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COVID-19 Update

Updated August 25, 2021

The Provincial Health Officer has announced that effective as of August 25, 2021, masks are mandatory for all indoor public spaces. Masks will be required at all times when indoors in public spaces except when on the field of play.

Mask Mandate:

- Masks must be worn by everyone 12 years of age or older in indoor public places regardless of vaccination status except when on the field of play.
 - The field of play includes the ice surface and players benches and penalty boxes.
- Coaches, referees and staff/volunteers must wear a mask at all times to and from the field of play and while not engaging in participation.
 - It is recommended that coaches wear a mask at all times when inside facilities and when on the ice if they cannot maintain consistent physical distancing.
- Coaches must wear a mask at all times when on the player's benches during games and scrimmages.
- Minor officials are required to wear masks.
- Participants must follow facility protocols about the use of masks at all times.

Proof of Vaccination

The Province of BC announced on Monday, August 23, 2021 that vaccination status proof will be required in BC starting on September 13. At this time Ringette BC has not received any details on how this will be applied to sport organizations and sport participation. Ringette BC will update all Club-Associations and participants once details have been released.

For more information on the proof of vaccination status please visit the BC Government website for details including the current list of events, services and business that require proof of vaccination for entry.

General Update

Ringette BC would like to recommend to Club-Associations that they continue to require health checks for anyone participating in ringette events to assist with mitigating risk. The Ringette BC Illness Policy is still in effect and anyone who is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 are not permitted to attend ringette.

General overview of current restrictions under Step 3 (current step of BC Restart Plan):

Please note specific regional restrictions may be stricter than the general COVID-19 restrictions listed below. Please adhere to the restrictions of your region and facility.

- **General Overview**

- All Club Associations must have a Communicable Disease Plan in place.
- Indoor Gatherings:
 - 50 people or 50% capacity of the facility whichever is greater
- Outdoor Gatherings
 - 5000 people or 50% of the facility whichever is greater
- Continue to stay home if sick

- **Sport – Specific Overview:**
 - Indoor Sport:
 - All ages can participate
 - Contact is permitted
 - Permitted activities include: games, scrimmages, training and practices with contact, etc.
 - Spectators are permitted must follow capacity requirements.
 - Outdoor Sport
 - All ages can participate
 - Contact is permitted
 - Permitted activities include: games, scrimmages, training and practices with contact, etc.

Under Step 3 Come Try Ringette and other community outreach and recruitment events have returned and there are a number scheduled over the next four to six weeks throughout the province. Please ensure that all participants coming to a Come Try Ringette complete a waiver of liability, register online at www.cometryringette.ca, and complete a health check.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out. Ringette BC will be updating the COVID-19 Resource Hub as new information is released from viaSport and the Provincial Health Officer.

Sincerely,

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Relevant links:

[Province –wide Restrictions Government page](#)

[BC Restart Plan 2.0](#)

[Ringette BC Message Board](#)

[Proof of Vaccination website](#)
[Mask Mandate Announcement from PHO](#)