



Communique #18 – October 27, 2021

FHBC (PSO) Return to Responsible Play Protocols

PHO ORDER REVISION - YOUTH SPORT SUPERVISORS PROTOCOL (PROOF OF VACCINATION) – Second Edition

Dear Field Hockey BC Members

Further to Communique #17 sent out yesterday afternoon and included below for reference, the following clarifications to the PHO Gathering and Events Order revision (dated October 25, 2021) were sought by FHBC today and have since been confirmed by viaSport BC:

- **Child and Youth field hockey program coaches, managers, volunteers AND OFFICIALS (those who have active supervisory interaction with Child and Youth field hockey program participants) are now required to show proof of FULL (Double) Vaccination for both indoor and outdoor field hockey activity.**
- **The requirement to show proof of FULL (Double) Vaccination for both indoor and outdoor field hockey activity applies to all Child and Youth field hockey program coaches, managers, volunteers, and officials 19 years of age or older (19+).**
- **Records of Vaccination: Local Sport Organizations (LSO's) are allowed to keep written records of proof of vaccination from participants, as long as they have written consent from the participant to do so. These records may only be kept for the purposes of confirming that a participant has been vaccinated and can be kept until this PHO Order expires or is repealed.**

Communique #17 (dated October 26, 2021):

Following a latest update to the PHO Gathering and Events Order (Proof of Vaccination) and subsequent confirmation from viaSport BC, I am writing to confirm that the previous Proof of Vaccination exemption for those charged with supervising YOUTH field hockey programming (programming for those Under 22 years of age) has now been removed. Youth field hockey program coaches, managers, and volunteers (those who have active supervisory interaction with Youth field hockey program participants) are now required to show proof of FULL (Double) Vaccination for both indoor and outdoor field hockey activity.

Unless the facility being utilized and/or hired is directly monitoring Proof of Vaccination, Local Sport Organizations (LSO's) are responsible for checking that all field hockey program coaches, managers, and volunteers supporting Youth programming now have FULL (Double) Proof of Vaccination. Whilst it is likely that many of those charged with a supervisory role within Youth field hockey are classified as Adults under the PHO Order, it has yet to be clarified whether Youth supervisors between the ages of 12 and 22 will be required to show FULL (Double) Proof of Vaccination. FHBC expects to receive the necessary clarification within the next 24 hours. In the meantime, Local Sport Organizations (LSO's) should consider it a responsible step to have all Youth supervisors over the age of 12 show FULL (Double) Proof of Vaccination.

For those Youth field hockey programs involving field of play officials (umpires), it may now also be necessary to these officials to be required to show FULL (Double) Proof of Vaccination. Clarification on the intent of the

PHO Order revision in this case is also pending and expected to be received over the course of the next 24 hours.

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 more information regarding Field Hockey's COVID-19 response, please refer to the Field Hockey BC website at: <https://fieldhockeybc.com/covid-19-response/>. Further reference material can also be found on the viaSport BC website at <https://www.viasport.ca/return-sport>.

Yours in sport,

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