



WEST OXFORD GIRLS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

2021/22 HOCKEY PLAN

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Section 1: OWHA Vaccination Protocol

<https://cloud.rampinteractive.com/whaontario/files/Bulletins/OWHA%20Vaccination%20Update%20September%202017%202021.pdf>

The Government of Ontario has provided, in a September 14 news release, detailed information regarding the upcoming Proof of Vaccination requirements and exemptions. These come into effect on September 22, 2021.

The news release, the Regulation and the Guidance are found at these links:

Ontario Releasing Guidance to Support Proof of Vaccination Policy | Ontario Newsroom

<https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1000807/ontario-releasing-guidance-to-support-proof-of-vaccination-policy>

O. Reg. 645/21: RULES FOR AREAS AT STEP 3 AND AT THE ROADMAP EXIT STEP (ontario.ca)

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r21645>

Proof of Vaccination Guidance for Businesses and Organizations under the Reopening Ontario Act (gov.on.ca)

https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/guidance_proof_of_vaccination_for_businesses_and_organizations.pdf

OWHA recommends that every association and team carefully read all of the information at the links above for details regarding Proof of Vaccination requirements and exemptions. (This document is not legal advice.)

Please note that there is a limited youth sport exemption.

The rules of the limited youth sport exemption include but are not limited to the following (please carefully read all the information links above for more detail):

- Patrons under 18 years of age who are entering the indoor premises of a facility used for sports and recreational fitness activities solely for the purpose of actively participating in an organized sport, in accordance with the Guidance (third link).
- The exemption relating to youth under 18 years of age actively participating in indoor organized sport applies to training, practices, games and competitions.
- Proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and proof of identification (or proof of being entitled to another exemption) is required for patrons 18 years and older, including parents or guardians of youth actively participating in an organized sport.
- Proof of identification and proof of being fully vaccinated is not required for workers or volunteers, including coaches and officials.

Please also note that rules regarding Proof of Vaccination requirements and exemptions may vary by public health unit / region / municipality / location / specific facility and that these rules may change. Communication with individual facilities is crucial.

OWHA strongly encourages every eligible person to get vaccinated and help stop the spread of COVID-19. We also strongly urge all adults who are taking any position of responsibility such as coaches, managers, trainers, team staff, officials, volunteers and others to get fully vaccinated prior to participation in hockey.

The OWHA does point out that PHUs, municipalities, arenas and facilities have the authority to be more restrictive and that some are being more restrictive than the requirements noted in information linked above. This may mean that OWHA players and teams may be able to practice or play in 1 facility but may not be permitted to enter other facilities without complying with different local or facility requirements. The best way to ensure access into a facility is to be fully vaccinated and carry proof and identification with you.

The OWHA continues to work within the mandates of the provincial government and is prepared to implement measures that are deemed appropriate by it to protect the health and safety of its citizens and our participants and stakeholders.

Section 2: Reopening Ontario

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/reopening-ontario#section-1>

Sports and recreational fitness facilities

Step One

Outdoor fitness classes, outdoor sports training (no games or practices) and outdoor personal training, with 10 patrons maximum

Closed for indoor use except for high-performance athletes and day camps

Step Two

Outdoor sports leagues open

Training for professional or amateur athletes and/or competitions

Closed for indoor use except for high-performance athletes and day or overnight camps

Step Three

Indoor open at 50% capacity, with spectators permitted at a maximum capacity of 50% or 1,000 people (whichever is less) and other restrictions

Outdoor open. For unseated events, spectators permitted at a maximum capacity of 75% or 5,000 people (whichever is less) and other restrictions. For events with fixed seating, spectators permitted at a maximum capacity of 75% or 15,000 people (whichever is less) and other restrictions

Section 3: Zorra Facility Guidelines

3.1 Facility Protocol

<https://cloud.rampinteractive.com/wogha/files/Covid%20Docs/Protocol%20-%20Arena%20-%20Sept%2013%20%2C%20Step%203.pdf>

3.2 How to use QR Code

<https://cloud.rampinteractive.com/wogha/files/Covid%20Docs/Zorra%20Protocol%20-%20How%20to%20Use%20Screening%20Code.pdf>

Section 4: Ingersoll Facility Guidelines

<https://cloud.rampinteractive.com/wogha/files/Covid%20Docs/IDMA%20Re-Opening%20Plan%20021.pdf>

Section 5: WOGHA COVID Protocol

5.1 Face Masks

All WOGHA members and those attending WOGHA activity are required to wear a face mask. Players and Coaches are not required to wear face coverings during on ice activity. Bench staff must wear masks during game activity. Dressing room volunteers must wear masks at all times. Members are expected to provide their own face coverings. Disposable masks, nitrile gloves and sanitizer will be stocked in trainer kits for emergency use only.

5.2 COVID Screening

All WOGHA members (including players, coaching staff, parents and guardians) will be required to complete a COVID screening prior to attending WOGHA activity. Screening will be completed via TEAM APP. Facilities that require screening must be done in addition to Team RAMP.

5.3 COVID Tracking

Tracking will be via TEAM APP or provided tracking sheets. Tracking ensures WOGHA is aware of attendees to all association activity in the case of an outbreak.

5.4 Exposure Protocol

Exposure cases must be reported to WOGHA as possible. If a player/coach is experiencing symptoms they are not permitted to participate in team activity. Team activity can proceed as normal. The symptomatic individual is asked to be assessed by their doctor and contact Southwestern Public Health. This individual must self isolate until the test results are returned. If test results are negative, the individual is to return to regular activity 24 to 48 hours after symptoms have subsided. If test results are positive public health will contact the individual. Only high risk contacts¹ will be notified of the exposure.

¹A high risk contact is defined as a person who has been within 2 metres of the infected person for 15 minutes.