## BC Provincial Vaccine Mandate – September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Starting September 13, 2021, the Province of BC has put in place that proof of vaccination will be required to access certain higher-risk social, recreational, and discretionary events and businesses provincewide to help protect people from COVID-19.

At this time, proof of vaccination is **NOT** required to participate in **ANY OUTDOOR SPORT**, spectators, and participants.

The restrictions are on **INDOOR** settings, such as:

- indoor ticketed sporting events
- indoor concerts, theatre, dance and symphony events
- licensed restaurants and cafes, and those that offer table service (indoor and outdoor dining)
- pubs, bars and lounges (indoor and outdoor dining)
- night clubs, casinos, movie theatres
- fitness centres/gyms/adult sports (indoor)
- indoor group exercise activities
- organized indoor events with 50 or more people (e.g., wedding receptions,
- organized parties, conferences, workshops)
- discretionary organized indoor group recreational classes and activities

For **INDOOR SPORT** Youth aged 21 and under are excluded from the Order and are not required to show proof of vaccination. Those who are supporting youth programs (ie coaches, volunteers, officials) are not required to show proof of vaccination. We are awaiting more guidance on the expectation for MIXED age groups.

Clubs and individual members should consult the venue and/or Municipality on their specific requirements and application of the Order.

For **INDOOR** workshops / clinics with less than 50 participants, proof of vaccination is NOT required. If there are more than 50 people, proof of vaccination is required. At this time, masks are required in indoor settings.

Clubs may be responsible for checking adult (22+) members vaccination status participating in **INDOOR** programs. Clubs must have the permission of the individual to keep a record of their vaccination status on file. Please work with your Municipality/Facility to determine their protocols.

Please note that there is no legal precedence on requiring vaccination to be part of a Club or to participate in an **OUTDOOR** event, you are best to consult with your legal representation before implementing any measures above and beyond the Provincial Health Order. ViaSport is in the process of gathering more information on this.

Last week, Athletics Canada has announced that proof of vaccination will be required at their in-person events, courses and seminars. Including National Championships. This **ONLY** applies to the events they own / operate, not to those of BC Athletics or sanctioned by BC Athletics.

Please refer to the provinces – <u>Proof of vaccination and the BC Vaccine Card</u> page for more information. And the <u>BC Vaccine Card</u> – <u>Guide for Businesses</u>.

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BC Provincial restrictions are listed here.

Including indoor mask mandates, spectator restrictions, sport & fitness.

Additional restrictions within Northern & Interior Health are listed on the page with regards to Gatherings & Events, Indoors & Outdoors.

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For additional information as it pertains to our sport, please visit our COVID-19 Updates Page.