

GymBC Support for Member Clubs to Comply with Facility/Event COVID-19 Requirements

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As the competition season is beginning, GymBC has been informed by multiple member clubs that some venues and host facilities are requiring **all individuals age 12+ to provide proof of full vaccination** to access the rented space for gymnastics competitions. This requirement is significantly more rigorous than the most recent [PHO Gathering and Events Order](#) (November 16, 2021).*

Recommended Steps for GymBC Clubs Hosting Competitions/Events to Navigate these Requirements

Step 1. Clearly communicate to all clubs attending the event what the requirements are at your facility/event (as early as possible). Explain what organization (e.g., the Vancouver Recreation Centre) is imposing the requirements.

Step 2. Explain how the requirements will be implemented.- *see detailed recommendations below*

Step 3. Be patient with attending clubs as they seek to be compliant with your event – this may mean late scratches from competitions as rules change, switching coaches (to be compliant), or other changes.

Step 4. When the event is hosted, do your best to follow through with the process that you communicated to the attending clubs.

Step 2: Verifying Proof of Vaccination for Individuals 12+ at Events:

1. Determine if the host facility has a proof of vaccination process that they will be implementing or if your club has the responsibility to check proof of vaccination for the individuals attending your event.
 - a. Determine if your club needs to provide extra volunteers to check proof of vaccination and what training/instructions they need.
2. Review the [process provided by the Government of BC](#) for obtaining proof of vaccination.
3. Determine if you will be scanning QR codes ([using the BC Vaccine Card Verifier App](#)) or use visual verification to check proof of vaccination.
4. Following your assessment of proof of vaccination, you must review the person's government issued identification (ID).
 - a. By reviewing ID, you match the name listed on the BC Vaccine Card or other form of proof of vaccination with the person you are verifying. You don't need to check ID for youth aged 12 to 18.
 - b. Accepted forms of valid government photo ID include: B.C. driver's license or BC Services Card, interim driver's license, or Passport.
5. Because written consent is required from individuals for event organizers to record proof of vaccination, it makes the most sense at a short competition to have an event organizer who is responsible for checking proof of vaccination at the entry point to the event (*this is different than daily training*). Depending on the space and facility, individuals may need to provide proof of vaccination multiple times per day as they re-enter the venue.
6. What if a participant/spectator/volunteer refuses to show proof of vaccination?
 - a. You must not permit any individual who has not shown proof of vaccination to remain on the premises. You have the right to refuse service to anyone who is not abiding by the PHO orders. If any employee feels threatened, they should avoid confrontation and call 911.

*The most recent [PHO Gathering and Events Order](#) (November 16, 2021) provides an exemption for providing proof of vaccination for paid staff members (coaches) and athletes/participants under age 22.

Additional information is available on the [GymBC website](#) about current COVID-19 requirements. Further assistance and support for specific issues you may have at your event is available through GymBC by communicating with our Safety Officer, Nathan Kindrachuk. He can be reached at 604-333-3497 and nkindrachuk@gymbc.org.