the entire team need to get tested? Can we still hold a practice without that individual?**

*We will be required to follow the directives provided by the Fraser Health Authority and the BC Centre for Disease Control*

**19. In what circumstances may this mean we need to cancel a game?**

*We will be required to follow the directives provided by the Fraser Health Authority and the BC Centre for Disease Control.*