

COVID-19: Risk Mitigation for Sporting Events

Assessing Risk related to Sport:



Individual Skills



Team skills



Competition
within-team
or one cohort



Regional
competition



Competition outside
New Brunswick

Lower Risk

Higher Risk

Planning a Performance or Sporting Event:

- Understand the transmission pathways and risk mitigation concepts presented in the COVID-19 Risk Mitigation for Festival and Events Guide in New Brunswick.
- Apply the risk mitigation guidance in the context of your performance or sporting event.
- Review the latest Mandatory Order.
- Know the Public Health Alert Level in New Brunswick and what is allowed for performance and sport.
- Follow the Sports and Recreation directives for a performance or sporting event provided by the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture.

Things to include in your event planning:

Operational Plan

- Complete a risk assessment.
- Review the operational plan for your venue.
- Review guidance on events/tournaments from the provincial governing body of the activity.
- All sporting events/tournaments that are not school-related must follow the guidelines provided by the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture, whether they are members of an organization that is governed by them or not.
- If your sporting event is school-related (K-12), please contact your school district's Occupational Health and Safety Coordinator for information.

- Create an operational plan for your event.
- If the operational plan for the venue does not align with the guidance from the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture, choose the risk mitigation strategy that is the more stringent of the two.

Travel

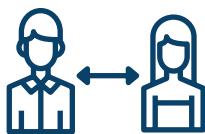
- When travel is permitted for individuals to come into the province for a tournament or performance event, individuals must follow N.B.'s travel registration and isolation requirements. Information about New Brunswick's travel and isolation requirements is posted on GNB's COVID-19 website.
- When travel is allowed, any required isolation protocols for individuals traveling into N.B. must be followed. In the case of COVID-19 infection during a stay in the province, the operational plan must include the processes in place for infected persons to safely manage appropriate self-isolation. All guidance provided by Public Health's Regional Medical Officer of Health must be followed.
- It is safer to participate in sporting activities within your health region. The Public Health Alert Level provides guidance for travel in and out of a region.
- When travel into a region is allowed, the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture provides guidance for when regional travel for sport is necessary or not.

Group Size

- For attendance and occupancy limits in any setting, they must be in alignment with the Mandatory order.
- The Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture provides direction regarding the sanctioning and administration of competitions, tournaments, meets and races. Follow their guidance for additional participant limits within a sporting context.
- To reduce risk while proceeding with a team/performance event, consider not having spectators present and offering virtual/televised/online viewing only.

For information on specific sport rules by recovery level, see the [Sport and Recreation FAQ](#).

For inquiries related to sport competitions, tournaments, meets and races, please contact thtctpcinfo@gnb.ca. Pre-approval may be required.



Physical
Distancing



Wash your hands often with
soap or hand sanitizer



Stay home if
you are sick



Wear a community
face mask