

# **BC Wrestling Association**

## **COVID-19 Vaccination Policy**

On September 10, 2021, the BC Provincial Health Officer took an important step to address COVID-19 cases in the Province and implemented a new Gathering and Events Order.

In alignment with the new Gathering and Events Order, BC Wrestling Association is implementing a vaccination policy.

### **PROOF OF VACCINATION**

1. Proof of vaccination does not apply to a person under 22 years of age.
2. Proof of vaccination ***is required for people 22 years of age and over.***
  - a. This includes an organizer, event staff member, official, performer, player, athlete, officiant, or any other person who is acting in an official or service capacity.
3. Proof of vaccination is not required for outdoor events.
  - a. An event held in a tent without any sides is an outside event.
4. Proof of vaccination ***is required for indoor events.***
  - a. An event held in a structure with one or more sides is an inside event.
  - b. This includes practices, camps, trainings, competitions, BCWA sanctioned events, and BCWA unsanctioned events.

**5. Commencing on September 13, 2021**, and ending on October 23, 2021, a person must have received at least one dose of vaccine before entering a place, or a class of place, in the geographic area of the Province for which the medical health officer is designated, the following requirements come into effect with respect to an event:

- a. An organizer must obtain proof in the form of a vaccine card that a participant has received **at least one dose of vaccine.**
- b. A participant must provide an organizer with proof in the form of a vaccine card of having received a least one dose of vaccine.
- c. An organizer must not permit a participant, who has not provided the organizer with proof in the form of a vaccine card of having received at least one dose of vaccine, to enter or remain in a place for the purpose of an event.
- d. A participant who has not provided an organizer with proof in the form of a vaccine card of having received at least one dose of vaccine must not enter or remain in a place for the purpose of an event.

- e. Despite the requirements, between September 13, 2021 and September 26, 2021, a participant may provide the paper record of vaccination which the participant received at the time of vaccination from the person administering the vaccination, and photo identification, as proof that the participant has received at least one dose of vaccine.
- f. If an event takes place on more than one day, the requirements in this section apply on each of those days.

**6. Commencing on October 24, 2021**, the following requirements come into effect and replace the requirements in section 3 with respect to an event:

- a. An organizer must obtain proof in the form of a vaccine card that a participant has received **two doses of vaccine**.
- b. A participant must provide an organizer with proof in the form of a vaccine card of having received two doses of vaccine.
- c. An organizer must not permit a participant who has not provided the organizer with proof in the form of a vaccine card of having received two doses of vaccine to enter or remain a place for the purpose of an event.
- d. A participant who has not provided an organizer with proof in the form of a vaccine card of having received two doses of vaccine must not enter or remain in a place for the purpose of an event.
- e. If an event takes place on more than one day, the requirements in this section apply on each of those days.

7. An operator must not scan the QR code on a vaccine card, or paper record of vaccination, with any tool other than a BC Vaccine Card Verifier App.

8. Subject to section 9, an organizer must not retain proof of vaccination or identification provided by a participant, or use it for any purpose other than to confirm that a participant has been vaccinated, as required by this Order.

9. Despite section 8, with the written consent of a participant, an organizer may keep a record of the fact that the participant has provided proof of being vaccinated in compliance with this Part until this policy is repealed, and the organizer may rely upon this record to satisfy the requirements in this Part with respect to future participation by the participant in an event at the same place.

DEFINITIONS:

**“event”** means a seated in-person gathering in a place with seating;

**“organizer”** means the person responsible for organizing an event;

**“participant”** means a person who attends an event, and include an organizer, event staff member, official, performer, player, athlete, officiant, or any other person who is acting in an official or service capacity;

**“program for children or youth”** means a structured educational program, including home education or distributed learning, music, art, drama, dance, recreational, sport, exercise, or social activity supervised by an adult and provided for persons under 22 years of age;

**“place”** means a venue, other than a private residence, and includes a hotel ballroom or conference room, a banquet hall, conference hall, auditorium, recreation centre, theatre, movie theatre, multi-movie theatre complex, casino, work-out gym, exercise or dance facility or studio, recreational facility arena, stadium, vacation accommodation, tent or a premises as defined in the Food and Liquor Serving Premises Order;

**“tent”** includes a marquee;

**“vaccine”** means a World Health Organization approved vaccine for use against the infectious agent SARS-CoV-2;

**“vaccine card”** means the following:

a) in the case of a person who is more than 18 years of age, photo identification and proof in one of the following forms that the holder is vaccinated:

i. electronic proof or a printed copy of an electronic proof

(A) issued by the government in the form of a QR code, accessible through the “BC Services Card” electronic online platform, and

(B) showing the name of the holder;

ii. proof in writing, issued by the government for the purpose of showing proof of vaccination in accordance with orders made under the Public Health Act;

iii. a type of proof, whether electronic or in writing, that is issued

(A) by the government of Canada or of a province of Canada, and

(B) for the purpose of showing proof of vaccination in accordance with an order made in the exercise of a statutory power with respect to the protection of public health or the facilitation of international travel;

b) in the case of a person who is 12 to 18 years of age, proof in a form referred to in paragraph a) (i), (ii) or (iii).

**“vaccinated”** means to have received one and/or two doses of a vaccine.