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VISION: Soccer enriches people's lives and builds strong relationships.

OUR MISSION: To develop great people and connect healthy communities through lifelong participation in soccer.

Saskatchewan Soccer Association (SSA) is a participant-centred organization; and, in line with our Vision and Mission, we are committed to ensuring the health and safety of all participants.

Effective NOV. 15, 2021, to participate in any in-person activity, organized and under the authority of the provincial office, SSA Staff, SSA Board and/or volunteers acting on behalf of the SSA, all participants must provide proof of being fully vaccinated against Covid-19, or a negative Covid-19 test.

While this policy does not extend to Member Organization delivered activities, SSA recommends all Member Organizations adopt similar policies to protect the health and safety of their members and community at large. We respect that local Boards are in the best position to understand the needs of their members, circumstances of their community and any requirements of their municipality and/or facility operators. Furthermore, local Boards are responsible to be fully aware of the complexities of managing soccer during a pandemic and prepared to embrace their responsibilities to execute and maintain the standards necessary to keep participants safe. This is best done when decisions are made locally, after careful consideration by each Member Organization.

SSA COVID-19 Vaccination Policy: This policy is in effect from Nov. 15, until further notice, for:

- SSA organized In-Person activities – including, but not limited to, camps, clinics, practices, try-out events, evaluations, promotional events, tournaments, competitions, and championships, in-person education sessions and meetings.
- All athletes, team personnel, officials, staff, volunteers, and SSA representatives aged 12 and OVER.

Masking requirements, as per the current [Public Health Orders](#) (PHO), must also be followed at all times.

Definitions

- *Section 1 (ii) "Fully-Vaccinated", with respect to an individual who resides in Saskatchewan or who resides in another jurisdiction, means that:*
 1. *the individual has received the recommended number of doses of a COVID-19 vaccine, or combination of Covid-19 vaccines, approved by Health Canada; and*
 2. *14 or more days have passed since the individual received the last of the recommended number of doses.*
- *Section 1 (i) Covid-19 test: means any of the following paid tests administered at a testing site approved by the Minister of Health, as posted on the [Government of Saskatchewan's website](#).*
 1. *a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test for SARS-CoV-2;*



2. a point-of-care antigen test for SARS-CoV-2 by an approved third-party testing facility. See [Government of Saskatchewan's website](#) for current approved testing facilities.

- Section 1 (iv) **Personal Identification** means one of the following:
 1. A government of (Saskatchewan or other) issued identifications card including, a driver's licence, health card, passport, birth certificate, or
 2. a copy of a birth certificate, a certificate of Indian Status,
 3. a Metis Nation Saskatchewan citizenship and identification card,
 4. or any form of identification, issued by a government of any jurisdiction, that includes a photograph of the holder.

- **Proof of Negative Covid-19 Test** – all individuals, including those claiming exemptions on medical, religious or other grounds, that are 12 & over, that are not fully vaccinated shall provide proof of a Negative Covid-19 test acquired from an acceptable source within 72 hours prior to event time, verified with photo identification. Children under 12 are exempt. Testing to be done at the participant's expense. [Please note that test results may be delayed based on increased demand.](#)

- **Privacy** – privacy of personal medical information must always be respected; information will be reviewed to allow entry into that event only and as such is not stored or shared for any other purpose.

- **Compliance** - Individuals attempting to gain access to SSA activities by providing false attestations or fraudulent documentation put the health and safety of participants and organizers into question and shall be subject to immediate suspension from all SSA activities, province wide, pending a hearing.

- **Impact of Other Policy** – municipalities, facility operators, other governing authorities may have policies in effect that must be followed in addition to SSA COVID-19 policy.

SSA will continue to follow all other public health orders and recommendations as set out by the Saskatchewan Health Authority and the Government of Saskatchewan. This policy shall remain in effect until such time as current Public Health Orders are removed and it is safe to participate without COVID protocols in place. The words, conditions & terms outlined herein are subject to change without notice and in all cases SSA shall refer to Public Health Orders or Sask Health guidelines for further clarity. SSA will provide updates as when new information arises.

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