



September 21, 2021

Ringette Ontario COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

On September 22nd, 2021, the Ministry of Ontario Proof of Vaccination regulations will come into effect for patrons seeking access to indoor facilities used for sports and recreational fitness activities. These regulations apply to all who wish to enter these locations with limited exceptions.

Ringette Ontario and its Members have legal obligations to take every precaution reasonable in the circumstances to protect the health and safety of their participants, workers, volunteers, and stakeholders, and strongly encourage every eligible person to get vaccinated and help stop the spread of COVID-19.

Through our Return to Ringette Guidelines, Ringette Ontario has established comprehensive COVID-19 health and safety protocols, including screening, appropriate mask usage, social distancing, modified game play and reporting measures for all ringette activities. Our member Clubs/Associations have worked hard to keep all participants in our sport safe and their actions and efforts over the last year should be commended.

Effective **November 1, 2021**, all RO Participants who are 18 years of age or older, including Players, RO Bench Staff, RO Officials, Minor Officials, Third-Party Contractors and RO Volunteers, are required to have provided to a designated representative of the Organization evidence demonstrating that they have received the completed series of an Accepted COVID-19 Vaccine at least 14 days before they are permitted to participate in Sanctioned Activities.

Ringette participants who are under 18 years of age, are exempt from this requirement.

Please note that your local facility may have stricter guidelines in place, so it's important to reach out to your club and find out what the protocols are for your location.

The Ringette Ontario Board of Directors has implemented this policy in support of our continued efforts to provide a safe environment for our participants and to minimize the spread of COVID-19 in order to mitigate further restrictions and disruption to programming.

Any questions can be directed to the Ringette Ontario Executive Director, Pamela Julian at executivedirector@ringetteontario.com.