



September 18, 2021

Dear GHC Families:

The Alberta Government announced a Restriction Exemption Program (REP) effective September 20, 2021. Below are the details from the Government of Alberta:

Restrictions Exemption Program (REP)

Businesses that choose to implement the Restrictions Exemption Program (REP) must continue to follow indoor mandatory masking requirements, but can operate without capacity or operating restrictions if they require people aged 12 and over to show one of the following:

- Proof of vaccination
 - partial vaccination (one dose) accepted September 20 to October 25 if received 2 weeks before time of service
 - full vaccination (two doses) required after October 25
- Proof of a privately-paid negative PCR or rapid test within 72 hours of service (tests from AHS or Alberta Precision Laboratories not allowed)
- Documentation of a medical exemption

FACILITY GUIDELINES

Many of our partner facilities have already communicated their intent to implement the Restrictions Exemption Program (REP). Specific requirements vary by facility, and **compliance and monitoring will be the responsibility of user groups (GHC)**. We will do our best to share specific arena guidelines as they are available, however we ask our members for their individual due diligence in staying up to date. Facilities have made it very clear that non-compliance, even by just one member, will jeopardize ice contracts for the entire Association.

HOW ARE COMMUNITY EVALUATIONS AFFECTED?

Remaining Community Evaluations sessions in ECTAS Arena will continue under the following restrictions until September 23, 2021:

- Only 1 guardian/spectator per player may enter the facility.
- Masking is mandatory in all indoor public spaces and workplaces.
- All members must maintain 2-metres distancing.
Players should arrive as dressed as possible to prevent congestion in the dressing room.
- All members must self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms using Alberta's **Daily Checklist** before arrival.

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Please note, **Capitals Bar & Kitchen on the second floor of ECTAS plans to implement the Restrictions Exemption Program (REP) starting September 20, 2021.** Patrons will be required to show proof of vaccination, proof of negative test or proof of medical exemption as outlined above.

HOW ARE U13, U15 AA AND U18 AAA/AA TEAMS AFFECTED?

From now until September 19, 2021, all U13, U15 AA, U18 AA and U18 AAA members must follow the updated health and safety guidelines outlined in our [Return to Hockey Letter on September 16, 2021](#). Beginning September 20, 2021, these teams must follow GHC's "REP Compliance Plan" outlined below.

WHAT IS GHC'S "REP COMPLIANCE PLAN?"

To remain compliant with our facility partners and to present the best possible opportunity for our players to play hockey, GHC must oversee the following requirements.

We will determine the vaccination declaration and monitoring process in the coming days. GHC reserves the right to update these requirements as we receive more information and/or as the public health situation evolves.

A. Players under the age of 12:

1. Screen for Symptoms using **TeamSnap Health Check**
2. Maintain 2 meters when not engaged in physical activity
3. Wear a mask while not engaged in physical activity

B. Players aged 12+

1. Screen for Symptoms using **TeamSnap Health Check**
2. Provide one of the following:
 - Proof of vaccination (MyHealth Records or Paper Record)
 - Partial vaccination (one dose) accepted September 20 to October 25 **if received 2 weeks before time of service.**
 - Full vaccination (two doses) required after October 25
 - Proof of a Negative Test
 - Tests must be privately-paid COVID-19 PCR or rapid tests completed within 72 hours.
 - Tests must not be from Alberta Health Services or Alberta Precision Laboratories.
 - Documentation of a medical exemption

****Please note, some arenas will require PARTICIPANTS AGE 12+ TO PROVIDE PROOF OF BOTH VACCINATIONS. Players, coaches and parents who cannot meet these requirements cannot access these facilities.****

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C. Coaches

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D. Credited Volunteers (Directors, Coordinators, Team Volunteers)

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E. Spectators

Spectators must follow the vaccination requirements and capacity limits of our partner facilities. GHC will share more information on spectator guidelines as our partners communicate their REPs.

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PLAYER WITHDRAWALS

We understand that not everyone will agree with the newest announcement of the Alberta Government and subsequent direction of each facility. Recreation Facilities who choose to implement the Restriction Exemption Program (REP) do so to keep the facilities open, which in turn allows us to keep our players safe and playing hockey.

Considering that these are exceptional circumstances, players who withdraw because they do not agree to the Restrictions Exemption Program (REP) Compliance Plan will receive a refund of registration fee paid minus a \$100 Admin Fee. As we must continue our evaluations and form our teams, so **withdrawals must be submitted by 12:01 am on September 21, 2021.** Anyone withdrawing after this date will be subject to GHC's Player Withdrawal / Refund Policy as stated on the form.

Form: <https://www.girlshockeycalgary.com/withdrawal-refund-request/>

GHC will not release a player from our Registry (meaning, allow the player to register with another Hockey Calgary Association for the 2021-22 season) if the reason for requesting to withdraw is "I do not agree to the Restrictions Exemption Program (REP) Compliance Plan." Releases must be requested as usual and are subject to the usual Player Withdrawal / Refund Policy.

GHC's Player Withdrawal / Refund Policy applies to all other reasons for requesting withdrawal.

Thank you for your continued support. Here's to a safe and exciting hockey season!

Sincerely,

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