

# NBIAA Return to Play Plan – FAQs

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Question	Answer
Badminton - Are teams going to be allowed to practice all year long because the sport is being offered in the fall and the spring?	No, both seasons are separate. The fall season will end on October 25 <sup>th</sup> and the spring season may only begin on February 22 <sup>nd</sup> .
Badminton - If you do not play badminton in the fall, can you still take part in the pending provincials in the spring?	Yes, the fall season is unrelated to the spring season.
What does 'Conference Play' mean?	The NBIAA has four conferences (North, East, South and West) and your school could play teams within your NBIAA conference.
For away games, is the assumption that only parents can transport their own children? What about the use of school mini-buses or carpooling?	Yes, but everyone should attempt to provide their own transportation when travelling to an event. When carpooling, follow risk mitigation measures such as use of face covering when possible and where required as per EECD Appendix D3. Mini-buses are permitted and schools are required to follow EECD Appendix D1 & D2.
What are the expectations for washroom facilities for soccer fields?	School facilities would be closed to anyone who doesn't attend that school.
Are all games considered exhibition?	For the fall sports (except golf) all permitted games being played would be exhibition at this time.
If a school has 2 soccer teams (Junior and Senior or 2 Senior teams) are they permitted to have a controlled scrimmage against each other? Does it count as a team they can play within a 7-day cycle?	Yes, they are permitted to play games against their own school teams. Yes, it would also count as playing another school team, as the students on each team would no longer be social distancing.
What is the maximum number of people permitted for outdoor gatherings?	Keep uncontrolled outdoor gatherings with physical distancing at 50 people or fewer. Occupancy limits in controlled outdoor settings should remain at a level which allow for physical distancing. Record keeping for participants is required to facilitate contact tracing.
Schools have concerns about keeping the maximum number of 50 spectators under control and they are worried about it getting out of control. Can schools choose to close outdoor events to spectators?	The school is responsible for managing the number and conduct of spectators. If health and safety directives cannot be followed, the event should not occur. The school can also reduce the number of spectators below 50 or continue the event without spectators.
Are the maximum roster numbers for games only?	The set maximum roster numbers would apply to tryouts, practices and games.
How will travel to and from Campobello/Deer Island (ferry) work for school sport teams?	Travel through the US for school sports is deemed non-essential and prohibited. Campobello residents are permitted to use the ferry.
Can a golfer decide to quit the golf team and play soccer in the same season? Is there a waiting period before joining another team?	Yes, they can, as long as the school district and school health and safety directives are respected. There would be no waiting period required.

Can a soccer player finish up the soccer season and then join the hockey team which may have started as early as Sept 20 <sup>th</sup> with practices?	Yes, they can, as long as school district and school health and safety directives are respected. There would be no waiting period required.
Can an NBIAA soccer coach also be permitted to be an official at the same time?	Yes, they can, as long as school district and school health and safety directives are respected. However, additional standards may be required. In this case, officials/coaches will be required to wear a face mask during all associated practices/events/games, in addition to following physical distancing and other public health measures.
Can a sports team have a double header against the same team?	If it is the same group of players, officials, etc., a double header would be permitted on the same day.
Can a school host a basketball game for a Senior Girls team and their Senior Boys team on the same evening/day?	Yes, as long as measures are put in place to ensure that teams 1 and 2 are off the property and proper cleaning of equipment and high touch areas is completed before teams 3 and 4 arrive.
Can NBIAA member schools allow their grade 6 to 8 students to be part of their NBIAA sports team?	No, they would not be permitted to participate, given physical distancing directives from EECD/Public Health.
With the end of Winter sports being on Feb 21 <sup>st</sup> , does that date also apply to hockey?	No, the hockey season must be completed by March 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2020.
The return to play document states no spectators for indoor activities, but what about rented facilities such as rinks or pools?	Spectators would be permitted inside those rented spaces, as long as those facility protocols are followed. Schools will need to be prepared to monitor and document those in attendance.
Can non-school staff coaches be permitted to enter the school and coach a NBIAA school team? Would minor officials & officials also be permitted to enter the school?	Yes, according to the EECD Return to School document under Access to Public School Buildings on page 10. "School personnel, as defined in the Education Act (this includes visiting teachers, school district personnel, volunteers and extra resource people); All schools should keep a daily log of all essential visitors that enter the building."
If an individual travelled to a region in the Orange Zone, are they allowed to return to their Organized Sport activities in the Yellow zone?	Please refer to the FAQs provided by the Tourism, Heritage & Culture – Sport & Recreation Branch located on our website. <a href="https://www.nbiaa-asinb.org/en/links/covid-19">https://www.nbiaa-asinb.org/en/links/covid-19</a>
Are NBIAA activities suspended when a zone goes into the Orange Zone?	Schools in the Orange Zone would ONLY be permitted to participate in activities at the NBIAA Phase 2 (Return to Practice).
Are Junior players able to also play up on Senior teams, as per NBIAA O.R. 4.4?	No, as students are only able to be part of one NBIAA sport team at a time.