



## Yellowknife Minor Hockey Association COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

### Definitions

Accepted COVID-19 vaccine: means a COVID-19 vaccine that has been approved for use by Health Canada.

COVID-19: is an infectious respiratory illness caused by a newly discovered coronavirus, Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2).

Fully Vaccinated: means fourteen (14) full days after an individual has received the final dose of the complete series of an accepted COVID-19 vaccine.

Proof of Vaccination: means a digital COVID-19 proof of vaccination provided by a federal, provincial, or territorial health authority, or a document from a provincial or territorial health authority which confirms that an individual is fully vaccinated as defined in this Policy.

Person: means any Vaccine-Eligible Players, Game Officials, YKMHA Board Members, Instructors, Association Officials, Team Officials, Coaches, On Ice Helpers, Team Managers, Governors, Safety People, Time Keepers, Spectators and other Volunteers/Participants not mentioned above.

### Policy

Effective immediately, all persons eligible to be vaccinated against COVID-19 that wish to participate in Yellowknife Minor Hockey Association activities **MUST** be fully vaccinated prior to participating in or attending any Yellowknife Minor Hockey activity.

Proof of vaccination can be emailed to [proofykma@gmail.com](mailto:proofykma@gmail.com) and will be verified once received. Once the proof of vaccination is verified the name of the individual will be recorded and the information will be destroyed.

Exemptions are available for medical reasons and will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. Any medical exemption must be presented to the Yellowknife Minor Hockey Board and approved by



the Board prior to the person participating in or attending at any activity of Yellowknife Minor Hockey. Anyone seeking a medical exemption must provide documentation from a doctor or nurse-practitioner setting out that the basis for the exemption.

YKMHA reserves the right to perform spot checks to confirm the accuracy of an individual's vaccination documentation and this may include an individual having to produce confirmation of being Fully Vaccinated.

Public health guidance on measures for fully vaccinated, partially vaccinated, and unvaccinated individuals continue to evolve and this Policy will be reviewed and may be amended based on public health guidance or directions.

### **Reasons for this Policy**

The health and safety of everyone involved with YKMHA is the top priority of our organization. The purpose of this policy is to protect the health and safety of all participants by reducing the risk of exposure to and transmission of COVID-19 among all persons involved in the YKMHA, and to promote the health and safety of all members of the YKMHA community, through vaccinations against COVID-19. This policy is necessary to prevent, respond to, and alleviate any outbreak of COVID-19 in the YKMHA because of the significant risk factors for COVID-19 infection that are present while participating in an organized hockey setting as a player and non-player, both on and off the ice.

### **Refunds**

All persons who wish not to participate in hockey due to this policy can request a full refund of any registration dues paid for the 2021-2022 season by emailing [info@ykminorhockey.ca](mailto:info@ykminorhockey.ca) no later than November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021. After this date the current cancellation fee refund policy applies.

### **Discipline**

Any infraction of this policy by any person will be subject to a 31 day suspension from any YKMHA or team ice time or event, and access to any facility while YKMHA is using them will be denied. A second infraction will result in the complete removal for the remainder of the season.