



Curling Alberta Announces Vaccination Policy

September 14, 2021

OUR PRIORITY IS THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELL-BEING OF ALL PARTICIPANTS AND CURLERS WITHIN OUR BOUNDARIES.

WE SUPPORT OUR MEMBER CLUBS AND RESPECT THEIR AUTONOMY TO OPERATE SUCCESSFUL CURLING FACILITIES. WE SUPPORT AND RESPECT OUR CURLERS' PRIVACY.

WE ARE A PROUD MEMBER ASSOCIATION OF CURLING CANADA AND WE SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS TO PROTECT ALL PARTICIPANTS BY IMPLEMENTING MANDATORY VACCINATIONS AT THEIR EVENTS.

OUR BOARD IS REQUIRED TO TAKE STEPS TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF ATHLETES, STAFF, CONTRACTORS, VOLUNTEERS, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

Effective as per the timelines detailed below, Curling Alberta will make COVID-19 vaccinations mandatory to participate in Curling Alberta events including its competitions, camps, clinics, and meetings.

This policy will be in effect for all athletes, coaches, officials, staff, contractors, volunteers, media, and fans 12 years of age and older. All Curling Alberta coaches, instructors, and consultants will be required to be fully vaccinated and wear masks when working with youth.

Timelines:

- September 22nd, 2021 – Individuals must provide proof of at least one dose of vaccine by this date in order to attend or participate in Curling Alberta events.
- November 10th, 2021 – Individuals must be fully vaccinated, defined by a period of at least 14 days having passed since receiving their second dose of a two-dose Covid-19 vaccine series, and provide a proof of full vaccination*.

*As per current Alberta Health instructions, a minimum of 28 days must elapse between first and second dose.

The detailed policy and FAQ, including the process by which any requests for accommodation or exemption will be submitted and considered, will be released as soon as possible.

Member Clubs

- Curling Alberta respects the autonomy of each curling club to operate its own successful business.
- All clubs should follow the Return to Play Guidelines set out by Curling Alberta and Curling Canada. Each club is responsible to keep up-to-date and to follow the directions of relevant agencies within the province, its local community, municipality, and facility.
- Each club may customize its own plan.
- Each club should carefully consider its own unique circumstances to determine its position regarding vaccination policies. Curling Alberta will host an online seminar in the coming days to help provide education on principal elements of this decision, including current Alberta-specific legal and privacy considerations. In addition, Curling Alberta will revive its COVID-19 Recovery Working Group to ensure that our entire network of curling clubs continue to collaborate and share best practices.
- Curling Alberta is here to help. If your curling centre requires any assistance with the decision-making process or with interpreting any applicable guidelines, please contact us for support.