

The HOME OF HALIFAX HAWKS MINOR HOCKEY

# Covid and Vaccination Update

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# WELCOME

- The COVID team
- The Rebound Plan
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# Halifax Hawks – Covid Team

We are delighted to announce that **Amy Fredericks** has agreed to take on the role of the associations overall Covid lead and will be the point of contact for Hockey Nova Scotia and team safety representatives.

## Covid Committee Members

- Spiro Bokolas - President
- Chauncey Kennedy – Executive Vice President
- Brad Proctor – Vice President Risk
- Craig Robinson – Vice President Community
- Dr. Kirk McGee – Special Advisor
- Supported by Operations Manager – Beth Boyce



# Hockey Nova Scotia's Rebound Plan 2.0

- Sets out the requirements in line with Phase 5 of Provincial public safety regulations
- Maintains the requirement for association and team safety representatives
- Sets out the vaccination policy that we must comply with
- <https://hockeynovascotia.ca/covid-19/rebound-plan>



# Vaccination Requirements

- Government Nova Scotia Proof of vaccination policy requires everyone 12 years and over to show proof of vaccination for discretionary activities such as hockey
- To comply HNS requires that all Affected persons be fully vaccinated against Covid 19 as a condition of participating in hockey within the defined timelines
- Affected Persons include:
  - Players who are 12 and older
  - Team Officials (coaches, trainers, and managers, etc.)
  - Game Officials (referees, linespersons, timekeepers, etc.)
  - Associations (hockey association directors, officers, executive, staff, etc.)
  - HNS Officials (member of the board of directors, officers, executive, etc.)
  - Volunteers (safety rep, etc.)
  - Leagues (Nova Scotia U15 Major Hockey League, etc.)
  - Programs (Black Youth Ice Hockey Program, High Performance Program, etc.)
  - Instructors (third parties engaged by Associations or Teams to provide specialized instruction (e.g., power skating, goaltending coaching, private program)



# Vaccination Requirements

- With consent all Affected Persons must present as applicable satisfactory evidence to HNS demonstrating that they have completed a series of accepted vaccinations
- The Hawks have responsibility to create a solution to checking vaccinations which respects privacy requirements and the safety representative must be able to demonstrate compliance.
- Exemptions – must be approved by a Physician or Nurse Practitioner
- Facilities – we must follow the guidelines from the facility we are renting the ice from. It is the safety representatives responsibility to confirm requirements and to take appropriate steps
- Player, coaches and officials should carry proof of vaccination with them when they are going to any rink as they may be asked to show this by venue staff



# Other Requirements

- Masks to be worn off the ice – no masks required on the ice unless coaches work with more than one group then they must wear a mask at all times
- Handshakes – are not permitted, however players can line up and bump gloves
- Water bottles – players must have their own bottle
- Continued handwashing and other hygiene measures
- All Covid exposures or outbreaks must follow public health guidelines



# Team Safety Representatives

- Every team will be required to appoint a safety representative for the season
- The volunteer will need to complete any required training and is responsible for ensuring that the team complies with all policies
- They will need to :
  - Check every player over 12 years old, coach, manager and volunteers proof of vaccination status at the first practice once a team is formed
  - Where a players needs to complete vaccination due to an upcoming birthday or in line with the current window to do so this will need to be confirmed at the appropriate time
  - Confirm spectators (where permitted) vaccination status at each session
  - Keep up to date with changes in policy and venue requirements





# Questions

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# THANK YOU

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