

Mandated Proof of Vaccinations to Enter Recreations/Sport Facilities (updated December 12 2021)

The Barrie Elite Volleyball Club would like to provide updated information to its members regarding the provincially mandated Proof of Vaccination and Identification rules, effective December 12 2021.

The Barrie Elites Volleyball Club **does not** have a mandatory vaccine policy; however, the Club is responsible for following the Ontario government regulations, Public Health mandates and facilities rules and regulations.

As per Ontario Government regulation: *“The person responsible for a business or an organization that is open...shall require each patron who enters an area of the premises of the business or organization...at the point of entry, proof of identification and of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19.”* This applies to indoor areas of facilities used for sports and recreational fitness activities, including waterparks and personal physical fitness trainers.

As per the Government of Ontario regulations:

- The Ontario Guidance document sets out baseline requirements that specified businesses and organizations must comply
- **It does not preclude businesses or organizations from establishing their own additional policies or requirements pertaining to their patrons**
- If a facility requires proof of vaccination and identification, a person must be fully vaccinated and have received their final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at least 14-days before providing the proof of being fully vaccinated or, they must provide proof of a medical exemption
- Should an individual choose not to share the required information with a facility, unless the Re-Opening Ontario Act (ROA) otherwise exempts them from this requirement, **they will not be permitted to enter those businesses or organizations that require proof.**

As of October 14 2021, a letter of instruction was released by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit to operators of indoor recreation facilities. This letter changes the requirements for vaccination for coaches, officials and volunteers who are age 12 and older.

As of November 24 2021, a letter of instruction was released by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit to operators of indoor recreation facilities. This letter changes the requirements for vaccination for athletes who are age 12 and older.

As of December 20 2021, the Government of Ontario has updated their regulations include proof of vaccination and identification for youth ages 12-17 participating in sport.

[Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit – Indoor Rec Letter of Instruction Final](#)

[Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit – Indoor Rec Letter of Instruction Final \(updated November 24 2021\)](#)

Participants 12 to 17 years of age (updated as of December 20 2021)

- Youth 12 to 17 years of age actively participating in an organized sport, including training, practices, games and competitions **are required to provide proof of vaccination and identification**
- Youth 12 to 17 years that are spectating, including at sporting events, **coaching, teaching, instructing, officiating, volunteering in any capacity for any purpose** or using a gym or other area with exercise equipment or weights, are required to provide proof of vaccination and identification, or proof of a medical exemption.

Participants 18 years and older (updated as of October 14 2021)

- Adult (18+) accessing the facility for any purpose, including parents or guardians of youth participating in an organized sport, are required to show proof of vaccination and identification, unless they have proof of a medical exemption
- Athletes 18 years of age or older that are participating in an organized sport are required to show proof of vaccination and identification, unless they have proof of a medical exemption
- Proof of vaccination (or proof of being entitled to an exemption) **is required for workers or volunteers, including coaches and officials effective November 25 2021**

Note: The regulations do not prevent businesses or organizations from establishing their own additional policies or requirements pertaining to their patrons, **including a mandatory vaccine requirement for all patrons (including athletes) 12 years and older.**

Additional Resources

The OVA virtual Town Hall discussing the Government's Proof of Vaccination has been uploaded to the OVA YouTube channel. To view the recording, please click [here](#). The presentation slides are also available for download on the OVA's Town Hall [webpage](#).

[Official Government regulations \(O. Reg. 645/21: RULES FOR AREAS AT STEP 3 AND AT THE ROADMAP EXIT STEP\)](#)

[Proof of Vaccination Guidance for Businesses and Organizations under the Reopening Ontario Act](#)

[Download your electronic vaccination receipt](#)

Any complaints and/or questions about the regulations should be directed to the [Ministry of Health](#).

Practice Facility Information

New Tecumseth Recreation Centre:

- All patrons 12 year of age and older (including athletes) are required to show proof of vaccination and identification at point of entry, unless they have proof of a medical exemption

<https://www.newtecumseth.ca/en/living-in-our-community/covid-19-information.aspx#NEW-Vaccination-requirements-for-entrance-to-Town-facilities--rec-centres>

Emmanuel Baptist Church/Inniswood Baptist Church/Bulldog Fitness:

- Youth 12 to 17 years of age actively participating in an organized sport, including training, practices, games and competitions **are required to provide proof of fully vaccinated and identification as of December 20 2021.**
- Proof of vaccination (or proof of being entitled to a medical exemption) **for all individuals age 12 and older is required for workers or volunteers in any capacity and for any purpose, including coaches and officials effective November 25 2021**
- Athletes 18 years of age or older that are participating in an organized sport are required to show proof of vaccination and identification, unless they have proof of a medical exemption

OVA tournament Locations

All facilities used for OVA tournaments will follow the Government of Ontario regulations, **including a mandatory vaccine requirement for all patrons (including athletes) 12 years of age and older as of December 20 2021.**

Membership Fees and Refund Policy:

All Barrie Elites members are required to pay their full member fees in order to participate. Parents and Athletes should carefully review the Facility requirements for proof of vaccination prior to paying their fees. COVID is an evolving and changing situation and Barrie Elites take no responsibility for legislative changes and/or Public Health decisions that may impact an Athlete's ability to participate. In paying the membership fees, the parents and Athletes acknowledge that no refunds will be issued if Athletes or parents/guardians are refused admission to a facility due to the vaccination requirements. As well, no refunds will be issued for missed practices due to the Public Health requirement for self-isolation and/or due to illness as a result of COVID.