



Re: Ringette Calgary Memo

Dear Members,

The start of the 2021-2022 Ringette Season is underway. The past few months have certainly been challenging for your sports administrators and volunteers to navigate. There have been many ups and downs, confusing and conflicting information, and it has taken enormous effort on the part of many to get this season running safely.

Our current public health requirements are found here with special note to Vaccine Passport Bylaw:

“The City of Calgary Vaccine Passport Bylaw” requires all players, participants and spectators 12+ playing in a Calgary arena to require proof of vaccination, privately sourced negative COVID-19 test (within 72 hours), or valid medical exemption letter.

[COVID-19 – Vaccine Passport Bylaw \(calgary.ca\)](#)

[COVID-19 - Face Covering Bylaw: Questions & Answers \(calgary.ca\)](#)

[COVID-19: Mask requirements | Alberta.ca](#)

[Return to Ringette | Ringette Alberta](#)

[COVID-19 public health actions | Alberta.ca](#)

As you may know, the intersection of all of these requirements has been carefully considered by your sports administrators and volunteers. That includes Ringette Alberta, Ringette Calgary, and your local associations. Please remember – these volunteers and our member organizations are only communicating the Public Health Measures put in place by governing authorities.

It is also important to acknowledge that some facilities may decide to implement **additional measures, and that the deployment of their measures may be delegated to user groups, and they may not.** Some arenas have asked user groups to perform the logistics of managing vaccine status/confirmations, PCR tests, and others will be asking for it themselves. Some may accept PCR test, some may not. This may mean that certain individuals may have access to some facilities but not others, and it may mean your local association asks for documentation that may be a “one-pass” type of approach for some facilities, but you still have to bring your own each and every time for other facilities.

We encourage whoever intends to enter Ringette facilities to carry with them at all times, documentation appropriate to satisfy the requirements listed above.

Access to facilities may also look different from an inside-Calgary arena to one just outside the municipality. **Please be kind.** Abuse of arena staff or Ringette association volunteers will not be tolerated. Violation of facility rules may result in any number of measures such as further

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restriction or elimination of spectators, or cancelling user group contracts. We thank you for your patience as we navigate this complex situation together.

We have a [Code of Conduct](#) and we follow our responsibilities to treat all individuals fairly and reasonably, among other obligations. If needed, please familiarize yourself with these commitments.

Ringette Calgary has the ability to issue fines for Code of Conduct Violations, as well as the normal discipline process that may include other actions up to and including suspension. We anticipate that we will not have to deploy any of these measures. This is a reminder to membership that they exist and we are all committed to our community and are here to look after each other to ensure a safe environment.

We choose to comply with all relevant Health and Bylaw requirements, in preference to closing down our amazing program. In doing so, we are obligated to comply with any additional Facility Requirements and we recognize that it can be complex, inconsistent, and at times confusing. We will endeavour to keep all information current on the Ringette Calgary website as to each facility requirement, understanding that any information subject to change is owned by the facility, not Ringette Calgary.

[Facility Protocols - Ringette Calgary](#)

Thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding as we work together through these challenging times, and we commit to keeping you all informed of any changes as we are made aware of them.

Regards,

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