



LAKE COWICHAN MINOR HOCKEY

October 13, 2021 update

The following update includes the September 30, 2021, mandate and the October 2, 2021 addendum.

LCDMHA Facility Entry Mandate

The following constitutes regulations to allow entry into the Cowichan Lake Recreation facility to comply with the Viasport mandate released September 29, 2021. These regulations supersede any previously distributed regulations and is subject to change at any time.

- **Definitions**

Words in italics herein shall be so defined by the following:

Field of play – this includes the ice surface, team benches, penalty boxes and timekeeper box if not physically separated from any area deemed to be within the field of play.

Players – persons under 21 years of age rostered to a minor hockey league as recognized by BC Hockey.

POV – proof of vaccination

POV checker or checker – the person or persons who physically checks for proof of vaccinations

Minor hockey event - includes games, tournaments, jamborees which may also be defined as 'game event(s)'. It also includes practices and fundraising events.

Team staff or Team officials – persons who are required to supervise the *players* at all *minor hockey events* and whose positions are coaches, assistant coaches, team managers, and team safeties. These persons must also be officially rostered to the team to which they oversee. Only the required *team officials* entered onto a game sheet are to be deemed *non-spectators* for a given game. The maximum for any one game shall be one head coach, two assistant coaches, one team manager and one team safety. Additional team staff not on the official game sheet shall be deemed *spectators*.

Spectator or Spectators – all persons who are not *players* or *team staff* or *team officials* and who are ages 12 years and older. Referees shall not be counted as *spectators* nor shall commissioners who are attending playoff games. *Players* or *team staff* or *team officials* who are not participating in a *minor hockey event*, but wish to be in attendance of one, are *spectators*.

- **Mandatory mask wearing and general rules**

As per PHO order and the mandate issued by the CLR, masks shall be worn by all persons, ages 5+ when not in the *field of play*. All persons not in the *field of play* shall make their best efforts to maintain social distancing from one another (6' or 2m). Young children should remain seated with their parent(s) or guardian(s) for the duration of attendance to any event.

- **LCDMHA practices [single team events]**

The following regulation shall be used for any *minor hockey event* comprised of one (1) team such as practices, or scrimmages. If the expected *spectator* attendance is to be over 50, **regulation 2** shall be used.

REGULATION 1 - Limited *spectator* attendance

These regulations shall be used only where a *POV* check is not going to be implemented for an event

- a) The maximum total amount of *spectators* for any *minor hockey event* shall be 50. Person's wishing to enter the facility after the attendance limit is reached shall not be allowed entry.
- b) Normal scheduled practices do not need an attendance record if the expected *spectator* attendance is under 50 persons. Scrimmages or single team games shall use an attendance record sheets to track the persons attending. All *spectators'* full names shall be entered onto the sheets. It is recommended that a pre-attendance be taken to ensure the limit is not exceeded.
- c) *Spectators* shall not enter the facility until 5 minutes prior to their scheduled *minor hockey event* if another event is currently taking place. All persons shall enter through the main doors into the lobby. *Players* and *team staff* may enter earlier. *Players* shall proceed directly to their dressing rooms. *Team staff* shall enter the dressing room or remain outside the room. Neither *players* nor *team staff* shall mingle while another event is still in session.
- d) *Spectators* shall leave the facility immediately after their scheduled *minor hockey events* scheduled time slot has concluded. All *spectators* shall exit the building via the facility's South doors (facing South Shore Road).
- e) *Players* and *team staff* shall exit via the South doors and shall do so as quickly as possible. Neither group shall mingle after their game has completed.

- **LCDMHA games, tournaments and jamboree's**

The following regulation shall be used for **all** minor hockey events that include more than one (1) team.

REGULATION 2 - Unlimited *spectator* attendance

The procedures below shall be used even if the *spectator* total is less than 50. *Players and team staff* who do not provide *POV* upon arrival for their event shall use procedures c-e as written in **regulation 1** for entering and exiting the facility.

- a) All *spectators* ages 12 years and older must provide *POV*. Only a valid provincial vaccine card shall be used, and a form of picture ID shall be shown at the time of the *POV* check for persons 21+. The *POV checker(s)* shall be seated inside the doorway leading from the lobby into the rink area and shall only allow persons to enter the facility if they have proven to have received one dose of vaccine as of Sept 13th and two doses as of Oct 24th.
- b) *POV checkers* must be in place a minimum of 1 hour before their scheduled game slot and shall remain stationed for 30 minutes after their scheduled game slot has ended. For tournaments, the *checker(s)* shall be in place 1 hour prior to the first scheduled game and shall remain until 30 minutes after the last scheduled game. Alternate *checkers* may replace those stationed but at no time shall a *checker* not be stationed at the door for the entirety of any event. The checker is only responsible for their event. Other user groups will be responsible for their own events.
- c) The position of *POV checker* shall be a volunteer position and at no time shall this position be delegated. It shall be the responsibility of the host team to provide a *checker* for the entire game event, and this person need not be affiliated with LCDMHA in any way but shall have *POV* themselves. For tournament events, it shall be the LCDMHA host team who provides the *checker* for the entire event. Other teams who are part of the event are allowed to assist in the *POV* check but they shall not be seated without a LCDMHA representative.
- d) For tournaments, those persons requiring a *POV* shall be marked on the back of a hand with a marker or bingo dabber to permit further access for a single day without the need for rechecking. Alternate colors should be used for other days for events over spanning more than one day and all persons entering must be checked as per directions above regardless of previous marking. Persons who have shown proof previously and who are known by the *checker* may be permitted to enter but shall be remarked accordingly.
- e) A Host team may hire outside persons to act as *checkers* but said host team shall be fully responsible for their knowledge of the regulation herein, the PHO order, and Viasport and CLR protocols that are pertinent to minor hockey. Any outside person employed shall follow all the guidelines as written. The Host team shall be solely accountable for any fees associated with the hiring of any *checker*.
- f) Should a team arrive for an event that is not part of the preordained 'game with unlimited spectator attendance', the *checker* shall inform those persons of their position and the event that they are there for. The *checker* shall also request that all *spectators* of the next event remain outside until the event the *checker* is stationed for has completed. Should this new group wish to enter and provide *POV*, they may enter the facility, or they may provide their own *checker*.

- **Harassment**

Should a person harass or become hostile or maltreat any persons responsible for the monitoring of attendees or any other person in any event, the antagonist shall not be allowed to enter the facility under any circumstance. Any conflict shall be documented in writing and any witness shall be required to do the same. If the situation is deemed uncontrollable, the proper authorities shall be notified. Any person who is responsible for unlawful behaviour or actions may be subject to legal action. Persons may also be subject to disciplinary action as mandated by Hockey Canada, BC Hockey and VIAHA regulations where actions are noncompliant but not deemed illegal. All conflicts shall be submitted to the LCDMHA First Vice President or another executive member. Disciplinary action by LCDMHA may be bestowed upon those responsible if not required by higher authority.

- **Compliance and consequences**

All regulations as written shall be complied with, as well as any regulations pertinent to the event that are written into the PHO order, Viasport protocols and CLR protocols. Failure to comply may result in expulsion from an event and the banning from future events. Failure could also result in legal action as written in the PHO order. Persons of the LCDMHA executive, and those not participating in a scheduled event, take no responsibility in the monitoring or policing of these regulations nor will they be held accountable for any non-compliance. It is the sole responsibility of the host team to monitor all attendees to their scheduled event as written.

- **Resources**

PHO order

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19-pho-order-gatherings-events.pdf>

Proof of Vaccination and the BC Vaccine Card

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/proof>

CLR protocols

<https://www.cvrld.ca/3308/Cowichan-Lake-Recreation-COVID-19>

Viasport Flowchart - following as a supplement to this mandate

End of mandate.