



Communique #15 – September 11, 2021
PHO Order Revision (Proof of Vaccination) – Gathering and Events
Return to Responsible Play - Restart 2.0

Dear Field Hockey BC Members,

Further to FHBC's Return to Responsible Play Communique #14 dated September 10, 2021 and following the official release of the PHO Gathering and Events Order Revision (Proof of Vaccination) earlier today, I am writing to provide an initial interpretation of the PHO Order Revision wording as it relates to the Organized Sport Sector. Such interpretation has been provided through viaSport BC and will also be reflected in due course on the viaSport BC website. The PHO Gathering and Events Order Revision (Proof of Vaccination) comes into effect September 13, 2021:

- Adults (those 22 years of age or older) are required to show Proof of Vaccination for indoor sport
- Youth (under 22 years of age) are exempt from the program and do not need to show Proof of Vaccination

The following components are pending clarification from the PHO as they relate to the Organized Sport Sector:

- Who is specifically exempt from Youth Sport under this PHO order revision (ie. does this include coaches, trainers, officials, volunteers, parents who may be 22 years of age or older)
- Who counts as a spectator for ticketed events and sporting activity

The PHO Gathering and Events Order revision (Proof of Vaccination) can be accessed here: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19-pho-order-gatherings-events.pdf>. For information on the overall Proof of Vaccination Program, please visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard.html>

Field Hockey BC will continue to provide Community Communique updates as more information is received. For further detail regarding Field Hockey's COVID-19 response and to access information on the Provincial Government Restart 2.0 plan, as well as Responsible Return to Play Framework documentation, please refer to the Field Hockey BC website at: <https://fieldhockeybc.com/covid-19-response/>. Further reference material can be found on the viaSport BC website at <https://www.viasport.ca/return-sport>.

Yours in sport,

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