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New Westminister Minor Hockey Association
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Hello Royals Families,

New Westminister Minor Hockey Association (“NWMHA”) has released updated protocols outlining interim rules for participation and arena entry requirements.

As the NWMHA Executive continues to monitor conditions and follow all recommendations and requirements from the BC Provincial Health Officer, Hockey Canada, BC Hockey, ViaSport, PCAHA, and the City of New Westminister, changes to the recommendations and requirements may often occur rapidly in these challenging and uncertain times.

NWMHA is also required to comply with the regulatory changes, and rules and procedures set by the venue providers. The City of New Westminister owns the rinks and sets the rules. We ask that you bear with us as we try to develop our policies and procedures in an ever-changing environment.

Please note that there may be other associations or private facilities that do not follow the same protocols as NWMHA, so please find out the protocols in place at the visiting facility. Expect protocols to be ever changing as the situation remains very fluid.

NWMHA Interim Rules for Participation and Arena Entry Requirements – at Queens Park Arena and Moody Park Arena – updated Sept. 14, 2021, effective immediately:

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
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 be allowed to enter our arenas (except during the tryout process). **NO VACCINATION PASSPORT REQUIRED****



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- All Spectators are required to wear a mask while in the arena.
- All spectators are required to social distance from non household members.
- All players, Team Officials, and volunteers 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 and on the field of play.
- Volunteers are to socially distance themselves from people not in their household.
- Always follow additional rules set by the arena facility and be prepared for changes.
- Sanitize your hands when entering and leaving the arena.
- If there is any reason to believe that you are at high risk of contracting COVID-19, please stay home to protect yourself.

VOLUNTEERS - If you are an aspiring or returning NWMHA volunteer, **you will be required to have a Vaccination Passport**. The requirement applies to all people born in 2009 or earlier (12+). Volunteers include all Team Officials (Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Safety, Managers, and other team volunteers). We will verify all Rostered Volunteers before they are assigned as Team Officials. This is a precaution to ensure that our Teams are able to enter other public or private arenas that require Vaccination Passports.

We will be communicating regularly by email over the coming weeks as we get additional information. Thank you for your continued patience, understanding, and support.

Best Regards,

Jeff Nottingham
President