Effective October 25, 2021, West Kelowna Minor Hockey Association (WKMHA) will be requiring all spectators in West Kelowna arenas be vaccinated in accordance with the British Columbia PHO and local requirements. The City of West Kelowna has moved to half capacity rules to facilitate 50% capacity for spectators to our events.

As per the most current order from Interior Health, all spectators at indoor sports events require proof of full (2-dose) vaccination. This applies to everyone 12 years and older who are spectators. Adults age 22 and over are also required to show government identification. This requirement will be in effect for all WKMHA practices, games and tournaments at Royal LePage and Jim Lind Arenas.

Two COVID Ambassadors will be required to check vaccine passports at the door for both practices and games. COVID Ambassadors will be required to be at the door 30 minutes prior to the start of the ice time. Those without a valid passport will not be permitted entry to the event.

The COVID Ambassadors will scan vaccine passports using the BC Vaccine Card Verifier App; see below for link to App.

**Information for checking Vaccine passports** (includes information for out of province Spectators):

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/proof

**BC Vaccine Card Verifier App**

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/proof/businesses - app

If any person does not provide a valid vaccine passport and enters the facility, the COVID Ambassadors will make note and call Bylaw or the RCMP. In addition to any penalties enforced by Bylaw, any person entering without proof of vaccine may face a suspension of 30 days from any WKMHA sanctioned events. A second infraction may result in a suspension for the remainder of the season. Any person who opens side doors to help others bypass the vaccine passport will be subject to the same suspensions.

All team officials including coaches, managers, safety people, scorekeepers and COVID Ambassadors must be fully vaccinated. Players are exempt from vaccinations.

Masks are mandatory for everyone age 5 years and older at all times inside the arena with the exception of players going from the dressing room to the playing surface and back to the dressing room. Coaches must wear masks while on the bench but may take them off when on the ice at practices. Masks need to be worn correctly or spectators will be asked to leave the building. There are no exceptions or exemptions to this rule.

Teams may enter the arena 30 minutes prior to their scheduled ice time. Spectators are permitted 10 minutes prior to the scheduled ice time and must exit the arena immediately after the ice time is completed. Everyone must exit arenas through designated routes.

Anyone experiencing any COVID symptoms may not attend the arena.

West Kelowna’s current COVID plan is subject to change and is based on recommendations from the Province and Interior Health.

Any player who has been ordered to self isolate due to possible exposure to COVID-19 will not be allowed to participate in any WKMH until their isolation period has expired.

**Hygiene**

* Absolutely no spitting on the ice, floor or benches.
* In lieu of handshakes, players will keep gloves on for a fist bump or stick tap with the other team and officials.
* Cough or sneeze into a tissue or the bend of the arm, not hand.
* Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
* Follow facility hand sanitizing protocols upon entering, during and exiting the facility.

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