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The BMHA Board recognizes that the membership wants to be able to watch their children play hockey. The Board is working closely with the venue providers in order to permit spectators into arenas as quickly and as safely as possible. We continue to monitor conditions and follow all recommendations and requirements from the BC Provincial Health Officer, Hockey Canada, BC Hockey, ViaSport, PCAHA, Canlan, and the City of Burnaby. However, in these challenging and uncertain times, changes to the recommendations and requirements often occur rapidly.

Last season BMHA worked hard to adapt to the ongoing protocols and other regulatory changes. We will continue to do this. We want to keep our players safe and keep them on the ice for as many weeks as possible.

BMHA is required to comply with the rules and procedures set by the venue providers. You can find Canlan's rules for entry on their website. Currently, the City of Burnaby requires all non-players to be vaccinated, without exception, and we are in the process of developing and implementing policies and procedures so that you can attend events as spectators as quickly as possible. We ask that you bear with us as we try to develop our policies and procedures in an ever-changing environment.

Currently, BMHA Interim Rules for Participation (starting from September 13th) are:

1. If your child has been directly exposed to someone, or has themselves tested positive for COVID-19:
 - Do Not Come to the Rink
 - Notify your Team Manager
2. If your child is not feeling well or has COVID-19 symptoms:
 - Do Not Come to the Rink
 - Notify your Team Manager
 - Monitor your child's health
 - Return to the Rink only when there are Zero Signs or Symptoms of COVID-19
3. When at the rink:
 - Spectators will now be allowed to enter the rink. **See Facility Partner Requirements to enter.**
 - All Spectators are required to wear a mask while in the arena.
 - All players, Team Officials, and volunteers must wear a mask when in the arena, except that players may go without a mask only while on the field of play (ice surface, bench, and penalty box) and when moving between the field of play and the change room in full gear.
 - All coaches and volunteers must wear a mask when in the arena.
 - All coaches and volunteers must wear a mask on the field of play where participants under the eligible age of vaccination are present.
 - Volunteers are to socially distance from people not in their household.
 - Always follow additional rules set by the arena facility and be prepared for changes.
 - Sanitize your hands when entering and leaving the arena.
 - If there is any reason to believe that you are at high risk of contracting COVID-19, please stay home to protect yourself.



BMHA is an association where all Board Executives are volunteers. There is always room for new parents who want to take on a more active role in the association, including the two additional board positions that were approved by membership at the 2021 AGM. Thank you for your continued understanding, patience and compassion towards fellow colleagues, volunteers, friends, and our overall hockey community. The success of this hockey season will depend on every coach, volunteer, parent, and player following procedures, being forthcoming, being smart, and doing our part.



Facility Partner Requirements to enter Arena

Individuals who wish to enter the arena are required to provide verification of vaccination. See provinces instructions for providing vaccination verification; [Proof of vaccination and the BC Vaccine Card - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](#).

- Participants under age of 19 are presently exempt from vaccination verification (ie players & referees)
- Participants over age of 19 are presently not exempt (ie coaches, volunteer, refs over the age of 19)
- Spectators are presently not exempt regardless of age

City of Burnaby Rinks

-Each team is responsible for designating a volunteer

-The volunteer is to use BCs vaccine verification app

For Android <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=ca.bc.gov.vaxcheck>

For Apple <https://apps.apple.com/ca/app/smart-health-card-verifier/id1572691390>

-The volunteer is also required to view one piece of government issued picture ID before allowing non-exempt individuals to enter the arena. The volunteer is only responsible for individuals who are part of the BMHA ice rentals.

-There will be zero tolerance for abuse of volunteers.

-If an individual enters the arena and has not provided the vax verification using the process required, they will be reported to both arena employees and to BMHA. On the first occurrence, BMHA will issue a one ice time suspension. On the second occurrence BMHA will issue an additional 2 ice time suspension. On the third occurrence BMHA will issue a 3 ice time suspension and will report to BMHA independent disciplinary committee for expulsion of the association. Suspensions and expulsions will apply to all members of the household/parent and player(s) related to the individual.

Canlan Arenas

-Canlan employees will be responsible for implementing the provinces vaccination verification process and/or additional processes that Canlan has set as requirements. Please see Canlans announcement; <view.newsletter.icesports.com/?qs=8bec68a2c06936692e78d91845a80422dbefb023dc0a687fc7c2844d5d15b3151a2e94f442b04e761860bd6f00c144799ba6cce1dafa6b3350e63b3e836955057d47bc149a383fc4ff21204de3ecfb77>

-There will be zero tolerance for abuse of Canlan employees/representatives.

-If an individual does not comply with Canlan requirements, they will be reported by Canlan to BMHA. BMHA will review and may issue suspensions.