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BCMBA Insurance and Affiliation Fees – Update

Yesterday the province announced it is protecting amateur sports from Covid-19 liability to allow them to restart under current Return to Play Guidelines as covered in our correspondence yesterday and available on our website.

“The government has passed an order protecting all of these associations and their volunteers from any litigation as a result of COVID-19,” B.C. Premier John Horgan said in his weekly press conference.

The order by Public Safety Minister Mike Farnworth under the Emergency Program Act, means sports organizations and organizers cannot be held liable “for damages relating, directly or indirectly, to COVID-19”, as a result of their participation in organized amateur sport, as long as those sports are following provincial pandemic guidelines.

Each Member Association still needs to establish their own guidelines, planning and protocols according to the “BCMBA COVID-19 RTP Package” sent June 10, 2020 to all Member Association presidents.

As we move forward in these unprecedented times BCMBA Member Associations insurance is in place for the traditional April – March annual (April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021) term. As a reminder, associations must as part of their registration and affiliation with BCMBA fill in and submit traditional required forms and pay those fees before any of their players are considered insured for the 2020-2021 season. No exceptions.

Due to the disruption in programming and the resulting unknown number of registrants at specific levels Member Associations may submit their affiliation forms multiple times as their participation at the different levels becomes known. Thus, Member Associations can submit the affiliation form for their single season teams to insure their single season teams are insured and then send in the affiliation form and pay the fees for those currently registered “spring” players if any spring training and internal play is organized. Late registration for the balance of their players and coaches can be submitted when final numbers are known.

Currently, we have missed just over two (2) months of the insurance term ending March 2021. While we have eliminated some of the high performance programming for the 2020-2021 season, expenses and other parts are still running. BCMBA won't be in a position to possibly reduce or rebate some of the 2020 affiliation fees (BCMBA Rule 2.01) until we know exactly how much is needed for the remainder of the season and our financial fiscal year-end known. As a friendly reminder, please note, all excess BCMBA general funds were sent out as rebates in 2019 back to the member associations.

We want to work with you so if you have any questions please contact Anne Hayes and/or John Braaten, their contact information is available on the website here; <https://www.bcminorbaseball.org/baseball-executives>

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