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Return to Play Update – November 2, 2021

This update has been developed from the latest information available to us from viaSport. The PHO order is quite complex and can be revised at any given time. We are aware that some clubs have their own regulations in place that are, in some cases, more stringent than these guidelines. Clubs should see this document as reflective of the minimum standards required by the government. At this time, we recommend that clubs have their own boards determine their requirements for their own unique indoor, outdoor, and age specifications, which may be more stringent than these guidelines.

As we know, the BC proof of vaccine protocol is set in place. Below are general information links issued by the Government of BC, as well as a link to the newest order of the PHO.

[Order of the Provincial Health Officer, Oct 25, 2021](#)

[BC Vaccine Card Guide for Businesses](#)

[BC Vaccine Card General Information](#)

Since the most recent PHO update was issued on October 25th, provided below are the new changes as set out in that order, and how they will affect our sport.

- 1) Proof of vaccination is required for supervisors of youth (21 and under) sport events and programming (please see the guidelines document for definition of supervisor).
- 2) With the written consent of a participant, an organizer may keep a record of the fact that the participant has provided proof of being vaccinated in compliance with this Part until this Order expires or is repealed, and the organizer may rely upon this record to satisfy the requirements in this Part with respect to future participation by the participant in an event at the same place.
- 3) The Provincial Health Order has now removed indoor capacity restrictions; however, regional restrictions still currently apply in Fraser East, Interior Health and Northern Health (east of Kitwanga). When deciding which restrictions apply, always follow whichever is strictest.

This guide represents the minimum regulations to be followed. We know that many clubs have already implemented their own guidelines and protocols requiring proof of vaccinations for entry to their clubs. It is up to each club to decide whether to follow these guidelines implicitly or whether to create and follow their own more stringent guidelines.

All current regulations remain in place at this time (attached at the end of this document).

A reminder to double check with your local and regional health authorities as they may implement stricter regulations that need to be followed.

As always, this document will be revised as needed, when new PHO orders are issued.

Stay safe and have fun!

Thank you,

Your Tennis BC Team



RETURN TO PLAY

GENERAL PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

1. **Be compliant with the guidelines and restrictions issued by the BC Health authorities.**
2. **Communicate with your participants to advise them of what hygiene measures you have in place and what is expected of them.**

INDOOR TENNIS

1. Masks are mandatory in all public indoor settings, when not engaged in physical activity.
2. Recreational travel is allowed now within Canada.
3. Proof of vaccination is **not** required for youth (21 and under) participating in sport events and programming.
4. Proof of vaccination is required for supervisors* of youth (21 and under) sport events and programming.
5. Proof of vaccination is required for youth (21 and under) participating in adult sport events and programming.
6. Proof of vaccination is required for adults and supervisors* participating in sport events and programming.
7. Proof of vaccination is required for adults participating in youth (21 and under) sport events and programming.
8. All spectators 12 years and older must show proof of vaccination.

*Supervisor refers to a person leading, supporting, or assisting a sport activity, but who is not working as an employee.

OUTDOOR TENNIS

1. There are no restrictions currently for outdoor play, for either adults or youth.
2. Spectators are allowed, up to 5000 people or 50% of the facilities capacity.

For your information, we are also sharing the [viaSport Return To Sport Restart 2.0](#) (Oct 30, 2021) pg 1 only

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DUE TO EVOLVING PUBLIC HEALTH PROTOCOLS, THIS INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME. This chart is current as of October 30, 2021.**

Where to show proof of vaccine (two doses) as of October 24, 2021.

	OUTDOOR SPORT	INDOOR SPORT
YOUTH SPORT <small>(0-21 years)</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of vaccination is NOT REQUIRED: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Youth (21 and younger) participating in sport events and programming. • Proof of vaccination is REQUIRED: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Supervisors* (12 and older) for youth sport events and programming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of vaccination is NOT REQUIRED: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Youth (21 and younger) participating in sport events and programming. • Proof of vaccination is REQUIRED: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Supervisors* (12 and older) for youth sport events and programming ◦ Youth (12 and older) participating in sport programming and events primarily intended for adults.
ADULT SPORT <small>(22 years and older)</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of vaccination is NOT REQUIRED: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults participating in outdoor sports, including for those who come indoors to use amenities such as change rooms and meeting rooms for groups under 51.*** • NOTE: Additional regional health orders are in place in Fraser East***, Interior and Northern Health. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of vaccination is REQUIRED: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Adult participants and supervisors* of sport events and programming ◦ Adults participating with youth (21 and younger) in sport events and programming
SPECTATORS <small>(12 years and older)</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of vaccination is NOT REQUIRED. • NOTE: Additional regional health orders are in place in Fraser East***, Interior and Northern Health. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of vaccination is REQUIRED: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At sport events and programs

NOTES

*Supervisor refers to a person leading, supporting or assisting a sport activity, but who is not working as an employee.

Adult Sport means organized individual or group sport activities for those aged 22 and older. Examples include, but are not limited to, adult league soccer, masters swim group, drop-in adult hockey, and adult badminton.

Pool exemption is in place for the public (e.g. public swims); all sport restrictions must be followed.

Sport facilities and organizations may implement stricter requirements at their discretion.

***Restaurants, food or liquor premises, and all other events and gatherings must follow Proof of Vaccination requirements as outlined in the Order.

** The interpretation of when proof of vaccination is required has been confirmed by the Office of the Provincial Health Officer.

*** Fraser East consists of the following communities: Hope, Chilliwack, Abbotsford, Mission and Agassiz/Harrison

Once again, we thank you wholeheartedly for you've done during this very challenging time in our history. As we all continue to make this effort together, you have shown us just how strong our tennis community really is!

Related Links:

http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/CleaningDisinfecting_PublicSettings.pdf

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/restart>