



## **BMHA Protocols & Procedures for Rink Entry**

### **– Released September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and effective immediately**

BMHA is working to adhere to the requirements from the BC Provincial Health Officer, Hockey Canada, BC Hockey, ViaSport, PCAHA, Canlan, and the City of Burnaby. We also want to balance memberships desire to access the rinks as Spectators. Please read below to hear of ViaSports requirements announced September 29<sup>th</sup>. Please continue to visit [Covid-19 page on the website](#) for ongoing updates.

Currently, BMHA Interim Rules for Participation (starting from September 30th) 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. **\*NEW\*** When at the rink, spectators will now need to pass vax verification before entering all BC arenas per viaSport's [Return to Sport Restart 2.0](#) announcement Wednesday September 29<sup>th</sup> 2021: **See implementation procedures for rink entry on next page.**
  - All Spectators are required to wear a mask while in the arena.
  - All players 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 are highly recommended to wear a mask on the field of play, especially where participants are present who are under the age of eligible vaccination.
  - Spectators 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.



## **Procedure for Rink Entry**

BMHA is required to follow all protocols as set out by governing bodies. Based on viaSport's newly released chart, all ticketed or un-ticketed ice times must complete vax verification where there are an anticipated 50 or more spectators present.

## ***Away Games & Other Associations/Facilities***

BEFORE visiting other associations for away games, check their association website for required protocols. Some associations are implementing additional requirements and officials may be asked to vax verify or asked to adhere to additional requirements.

## ***\*NEW\* City of Burnaby Rinks***

As a result of viaSports announcement, BMHA will require the following while at City of Burnaby Rinks:

- **All game-time-ice** to implement vax verification of all spectators
- **All practices** to implement vax verification of all spectators where there are more than 50 spectators anticipated. Easiest way to manager this is to limit 1 spectator per skater.
  
- Players and officials are presently exempt from vaccination verification (i.e., players, team officials & referees).
- **Spectators 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 \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/diseases/communicable/vaccines-vaxines/proof-of-vaccination-and-the-bc-vaccine-card-province-of-british-columbia).
- Spectators are presently not exempt unless under the age of eligible vaccination. Spectators under the age of eligible vaccination are to sit or stand in close proximity to their household and are to remain socially distant from other households.
- Each team is responsible for designating 2 volunteers. The first volunteer will filter players and officials, from spectators. The second volunteer (recommend HCSP) will need to greet all arriving spectators and 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/bc-vaccine-card-verifier/id1583114791>
- The volunteer is also required to view one piece of government issued picture ID of spectators before allowing them to enter the arena. The volunteer is only responsible for individuals who are part of the BMHA ice rentals. This includes visiting teams' spectators.
- 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 Executive. 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's independent disciplinary committee for expulsion from 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 Canlan's announcement;  
[view.newsletter.icesports.com/?qs=8bec68a2c06936692e78d91845a80422dbefb023dc0a687fc7c2844d5d15b3151a2e94f442b04e761860bd6f00c144799ba6cce1dafa6b3350e63b3e836955057d47bc149a383fc4ff21204de3ecfb77](http://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.

BMHA is an association where all Board Members are volunteers. 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.