

Memo



To: SYSI Players, Team Personnel, Zone Directors and Staff
From: SYSI Office
Date: Thurs Oct 14, 2021
Re: **COVID-19 Vaccination Policy**

Good morning,

Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc. (SYSI) Board of Directors recently sought feedback from our five member Zone associations and further discussed the SYSI Vaccine Policy as to whether to extend it to younger athletes as well as SYSI/Zone staff and directors. The following determinations and decisions were made on October 13, 2021.

Players aged 12-17 exempt from vaccine mandate:

The SYSI Board determined that no further mandates [for athletes 17 and younger] are warranted at this time, due to current protocols our organization and league have implemented thus far. SYSI will be monitoring the situation on a regular basis and strongly recommend all athletes aged 12 to 17 become vaccinated as soon as possible.

Vaccine Mandate for SYSI/Zone Staff and Directors in effect Nov 15, 2021:

In alignment with SSA recommended policy, the SYSI Board approved a mandate for all SYSI staff and directors and our member Zone staff and directors to provide proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or a negative Covid-19 test to participate in any in-person activity, organized and under the authority of the SYSI or our member Zones, including but not limited to camps, clinics, games, practices, try-out events, evaluations, promotional events, tournaments, competitions, and championships, in-person education sessions and meetings; effective November 15, 2021.

SYSI's current COVID-19 protocols including details pertaining to the vaccine mandate can be found on our website: <http://saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca/article/69778>

Please see below a full list of measures which will be in place for the indoor season.

1. Wellness & Hygiene

- All participants self-monitor for symptoms, stay home if sick and seek a COVID-19 test. The [Know Your Risk checklist](#) can help you with that personal assessment. People who are fully vaccinated are no longer considered a close contact.
- All persons entering the facilities are to practice good hand hygiene before and after soccer activities and/or spectating. Wash your hands often or utilize hand sanitizer and exercise good cough and sneeze etiquette.
- Sanitizer stations are available throughout the facilities. Everyone is encouraged to also bring their own for personal use.

2. Vaccinations

- All SYSI Team Personnel including head coaches, assistant coaches, junior coaches, trainers, instructors, technical directors, gender reps, managers, and so on, in all U5 to U19 age groups are mandated by SYSI to provide proof of full vaccination prior to participate by October 12, 2021 (no negative test option). - *updated Sept 29, 2021*

- Players age 18 or older playing within the SYSI League is mandated by SYSI to be fully vaccinated to participate by October 12, 2021 (no negative test option). - *updated Sept 29, 2021*
- **All SYSI staff and directors and our member Zone staff and directors to provide proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or a negative Covid-19 test to participate in any in-person activity, organized and under the authority of the SYSI or our member Zones, including but not limited to camps, clinics, games, practices, try-out events, evaluations, promotional events, tournaments, competitions, and championships, in-person education sessions and meetings; effective November 15, 2021. - *updated Oct 13, 2021.***
- Fully vaccinated participants are not considered close contacts and do not need to self-isolate unless they experience symptoms. - *updated Sept 29, 2021*
- We strongly encourage all eligible players, referees, volunteers, parents, and spectators to be fully vaccinated as a show of care and concern for others.

3. Masks

- Masks are required for all persons entering the soccer facilities for the exception of players or referees while on the pitch; masks remain an option during activity. All patrons must provide their own masks or purchase one at Guest Services for \$1.
- Team personnel within SYSI leagues will be required to wear a mask on-field.
- All players will be required to wear a mask while on the sidelines or bench while not actively engaged in activity on field. - *updated Sept 29, 2021*

4. Social Distancing

- Teams will be encouraged to social distance on the sidelines and during breaks in play, are not to shake hands or give high-fives, and are not to share water bottles.
- Physical distancing is encouraged within all areas of the facilities including, but not limited to, seating areas, main foyer, and mezzanine levels.

5. Facility Measures

- Mask mandate to be adhered to by all entering facilities.
- **A vaccine mandate for spectators will be finalized and released shortly for those accessing the Saskatoon Sports Centre and Saskatoon Kinsmen Henk Ruys Soccer Centre. - *updated Oct 13, 2021.***
- Additional cleaning will occur in public and high traffic areas, washrooms, and mezzanine areas.
- Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. (SSCI) is committed to providing a healthy sports environment. Our indoor facilities are equipped with mechanical ventilation systems designed to provide fresh air throughout the buildings.
- Sanitizer stations are available throughout the facilities. Everyone is encouraged to also bring their own for personal use.
- Dressing Rooms - Designated dressing rooms and showers are available no more than 30 minutes before game time. Absolutely no changing on the fields or in public areas. Please vacate dressing rooms post game within 20 minutes, or at the request of the SSCI Service Team.

We will continue to monitor the status of COVID-19 in our city, as well as the available options pertaining to your safety. The SYSI office remains closed to the public. We remain committed to our members and will continue to be available by phone and by email. We appreciate your understanding during this challenging period. Any questions can be directed to the SYSI at info@saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca or 306-975-3413 or you may contact your Zone or Community Association.

Sincerely,
Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc.