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New Westminister Minor Hockey Association
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NWMHA Protocols & Procedures for Rink Entry

Updated October 29, 2021, and effective immediately

NWMHA is working to adhere to the requirements from the BC Provincial Health Officer, Hockey Canada, BC Hockey, ViaSport ([as of Oct 29](#)), PCAHA, and the City of New Westminister. We also want to balance members' desire to access the rinks as Spectators.

NWMHA Interim Rules for Participation are:

1. If your child has been directly exposed to someone, or has themselves tested positive for COVID-19:
 - Do Not Come to the Rink
 - Notify your Team Manager
 - Notify Fraser Health and follow recommendations
2. If your child is not feeling well or has COVID-19 symptoms:
 - Do Not Come to the Rink
 - Notify your Team Manager
 - Monitor your child's health
 - Return to the Rink only when there are Zero Signs or Symptoms of COVID-19
3. When at the rink, spectators will now need to pass vax verification for **at least 2 vaccination doses** (as of October 24) before entering arenas per viaSport's: [Return to Sport Restart 2.0](#): **See implementation procedures for rink entry on next page.**
 - ***NEW* Proof of vaccination is required for all spectators (12 and older) at indoor sporting events, including practices as well as games.**
 - All Spectators 5 and over are required to wear a mask while in the arena.
 - Spectators should wait outside after the game finishes for their children to exit the building.
 - Spectators are recommended to socially distance themselves from people not in their household.
 - Sanitize your hands when entering and leaving the arena.



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- If there is any reason to believe that you are at high risk of contracting COVID-19, please stay home to protect yourself.
4. For teams:
- ***NEW* Adults supervising/assisting with youth sports must be fully vaccinated (i.e., team officials, referees, volunteers).**
 - All players must wear a mask when in the arena, except that players may go without a mask only while on the field of play (ice surface, bench, and penalty box) and when moving between the field of play and the change room in full gear.
 - All coaches and volunteers must wear a mask when in the arena including the benches
 - As per PCAHA, please replace post-game handshakes with “stick-tapping” from your own blueline.

Procedure for Rink Entry

NWMHA is required to follow all protocols as set out by governing bodies.

Away Games & Other Associations/Facilities

BEFORE visiting other associations for away games, check their association website for required protocols. Some associations are implementing additional requirements and officials may be asked to vax verify or asked to adhere to additional requirements.

City of New Westminister Rinks (Queens Park Arena and Moody Park Arena)

***NEW* NWMHA will require the following while at City of New Westminister Rinks:**
***NEW* All ice times, both practice & games, to implement vax verification of all spectators 12 and older**

- Players are presently exempt from vaccination verification.
- **Spectators who wish to enter the arena are required to provide verification of full vaccination.** See provinces instructions for providing vaccination verification; [Proof of vaccination and the BC Vaccine Card - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/diseases/communicable/covid-19/vaccination-verification).
- Spectators are presently not exempt unless under the age of eligible vaccination.
- Follow the Vaccine Verification Protocols for each City of New Westminister rink as posted on [NWMHA website](https://www.nwmha.ca).

For Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=ca.bc.gov.vaxcheck>

For Apple: <https://apps.apple.com/ca/app/bc-vaccine-card-verifier/id1583114791>



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- The volunteer is also required to view one piece of government issued picture ID of spectators 19 years old and over before allowing them to enter the arena. The volunteer is only responsible for individuals who are part of the NWMHA ice rentals. This includes visiting teams' spectators.
- There will be zero tolerance for abuse of volunteers.
- ***REMINDER* If an individual enters the arena and has not provided the tax verification using the process required, they will be reported to both arena employees and to NWMHA Executive.**

NWMHA is an association where all Board Members are volunteers. Thank you for your continued understanding, patience and compassion towards fellow colleagues, volunteers, friends, and our overall hockey community. The success of this hockey season will depend on every coach, volunteer, parent, and player following procedures, being forthcoming, being smart, and doing our part.



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