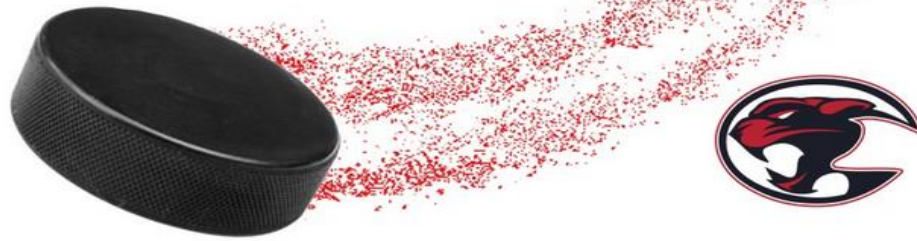


The Southwest Slapshot



Southwest Hockey Association

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Did you know that you can find prior Southwest Slapshot's on our website?

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Restrictions Exemption Program



Evening Southwest Families,

We are taking this opportunity to share with you the announcement by the Government of Alberta and the decisions of the facilities where we are a regular user group. None of these are decisions that SW is implementing or mandating. However, as a user group with these facilities Southwest Hockey is required to comply with the decisions of each facility in order to remain as a user group.

As you all know the Alberta Government recently announced the new Restrictions Exemptions Program ('REP') effective September 20, 2021. Below are the details from the Government of Alberta website:

Businesses that choose to implement the Restrictions Exemption Program 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:

REP - Proof of Vaccination Requirements:

- Partial vaccination (one dose) accepted September 20 to October 25. If received 2-weeks BEFORE the 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 exemption.

So, what does all this mean for Southwest Hockey?

Currently we know that the City of Calgary, Cardel Rec South and Seven Chiefs Sportsplex will all require proof of vaccination for participants who are over the age of 12 years starting on Monday September 20th.

- **Oakridge Community Center** has yet to make a decision on how they will proceed. So, at this time, the 1/3 capacity restrictions, maintaining distance (unless engaged in the activity) and screening for symptoms will remain in effect for Oakridge Community Center.

Therefore, as a user group with Cardel Rec South, The City of Calgary, and the Seven Chiefs Sportsplex; Southwest Hockey is now required to comply with the Restriction Exemption Program ('REP'), that each facility is implementing, in order to remain as a user group.

For further details on the 'REP' roll-out for; [Cardel Rec South](#), [The City of Calgary](#), [Seven Chiefs Sportsplex](#), click on each respective facility. For all 'REP' Facilities, the following protocols will be in effect for September 20 to October 25, 2021:

Players UNDER the age of 12 years old:

- A parent or guardian must screen a youth for symptoms of COVID-19 PRIOR to the youth participating in indoor youth activities in accordance with the COVID-19, Alberta Health Daily Checklist; for children under the age of eighteen (18). [ONLINE SELF-ASSESSMENT LINK](#).
- Maintain 2-meters when not engaged in physical activity.
- Wear a mask while not engaged in physical activity.
- Children between 0 – 11 years of age will not be required to show proof of vaccination, or negative COVID-19 test.

Players who are aged 12 years old, and OLDER:

- Proof of vaccination or letter of exemption is required, in order to enter the facility. **NOTE:** Cardel Rec South, Seven Chiefs Sportsplex and City of Calgary are 'REP' facilities; and as a result, proof of vaccination, or letter of exemption is required to enter their facility.
- Partial vaccination (one dose) is accepted between September 20 to October 25. IF vaccination was received two (2) weeks BEFORE time of service. **MEANING: In order to enter the facility starting on September 20, one dose of the vaccine was required by September 5th.**
- Full vaccination (two doses) required after October 25.

- Proof of vaccination, or letter of exemption; for any player aged 12-years or older is required, prior to being added to a Hockey Calgary roster. This is required because facilities require two (2) vaccines for anyone 12-years or older as of October 25.
- At this time, masks will continue to be mandatory; unless engaged in physical activity.

Any Volunteer who is over the age of 12:

- Proof of vaccination or letter of exemption is required, in order to enter the facility. **NOTE:** Cardel Rec South, Seven Chiefs Sportsplex and City of Calgary are 'REP' facilities; and as a result, proof of vaccination, or letter of exemption is required to enter their facility.
- Partial vaccination (one does) accepted September 20 to October 25. IF vaccination was received two (2) weeks **BEFORE** time of service. **MEANING: In order to enter the facility starting on September 20, one dose of the vaccine was required by September 5th.**
- Full vaccination (two doses) required after October 25.
- At this time, masks will continue to be mandatory at all times; for all volunteers on and off the ice.

Coaches

- Proof of vaccination (two doses), will be required prior to being added to a Hockey Calgary roster. This is required because facilities require two (2) vaccines for anyone 12-years or older as of October 25.
- Partial vaccination (one does) accepted September 20 to October 25. IF vaccination was received two (2) weeks **BEFORE** time of service. **MEANING: In order to enter the facility starting on September 20, one dose of the vaccine was required by September 5th.**
- Full vaccination (two doses) required after October 25.
- At this time, masks will continue to be mandatory at all times; for all coaches **on and off** the ice.

Spectators 12 years of age and older

Proper documentation is required to enter each of the following facilities: Cardel Rec South, The City of Calgary and Seven Chiefs Sportsplex. Masks will continue to be mandatory at ALL facilities, for all spectators.

2009 Born Players who turn 12 AFTER Oct 25th

At this time, we do not know what the requirements may be with regards to these players. Once we receive these details it will be communicated to the membership.

2010 Born Players

At this time, we do not know if and what the requirements will be regarding the 2010 born players. These players won't be eligible for the vaccine until January of 2022. Once we receive these details it will be communicated to the membership.

What does this mean for you?

We are very aware that not everyone will agree with the newest announcement of the AB Government. These are incredibly challenging times for all of us. **FIRST, a reminder....**

- **Hockey Calgary and Member Associations have NOT** implemented a policy on vaccines for 12+.
- Hockey Calgary and Member Associations will follow the requirements of the facilities.

Available Choices:

Although Southwest Hockey is not mandating the 'REP', in order to continue hockey programming for the 2021-2022 season; the 'REP' must be adhered to. Therefore, there are four (4) options available to Southwest Hockey members:

1. Proof of vaccination as described in this letter;
2. Proof of privately-paid negative PCR, or Rapid test a minimum of 72-hours prior to EACH event for the duration of the season, or when otherwise notified by the Government of Alberta. **NOTE:** Negative testing will be at the cost of the participant. Tests from AHS or Alberta Precision Laboratories is not allowed.
3. Proof of exemption;
4. Withdrawal. The withdrawal process will follow the current process in the 2021-2022 Registration Information document: [Click Here](#)

Please remember...

Our goal is to provide an exceptional experience for all our young athletes even with this added layer of complexity. We are doing our best to pull together all the necessary information and we are working diligently with all our facility partners to ensure we are working from the most up to date information available.

As confusing and challenging these next few weeks may be please remember we have thousands of young athletes watching us. Be a good example and steward of the facility you are playing in.

Other than our Administrator and Registrar; **the Board, and EVERY coach, welcome table attendant, evaluator and dressing room attendant are ALL volunteers.** Be respectful of each other and remember we are all in this together. We need to come together and do our best for every young athlete. Let's all be leaders.

Wishing you all the best and a safe return to play. As always please reach out to the board with any questions you may have. We will do our best to help in a timely manner.

Yours in Hockey,

Jeff Campbell | President

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