



## Proof of Vaccinations Policy

### **Team Safety Representative**

Every team **MUST** have a designated Safety Representative rostered to the team staff. Teams may assign a backup Safety Rep. however they must be added to the roster and require the same certifications.

It is the responsibility of the team Safety Rep to verify proof of vaccination records (*as per the current safety guidelines*) of every person who enters the rink for the scheduled ice time and prohibit entrance to any person who is unable to provide proof of full vaccination.

Once the ice time begins the Safety Rep is to remain stationed inside the rink by the doors so that they can still see the ice and monitor the rink entrance for any late arriving spectators.

The team **Safety Rep has full authority** over the rink for the duration of ice rental until all players and Coaches have left the arena, or the Safety Rep for the following ice rental is on site.

**Coaches, players, and team staff are not permitted to enter the rink until their team Safety Rep has arrived on site** and assumed the responsibility from the previous ice time's Safety Rep., only then:

- Coaches and players can enter the rink 30 minutes prior to ice time.
- Spectators are only permitted to enter the rink 5 minutes prior to ice time.

**At the end of the ice time spectators must exit the building immediately.**

The corridor outside the rink doors must remain clear.

Food and drink are permitted in the rink. We ask that people be seated and only remove their mask for as long as it takes to eat or drink.

### **FAQs**

- 1. Why are we responsible for verifying proof of vaccination?** Hockey NS and the facilities operators have agreed to let facility operators such as CHP make the renter (your team) responsible for checking proof of vaccination. This cannot be changed.
- 2. Why do we need safety reps?** Hockey NS has mandated that each team have a safety rep for the 2021-22 season - we're doing this to ensure that our players have a safe season and that the many unvaccinated players under the age of 12 are kept safe.
- 3. As a Safety Rep, what/who am I responsible for?** You are responsible for your team's safety (coaches, other staff, players, and spectators) in the rink that you are in for a practice or game (games are a team effort between you and the other team's safety rep). Timekeepers' and officials' proof of vaccination is coordinated by their coordinator and Referee in Chief. For Covid-19 and our current Public Health level this means ensuring that masks are worn, and proof of vaccination is provided. You have full authority to deny entry to anyone not providing proof of vaccination or to any players, coaches, or spectators who are entering without their Safety Rep present.
- 4. As a Safety Rep, what/who am I not responsible for?** You are not responsible for verifying proof of vaccination for players, coaches, staff, and spectators for the ice time before or after yours.
- 5. What if I see a team before or after mine not following the masking, proof of vaccination or Safety Rep processes?** Advise the Risk Manager, Safety Coordinator, and your coordinator (Novice, Rec, or Rep) as soon as possible.

**See something, say something.** When there are issues, please advise your coordinator (Novice, Rec or Rep), the Risk Manager and the Safety Coordinator of any issues as soon as possible. We will follow up with the Manager and Head Coach of the team(s). We will keep track of the issues and will determine appropriate consequences.

**Teams that do not follow this policy will no longer be allowed spectators**

**If enforcement is required from the Public Health perspective, teams will be 100% responsible for any fines.**