

**What is the training year going to look like?**

Training delivery within a COVID-19 environment will continue to rely heavily on information technology as virtual opportunities will be required to augment or replace limited face-to-face activities.

For 59 Vancouver RCACS, hybrid training (combination of in-person and virtual activities) is being planned for Wednesday evenings. Cadets will be organized into training groups that will train separately. Each week, a single training group will have the opportunity to attend in-person activities while the remaining training groups will attend virtual activities using Microsoft Teams. As such, training groups will have rotational access to our physical location. Hybrid training combines the flexibility of virtual activities with the engagement of in-person activities.

**Why should I join 59 Vancouver RCACS this year?**

59 Vancouver RCACS is committed to continue delivering flexible, fun, and exciting activities under limitations. Our squadron is fortunate to be able to secure access to a training facility to allow for in-person activities that would otherwise be unavailable, for example:

- a. Marksmanship
- b. Drill and ceremonial
- c. Virtual reality flight simulators

**When is the training year starting?**

All virtual and in-person training activities are pending approval. Virtual training is being planned to begin on 14 October 2020. Hybrid training is being planned to begin on 4 November 2020. In the meantime, cadets are encouraged to continue participating in the “59 Vancouver Challenges” that are posted on our social media accounts each Wednesday:

- a. Facebook: <http://facebook.com/59vancouver>
- b. Instagram: <http://instagram.com/59vancouver>

**Will there be any optional activities?**

The delivery of optional training teams and/or training events will be adapted. All virtual and in-person training activities are pending approval. As these activities become available, more information will be distributed through the Chain of Command.

**Will there be any Field Training Exercises (FTXs)?**

The delivery of FTXs will be adapted as no overnight activities are authorized until further notice. Local day activities without an overnight stay are still permitted, provided ground transportation is carried out in accordance with the travel restrictions.

**Will there be any fundraising activities?**

Since funding for optional activities is limited, the collection of annual registration fees and fundraising activities are organized by the local Squadron Sponsoring Committee. The delivery of fundraising activities will be adapted as no in-person fundraising activities involving cadets and adult staff are authorized until further notice.

**What COVID-19 safety measures are in place?**

Please see <http://59vancouver.ca/covid-19-info/> for our COVID-19 response.

**What if I cannot attend certain training activities?**

The Cadet Program is completely voluntary; cadets should not participate in any activities if they, or their parents/guardians, are not comfortable with participation. Cadets will not be penalized or disadvantaged for not completing aspects of the program due to in-person activity limitations.

**What happens if I re-join the Cadet Program next year?**

Cadets are declared non-effective strength after a prolonged absence and will subsequently be struck off strength in accordance with established policies. Cadets and their parents/guardians should understand that completion of each proficiency level qualifies cadets for certain optional training courses, rank promotions, and/or other privileges.

**How can I find more information and how will I be notified of changes?**

Please see the squadron website for the most updated information and contact your Chain of Command if there are additional concerns or questions.

**How can I register?**

Please see the <http://59vancouver.ca/join-air-cadets/> for the most updated information and contact [info@59vancouver.ca](mailto:info@59vancouver.ca) if there are additional concerns or questions.