



Alberta Rugby Union

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To: Sub Unions and Clubs

From: Peter Houlihan – Executive Director of Rugby Alberta

Subject: Vaccination Policy

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Hello Members,

Rugby Alberta and the Sub Unions partners have released its detailed Vaccination Policy that is in effect for all sanctioned rugby activities. The Vaccination Policy requires all participants of Rugby in Alberta, including staff, contractors, directors, coaches, athletes, support staff, and volunteers 12 years of age or older, to provide proof of vaccination or documentation of a medical exemption during the registration process.

Rugby in Alberta has been heavily disrupted over the past two years. As the sport returns to full-contact play, this Policy intends to ensure minimal interruption to leagues and programs. The Policy holds all Clubs to the same requirements, allowing clubs located in regions with tougher restrictions to still welcome opponents to their home fields. This Policy ensures all Clubs will safely train indoors in compliance with the current Provincial Health Order and Regional Health Orders.

The vaccination policy intends to follow the requirements set out in the Government of Alberta's Restriction Exemption Program REP, except where the Policy exceeds the provincial Restriction Exemption Program requirements. Something that was universally agreed to by the full Rugby Alberta Board, which includes all Rugby Alberta Subunions. We understand the constantly evolving state of the COVID-19 pandemic, should there be a change to the pandemic status, Rugby Alberta and the Sub Union partners will review the Policy amend the Policy as required. A review of the COVID Policy will happen no earlier than June 1st, 2022, to ensure stability and certainty in our COVID response management for the province.

Those clubs or groups looking for more information on the Policy are welcome to request an additional information session. The full Vaccination Policy, including additional information on the process to apply for an exemption, can be found on the Rugby Alberta website or by clicking this **LINK**.

The return to Play framework will move away from daily attestations and to a daily health check as Alberta Health requires. These changes will be reflected in an undated RTP plan provided by Rugby Alberta at the end of February. The member clubs will need to update their Return to Play





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Plan before April 1st, 2022, based on the Rugby Alberta template. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available; however, all existing protocols remain in effect until further notice.

Regards,

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Additional Information

- Alberta Health Services
 - [General information for Albertans](#), including prevention & physical distancing guidelines and mental health resources.
- Government of Alberta
 - [COVID-19 Information for Albertans](#)
 - [Restrictions on gatherings](#)
- Government of Canada
 - [Official information from the Government of Canada](#) on the impact of Covid-19 on health & financial matters and the available support options.
 - [Wellness Together Canada](#): Varied resources for [youth](#) and adults to help get through this pandemic.
- City of Calgary
 - [COVID-19 Vaccine Passport Bylaw](#)
- City of Edmonton
 - [COVID-19 Updates](#)

