



HOCKEY CALGARY

INFORMATION BULLETIN

Date: September 23, 2021 #21-11
To: HC Members & Member Associations
From: Kevin Kobelka – Executive Director
CC: HC Board, HC Governors

SUBJECT: HC Update – City of Calgary Bylaw – Sept. 22

The last seven days have been an extremely confusing and challenging time for the numerous volunteers that work tirelessly to ensure the youth in Calgary have an opportunity to play hockey. I want to acknowledge these efforts that have gone above and beyond of what is expected in the normal course of business. I also ask that when you are at the arena, please be respectful of these volunteers, and take an extra moment to thank them for what they do. These individuals are only communicating the restrictions that have been put in place by the Alberta Government and the City of Calgary.

On Wednesday, September 22, 2021, the City of Calgary passed a bylaw to strengthen the Government of Alberta issued restrictions and reduce the confusion around the requirements. Hockey Calgary and our member Associations are still clarifying a few points in this announcement, but in simplistic terms as it relates to Hockey Calgary the restrictions are as follows:

All person's 12+ entering recreational facilities within the City of Calgary will require proof of vaccination (or proof of medical exemption or a negative Covid-19 test in the last 72 hours) effective September 23, 2021.

Please see attached link for more details:

<https://www.calgary.ca/csps/cema/covid19/safety/COVID-19-vaccine-bylaw.html>

Moving forward each facility (arena) within Calgary will have different protocols in place as to how they monitor and verify this information.

- Some facilities will check each person upon entry
- Some facilities have put the onus on the 'User Group', (the Hockey Associations), to verify the status of all participants, coaches, and volunteers

I encourage all participants to carry proof of vaccination (or other) at all times, to ensure entry to the facilities.



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We are working to understand how each facility will be monitoring the bylaw compliance and will have updated protocols for each facility communicated on the HC website in the coming days. Each 'Member Association' will also share the individual requirements at their home rinks with their members.

HC is currently sourcing details on the requirements of confirming vaccination and we will be providing direction to our Member Associations on how to safely review this information while ensuring the confidentiality of all participants. Please be patient with your volunteers, as they work through these details.

On behalf of Hockey Calgary, our Board of Directors, and the member associations I want to thank you for your understanding once again as we work to keep the youth on the ice for the 2021-22 season. We lost a full season in 2020-21 and our goal is to do everything possible to keep the athletes, coaches, and volunteers safe, while ensuring that they get the physical activity and social interaction that they so desperately need.

We will continue to work closely with Hockey Alberta, our member associations, and the facilities to meet the requirements put in place.

Regards.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Kobelka'.

Kevin Kobelka
Executive Director