

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. Indoor Events:

A. Athlete

- i. **Youth Wrestling Events and Programming** – Proof of vaccination is required for athletes **22 years of age and over**.
- ii. **Adult Wrestling Events and Programming** – Proof of vaccination is required for athletes **12 years of age and over**.

B. Support Staff

Proof of vaccination is required for all support staff **12 years of age and older**.

C. Spectator

Proof of vaccination is required for all spectators **12 years of age and older**.

2. Outdoor Events:

A. Athlete

Proof of vaccination is required for athletes **22 years of age and over**.

B. Support Staff

Proof of vaccination is required for all support staff **12 years of age and older**.

C. Spectator

Proof of vaccination is not required.

3. Commencing on November 1, 2021, the following requirements come into effect:

- 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 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 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.
4. 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.
 5. Subject to section 6, 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.
 6. Despite section 5, 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:

“adult wrestling events and programming” means a wrestling activity, including but not limited to training, practice, camp, and competition, intended for adults and consist of 50% or more adults participants;

“athlete” means an individual registered to participate in wrestling activities;

“indoor” means an event or programming held in a structure with one or more sides is an inside event. This includes practices, camps, trainings, competitions, BCWA sanctioned events, and BCWA unsanctioned events;

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

“outdoor” means an event or programming held in a tent without any sides is an outside 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;

“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;

“spectator” means an observer who is not an athlete or support staff;

“support staff” means an organizer, event staff member, supervisor, official, performer, officiant, or any other person who is acting in an official or service capacity;

“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.

“youth” means 21 years of age and younger;

“youth wrestling events and programming” means a wrestling activity, including but not limited to training, practice, camp, and competition, intended for youth or consist of 50% or more youth participants;