



To: Sub Unions and Clubs

Alberta Rugby Union

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Subject: Vaccination Policy

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Hello Members,

Rugby Alberta and the Sub Union partners have been monitoring the provincial government's phasing out of public health measures. As of March 1, Alberta has lifted the majority of public health measures, as the province moved to phase two of reopening.

As of March 15th, Rugby Alberta strongly recommends but will not require mandatory proof of vaccination requirements going forward for all members playing within local club competitions with the condition that should municipalities, host facilities, airlines, or national bodies reinstate or continue to require proof of vaccination Rugby Alberta will follow guidelines and the participant will not be allowed to participate. Rugby Alberta's board still strongly recommends proof vaccinations checks as one of the best ways to protect participants, staff, and spectators, and help get back to the activities we enjoy as safely as possible.

As agreed, to by the Rugby Alberta and the Sub unions all representative teams, provincial and regional pathway athletes will continue to require proof of vaccination to participate. These athletes will be competing in different health regions and several government mandates are still in place across the country, requiring all players to have COVID-19 vaccinations. This rule is in effect for the Alberta Regional Championship, Western Championship, Canada Summer Games, and the U19 Canadian Rugby Championship. Players may not be selected if those provincial bodies still have their current vaccination rules in place.

Over the next two weeks we will make changes to the Vaccination policy and seek feedback from our sub union partners. We appreciate your patience as we navigate an ever-changing landscape affected by the pandemic.

Regards,

Peter Houlihan
Executive Director
Rugby Alberta

