

# ATHLETICS NEW BRUNSWICK RETURN TO TRAINING & COMPETITION GUIDELINES /

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#### **Overview**

Athletics New Brunswick will be following the return to training and competition guidelines developed by the National task force, Back on Track. This document will highlight any additional or differing guidelines that have been set specifically for the Province of New Brunswick and Athletics New Brunswick.

The recommendations outlined in this document will be reviewed and updated regularly as we receive more guidance from the New Brunswick Government and New Brunswick Health Officials. Please ALWAYS follow guidelines from Public Health prior to continuing training and competition.

Guidelines in this document are for use in training/practice, as well as competition settings where applicable. Athletics New Brunswick will continue to update these guidelines as we progress through the pandemic.

All of Athletics Canada's **Back on Track** guidelines are strongly recommended to be followed and implemented in your training regiments and competitions until further notice. In addition to those guidelines, Athletics New Brunswick is recommending the following additions throughout the province of New Brunswick. These provincial recommendations will be updated on the <u>Covid-19 Resource Page</u> as New Brunswick, and Canada, progress through the pandemic.

New Brunswick recommendations to be used in addition to the Athletics Canada's **Back on Track** guidelines



# PHASE 1 (July 1 to December 31, 2020)



#### Return to Training

#### Who can participate in training activities?

- Any athlete in training groups must be, at a minimum, recreational members of Athletics Canada.
- All training groups identified in the Orange level alert may continue to train (limited to practices and/or skills and drills within a single team). ANB identifies a single team as one registered club or registered Unattached athletes working as a group.
- All training groups identified in the Yellow alert level, may continue to operate with an operational plan identifying measures that limit the number and intensity of close contacts.

#### Who cannot participate in training activities?

- Anyone who has travelled outside of New Brunswick in the past 14 days. These individuals (unless exempt from self-isolation) MUST self-isolate for 14 days from the time of their arrival.
- Nobody from an Orange alert level zone is permitted to participate in sport in a Yellow alert level zone.

#### **General Guidelines when returning to Training**

#### What type of screening is required?

For Zones in the Orange alert level, active screening is required upon arrival to practice. Please refer to GNB's symptom checklist fort these guidelines. For Zones in the Yellow alert level, passive screening is required, and active screening for activities involving youth. Active screening is always recommended.

#### What is the maximum number of athletes permitted at practice?

- A maximum of 50 persons in any given training group in any space. It is at the discretion of the facility owner to limit multipurpose facilities and whether or not multiple groups may train at the same time in different locations. Please be sure to verify with your facility operator for their guidelines and restrictions. If venue/facility allows for multiple user groups, ensure physical distancing and mask-wearing is in place.
- All group training must follow current New Brunswick Public Health guidelines. Please
  ensure you are following guidelines and protocols created by the facility of choice, as
  their facility maximum capacity can vary. Continue to use the 2 meters of physical
  distancing, recognizing that brief close contacts are permitted on the field of play, but
  should be avoided if at all possible.
- One coach should not have multiple groups in one facility at the same time. Instead, the coach should have groups staggered to mitigate transmission between training groups.

- Recognizing that many groups do not have this luxury, if coach must work with various groups, face masks must be worn.
- Clubs must have personal protective equipment available on-site if physical distancing cannot be followed. Examples of this include, but are not limited to, attending to injuries, medical needs, or athletes who may require assistance.

#### How should Training be modified / adapted to allow for physical distancing?

- When not physically partaking in the act of skill/drill/running, (i.e., active rest, rest, breaks, coach interaction with group, etc.), athletes and coaches MUST maintain a physical distance of two metres at all times. Masks should also be worn during these 'down' times.
- For sprints, all efforts should be made to use every other lane, and regular usage of hand sanitizer should be implemented. Brief close contacts are permitted, but should be avoided if and when possible. If using side-by-side lanes, ensure proper sanitizing is taking place between athletes before and after set/rep.
- For middle distance and endurance, all efforts should be made to avoid pack running (send-off staggered), recognizing that brief close contacts are permitted but should be avoided when possible. If pack running, ensure proper sanitizing is taking place between athletes before and after set/rep, and pack running should be minimized efforts, not elongating time spent in close proximity.
- For throws, all athletes should maintain a physical distance of two metres at all times, and masks are recommended on the field. All implements must be fully sanitized after each throw if sharing of equipment. Sharing of equipment is not recommended, but recognized that some may not have this luxury, so all efforts to properly sanitize and maintain distance when exchanging should be taken.
- For jumps, all athletes should maintain a physical distance of two metres at all times, and masks are recommended on the field. All rakes, shovels, tape measures, brooms, markers, etc. must be fully sanitized after each contact. Sharing of equipment is not recommended, but recognized that some may not have this luxury, so all efforts to properly sanitize and maintain distance when exchanging should be taken.

# The following items MUST be completed before returning to training AND competition

- 1. All athletes must read this document and complete the Athletics New Brunswick COVID-19 Questionnaire and Attestation sent to them by Trackie before being permitted to return to sanctioned training or competition. If the Covid waiver is not sent to you, please contact your club representative or ANB at anb@anb.ca
- 2. Clubs are strongly encouraged to appoint a Health Safety Officer and complete the following:
  - a. Risk assessment before using a public facility.
  - b. Waiver acknowledgment and plans on implementing current recommendations into their group sessions.
- Ensure athletes and parents follow the Outbreak Action Plan, outlined in section six of the <u>National Back on Track Return to Training Guidelines</u> document or on the <u>Covid-19</u> <u>Resource Page</u> of our website.

Templates and other resources can be found on the Covid-19 Resource Page: https://www.anb.ca/resources/covid-19/



#### Return to Modified Competition – Track & Field

\*Note that Zones in Orange alert level are not permitted to host competition at this time\*

All host organizing committees are required to submit a COVID-19 Operational Plan that addresses risk mitigation measures across ALL aspects of the event.

#### Steps that should be followed in order to sanction an event:

**Events UNDER 150** (150 which includes ALL individuals in attendance throughout day, including athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, spectators. For example, even if at any given time there are only 50 people in the venue, if there are over 150 registrants and or other attendees for the entire event, this would classify as an event **over** 150).

- Complete risk assessment (is it worth hosting, what are the risk factors in your region, who are you opening the event up to, etc.)
- Review venue operational plan
- Review and ensure adherence to ANB's Return to Sport document and protocols (competition)
- Create operational plan for event
- Submit sanction request along with all required documentation to Athletics New Brunswick

**Events OVER 150** (This number should include ALL individuals in attendance throughout day, including athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, spectators).

- Complete risk assessment (is it worth hosting, what are the risk factors in your region, who are you opening the event up to, etc.)
- Review venue operational plan
- Review and ensure adherence to ANB's Return to Sport document and protocols (competition)
- Submit sanction request along with all required documentation to Athletics New Brunswick
- Upon sanction approval, complete online application here:

<sup>\*</sup>There is no timeline on the approval process provided by the Regional Medical Officer of Health, so ensure if you plan on hosting an event gathering of over 150, you get your requests in early\*

All competitions must be sanctioned by Athletics New Brunswick in order to be considered for rankings, records, as well as insurance coverage. Sanction requests can be found here: Sanction Request Form.

Attached with your sanction request form, please provide the following documentation:

- Clearly indicate which type of competition you plan to host
- Schedule of Events (including age-groups in each event)
- Plan with clear explanation on how physical distancing and Public Health protocols will be managed
- \*ANB may request re-submission of Sanction Request Form if any of the documentation is not attached, or does not meet standards\*

Competitions will not be promoted or posted on the ANB fixtures list until the sanction has been approved. For competitions with over 150 participants, competitions will not be promoted or posted on the ANB fixtures list until proof of approval is submitted from the Regional Medical Officer of Health's office.

# New Brunswick guidelines to be used in addition to the Athletics Canada's **Back**on Track guidelines

All athletes, coaches and officials participating in these competitions must be members of Athletics New Brunswick or have been residents in the province for the last 3 months (example: university students from outside NB with no ANB membership but competing for school team), and have completed the COVID waiver sent to them by Trackie. No exceptions. No last-minute entries should be provided to ensure all registrants have their COVID waivers completed *prior-to* the competition.

**Not permitted at this time:** Anyone who has travelled outside of New Brunswick in the past 14 days. These individuals (unless exempt from self-isolation) MUST self-isolate for 14 days from the time of their arrival.

It is the responsibility of the host organizing committee to ensure all physical distancing requirements are followed and adhered to and to provide all volunteers and officials with PPE.

#### Types of Competitions ANB will sanction at this time:

- Event specific competition (i.e Throws meet, Distance Night, etc.)
- Twilight Meet (maximum of 4 events held in different areas of the facility)

\*If planning for a hurdles race, 110mh and 100mh would count as one of the four events, as there are different heights and distances for men and women. This would also apply to a 400m vs 300m, or 200m vs 150m so long as the individuals racing in these events are **age** appropriate\*

Regular competition \*with reduced field and participant size and clear physical distancing mitigation strategies in place\* (Discretionary with venue and planned event offerings. Please contact ANB at anb@anb.ca for more information)

\*It is not recommended to have out of region or multi-regional competitions (i.e. zones 1,2 and 3 all at one competition), rather keep to a single zone competition. If you plan to host a multi-regional event or competition and wish to be sanctioned by ANB, it is at the discretion of ANB to approve or deny requests\*

#### **Host Responsibilities**

Please check with the facility for any specific requirements for limitations on capacity prior to hosting. If there is a limit to number of people permitted in a venue, please be sure to include volunteers, athletes, coaches and spectators in your tallies when planning to host an event.

Ensure health of each person entering the facility is verified using an attestation questionnaire. (Back on Track page 25) or your own screening tools. Organizers must keep a log of each person in attendance (athletes, coaches, volunteers, officials, spectators) including their contact information.

It is highly recommended to restrict spectators at this time, to limit patrons in the facility at any given time.

#### Masks & Sanitation

Masks should be worn by all (athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers and spectators) if hosting \*regular competition\* (all lanes, etc.), or if physical distancing cannot be maintained except when warming up or competing. It is at the discretion on the facility owners and meet organizers to decide whether or not masks will be required given their COVID operational plan.

Athletes in field events must wear their mask at all times when not competing (sitting on the bench, waiting for their turn, etc).

Having hand sanitizer and masks available is highly recommended.

If hosting 'regular competition', sanitation stations must be available at the start line and finish line for participants to disinfect prior-to and following a race.

#### General

Ensure an Emergency Action Plan is in place, in the event of an incident requiring first aid/medical attention.

Having the following on-site is strongly recommended:

- Onsite qualified First Aid/Medical Personnel
- Medical supplies/First Aid Kit

- Medical Plan, Traffic Management Plan, Waste Management Plan
- Extreme weather plan

#### **Travel**

Travel requires additional risk (hotel stays, restaurant visits, out-of-region activities, group settings, etc.), and if you are travelling, it is essential that you follow the respective region's guideline, including all facilities and venues you may be entering. It is critical to take extra precautionary measures if travelling for sporting activities. It is **not** recommended to be travelling outside of your region at this time for track and field activities.

#### **Event-Specific Guidelines**

#### Call Room

There should not be a formal call room where athletes congregate. An informal check-in table should be in place with hip and chest numbers already ready for the athletes to mitigate high-touch areas. Athletes should marshal at the start line and avoid congregating in groups.

#### Sprints/Hurdles

Sprint/hurdle events can be run in every lane, provided that physical distancing and mask-wearing protocols are in place and enforced outside of the field of play (anytime not warming up or competing). Brief close contacts is permitted, but limiting them is key.

Hand sanitizer must be made available at the finish line, as athletes will have similar touch-surfaces of the track and/or starting blocks.

Starting blocks must be wiped down in between every athlete that comes in contact with them.

There should be a designated individual assigned to move and adjust hurdles, to limit who is touching those surfaces.

#### Middle Distance/Endurance

Middle distance and endurance events can take place in each lane provided that physical distancing and mask-wearing protocols are in place and enforced outside the field of play (anytime not warming up or competing), and that there is a reduced field size up to a maximum of 8 athletes per race (can also include a maximum of 2 pacers provided they are not competing the entire race). If a waterfall start is available, that option should be taken. Brief close contacts is permitted, but limiting them is key.

#### Jumps

It is not recommended that Pole Vault take place in competition at this time. If planning to host High Jump events, as per Back on Track documents, each athlete in the event should have their own separate tarps, and be interchanged in between jumpers.

For Horizontal Jumps, it is crucial that the sand be fully turned over and raked in between each jump.

#### Relays

Baton relays are not permitted at this time.

#### All other events

In addition, **ALL** event-specific guidelines in the Back on Track document are **strongly** encouraged to be followed.

#### **Officials**

Please refer to NOC Back on Track document.



# Return to Competition – Cross Country (Staggered Start / Time Trial)

#### General

- Have a COVID Safety Officer oversee the enforcement of your COVID Safety Plan and the protection of everyone onsite.
- Work to eliminate all touch points.
- Encourage participants to come solo, come just before the start and to leave immediately after.
- No high-fives, hugs, group photos or spitting.
- No in person registration, online only. Avoid cash transactions.
- Have a record of every volunteer and staff person onsite. Name, phone number.
- Personal Protective Equipment must be provided to all volunteers (Masks, gloves and hand sanitizer) and/or physical barriers at interaction points.
- Communicate with participants and volunteers, clearly and often, that if they feel unwell or show any symptoms, they should not attend the event.

#### Sanitation

- Supply hand washing stations or sanitizer anywhere near any other high touch surfaces such as
  on course at hydrations stations and entry to corrals.
- Spread out porta-potties considering 2-meter physical distance requirement, if space is a constraint consider staggering door entrances, one forward and one back. Have line up areas marked to encourage physical distancing.
- Encourage participants to wash their hands with soap and water and/or hand sanitizer prior to and after using porta-potty. Touchless hand sanitizer dispensers are recommended.
- Talk with your sanitation provider about enhanced cleaning of facilities.

#### **Race Kit Pickup**

- Outside is better than inside. Avoid indoor packet pickup.
- Consider other options for packet pickup, like mailing out to schools prior-to event.
- Allow and mark spacing for physical distancing.
- Protect volunteers with a combination of physical barriers, masks and spacing.
- Consider multiple pickup stations, spaced apart, to reduce lines.
- Have lines flow one direction, in one way, out another.
- Extend kit pick up hours to maximize physical distancing opportunities.
- Prepackage everything into one package to reduce touch points.

#### **Crowd Management Before, During, And After Event**

- Encourage participants not to bring spectators.
- Encourage participants to arrive just before their event and leave immediately after. Course walk-throughs are not recommended but having clearly marked courses and maps of your course are essential.
- Encourage masks / facial coverings before and after their event.
- Have a flow to your event site, to prevent grouping and encourage physical distancing. In one way, out another.

#### Start Corrals and Line (Staggered Start / Time Trial Format)

- Seed start times based on expected race finish time, to reduce on course interaction. (This would apply to Provincials only).
- Minimum 15-30s in between each runner, therefore eliminating the chaos of a mass start.
   Timing/results would be done by aligning their start time with their bib # (i.e. if racer #105 starts @ 0:45.... At the finish, deduct 0:45 from the final finish time for his/her time). Results would NOT be available on-site for this type of timing, results would be available a few days later, banners available later, etc.)
- Look into chip timing (Atlantic Chip) this can be costly. This would take care of timing completely, and results can be available almost instantaneously with minimal error.

#### On Course

- No drafting permitted. A minimum of 2-meter physical distance must be practiced by all participants and volunteers before, during, and after the event. Front to back, side to side.
- Course should allow for physical distancing and must be a minimum of 2 meters wide.
- Reduce two-way runner traffic areas.
- On corners and turn around points, allow extra room for participants to distance.
- Have volunteers encourage physical distancing to participants on course and at corners. Have signage encouraging physical distancing.

#### **Finish Area**

- Allocate more space for finish approach, line and finish chute. Finish approach should be as wide (or more) as your finish line.
- Communicate to participants clearly prior to race day on the website and in pre-race e-mail and on race day, the flow of finish line dispersal zone.
- Encourage masks to be worn by participants and all volunteers in finish line area.
- Volunteer Marshals in the Finish Line Dispersal Zone will remind finishers to keep moving while keeping their distance.
- Finishers should continue to egress along the road/path to exit the venue to their departure mode of transportation.
- To reduce/eliminate crowding, a post event gathering of any sort should be discouraged. Ask participants to leave once they have finished their event.

#### Return to Competition – Cross Country (Mass Start)

#### General

- Have a COVID Safety Officer oversee the enforcement of your COVID Safety Plan and the protection of everyone onsite.
- Work to eliminate all touch points.
- Encourage participants to come solo, come just before the start and to leave immediately after.
- No high-fives, hugs, group photos or spitting.
- No in person registration, online only. Avoid cash transactions.
- Have a record of every volunteer and staff person onsite. Name, phone number.
- Personal Protective Equipment must be provided to all volunteers (Masks, gloves and hand sanitizer) and/or physical barriers at interaction points.
- Communicate with participants and volunteers, clearly and often, that if they feel unwell or show any symptoms, they should not attend the event.

#### Sanitation

- Supply hand washing stations or sanitizer anywhere near any other high touch surfaces such as
  on course at hydrations stations and entry to corrals.
- Spread out porta-potties considering 2-meter physical distance requirement, if space is a constraint consider staggering door entrances, one forward and one back. Have line up areas marked to encourage physical distancing.
- Encourage participants to wash their hands with soap and water and/or hand sanitizer prior to and after using porta-potty. Touchless hand sanitizer dispensers are recommended.
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- Consider multiple pickup stations, spaced apart, to reduce lines.
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- Encourage participants to arrive just before their event and leave immediately after. Course walk-throughs are not recommended but having clearly marked courses and maps of your course are essential.
- Encourage masks / facial coverings before and after their event.
- Have a flow to your event site, to prevent grouping and encourage physical distancing. In one way, out another.

#### **Start Corrals and Line (Mass Start Format)**

- Seed start times based on expected race finish time, to reduce on course interaction. (This
  would apply to Provincials only). Waved mass start is also recommended (lines of 10-15 runners
  sent off in waves).
- Reduced field sizes is HIGHLY recommended.
- For mass start, start line must be large enough to host designated number of athletes per field size, with 2 meters distance between each. The risk for mass start would be the first 2-3 minutes when athletes are likely to be pack running before speed differences allow for separation.
- Allow for physical distancing (2 meters) in start corrals or approximately 4 square meters of ground space per person.
- Runners enter the corral only when their time slot has been announced. One time slot would be
  at the Start Line with the next group on deck on standby. Physical distancing chalk circles two
  metres apart can be placed on the road/trail/grass.
- If only one-meter separation on start line between runners for mass start, face coverings must be worn on the start line until moments before starting gun goes off (can be thrown on the ground and picked up by a volunteer wearing PPE after they are gone).
- Two-sided signs for physical distancing should be put up along the sides of the corral every two barricades or so.

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- Course should allow for physical distancing and must be a minimum of 2 meters wide.
- Reduce two-way runner traffic areas.
- On corners and turn around points, allow extra room for participants to distance.
- Have volunteers encourage physical distancing to participants on course and at corners. Have signage encouraging physical distancing.

#### **Finish Area**

- Allocate more space for finish approach, line and finish chute. Finish approach should be as wide (or more) as your finish line.
- Communicate to participants clearly prior to race day on the website and in pre-race e-mail and on race day, the flow of finish line dispersal zone.
- Encourage masks to be worn by participants and all volunteers in finish line area.
- Volunteer Marshals in the Finish Line Dispersal Zone will remind finishers to keep moving while keeping their distance.
- Finishers should continue to egress along the road/path to exit the venue to their departure mode of transportation.
- To reduce/eliminate crowding, a post event gathering of any sort should be discouraged. Ask participants to leave once they have finished their event.

# PHASE 2 (January 1 re-evaluation pending Atlantic Bubble status and restrictions) Athletics Athletics

#### Return to Modified Competition – Track & Field

All competitions must be sanctioned by Athletics New Brunswick in order to be considered for rankings, records, as well as insurance coverage. Sanction requests can be found here: <u>Sanction</u> Request Form

Attached with your sanction request form, please provide the following documentation:

- Clearly indicate which type of competition you plan to host
- Schedule of Events (including age-groups in each event)
- Plan with clear explanation on how physical distancing and Public Health protocols will be managed
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Competitions will not be promoted or posted on the ANB fixtures list until the sanction has been approved.

# New Brunswick guidelines to be used in addition to the Athletics Canada's **Back** on **Track** guidelines

All athletes, coaches and officials participating in these competitions must be members of Athletics New Brunswick, Athletics Nova Scotia, Athletics PEI, or NFLD Athletics and have completed the COVID waiver sent to them by Trackie. No exceptions. No last-minute entries should be provided to ensure all registrants have their COVID waivers completed *prior-to* the competition.

It is the responsibility of the host organizing committee to ensure all physical distancing requirements are followed and adhered to and to provide all volunteers and officials with PPE.

#### Types of Competitions ANB will sanction at this time:

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It is highly recommended to restrict spectators at this time, to limit patrons in the facility at any given time.

#### Masks & Sanitation

Masks should be worn by all (athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers and spectators) if hosting \*regular competition\* (all lanes, etc.), or if physical distancing cannot be maintained except when warming up or competing. It is at the discretion on the facility owners and meet organizers to decide whether or not masks will be required given their COVID operational plan.

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#### Middle Distance/Endurance

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#### Jumps

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For Horizontal Jumps, it is crucial that the sand be fully turned over and raked in between each jump.

#### Relays

Baton relays are not permitted at this time.

#### All other events

In addition, **ALL** event-specific guidelines in the Back on Track document are **strongly** encouraged to be followed.

#### **Officials**

Please refer to NOC Back on Track document.



<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Please refer to the ANB Covid Resource Page frequently for the most up-to-date guidelines from ANB and Athletics Canada. \*\*\*