

CURLMANITOBA – Position on Vaccine

CurlManitoba supports Curling Canada and the Province of Manitoba as they embark on the journey of vaccine mandates.

Curling Canada - Athletes, fans, volunteers, media, event staff and contractors above the age of 12 will have to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 in order to participate in, and attend Curling Canada events.

Manitoba - The following new requirements went into effect September 3rd, 2021 by the Province of Manitoba, members and visitors using Manitoba's curling clubs will need to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination by September 3rd. **The province has made an exemption for youth sport (under 18 years of age).**

ORDER 14 14(1) Indoor sporting and recreational facilities, including dance schools and martial arts studios, must not operate unless admission of members of the public to the facility is restricted to the following: (a) persons who produce proof that they are fully immunized; (b) persons who produce proof from the Government of Manitoba that there is a medical reason for the person not to receive a vaccine for COVID-19; (c) **persons under 18 years of age.**

For all CurlManitoba Provincial Championships that lead to a National Championship effective immediately, mandatory COVID-19 vaccination will be required. This policy is in effect for all athletes, coaches, officials, staff, contractors, volunteers, media and fans above the age of 12. There will be no youth sport exemption at Provincial Championships.

For all events leading to a provincial championship (ex. Regionals/berth bonspiel) and all programs the Manitoba Public Health Orders will be in effect which allows 12-17 years old to participate without mandatory vaccination. Even with the youth exemption, CurlManitoba recommends the use of vaccines for everyone 12 and older.

Should a facility set guidelines that are stricter than the Public Health Orders, CurlManitoba will adhere to the facility guidelines that the program or event is being operated in.

Even with the youth exemption, CurlManitoba recommends the use of vaccines for everyone 12 and older. There are severe health risks associated with COVID-19 and the Health Canada approved vaccines have been found safe and effective in preventing severe COVID-19. CurlManitoba also encourages the use of masks as much as possible when inside the facility.

Additionally, CurlManitoba encourages self-monitoring for any symptoms of COVID-19 (including fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, and a new loss of taste or smell). If any of these symptoms should occur, please seek medical attention and avoid visiting curling facilities until the health situation is diagnosed and resolved.

MEMBER CLUBS

CurlManitoba respects the autonomy of each curling club to operate its own business given the local environment and membership needs. Each club may customize its own plan.

All clubs should follow the Return to Play Guidelines set out by CurlManitoba and Curling Canada.

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