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## MASK REQUIREMENTS FOR SOFTBALL ACTIVITIES

Dear Member,

Softball BC supports the guidelines and restrictions put in place by our Provincial Government through the Provincial Health Office (PHO) and ViaSport to manage the pandemic of the COVID-19 virus.

We make every effort to ensure full compliance with the guidelines posted and updated through the Health Office and ViaSport.

From time to time, modifications are necessary to remain compliant or to fall in line with the current health orders. Softball BC, in a letter dated November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 indicated that face masks are mandatory for all members taking part in indoor softball activities. This does not comply with the PHO order, which includes, among the exemptions, any participants under the age of 12, and that a mask is not required when participating in a softball activity.

Therefore, we will adjust our minimum requirements to indicate the following

Masks are mandatory when taking part in indoor activities

Exemption

- participants under the age of twelve (12)
- when engaged in an athletic activity

Our goal is to follow the PHO orders and guidelines as closely as possible, but also recognizing there may be circumstances where Softball BC will define a protocol at a higher level if we believe it will provide a consistent level of safety for our members and the community. As well, LSOs are free to manage the restrictions for their specific club, keeping the Softball BC criteria as a minimum standard.

Yours truly,

Rick Benson, Executive Director,  
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