



**ATHLETICS NEW BRUNSWICK
RETURN TO SANCTIONED
ACTIVITIES**



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OVERVIEW

Athletics New Brunswick will be following guidelines that have been set specifically for the Province of New Brunswick and the Sport & Recreation system.

The recommendations outlined in this document will be reviewed and updated regularly as we receive more guidance from the New Brunswick Government and New Brunswick Health Officials. **Please ALWAYS follow directives from Public Health prior to continuing training and competition.**

Guidelines in this document are for use in training/practice, as well as competition settings where applicable. Athletics New Brunswick will continue to update these guidelines as we progress through the pandemic.



****Please follow directives from whatever Health Zone you reside in****

PROOF OF VACCINATION

As of September 22, 2021, the Government of NB requires that everyone 12 years and over must show proof of vaccination to access certain events,

	Participants under 12	Participants over 12	Officials/Coaches/ Volunteers/ Administrators/ Spectators
Indoor	Does not require proof of vaccination	Requires proof of full vaccination record *unless officially medically exempt* Cannot enter indoor facility if proof is not provided.	Requires proof of full vaccination record *unless officially medically exempt*. Cannot enter indoor facility if proof is not provided.
Outdoor	Does not require proof of vaccination	Does not require proof of vaccination	Does not require proof of vaccination

services and businesses. The following information is supplementary to the details provided here:

- Proof of vaccination must include two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine. Organizers do not need to validate timing between or after doses (not required to wait 14 days after 2nd dose)
- Children born between July 1st, 2009 and December 31st 2009 may continue participating and have until October 31st, 2021 to get their second vaccine.

It is expected that there will be a transition period allowed for children born in 2010 who will be turning 12 in early 2022, further details will be communicated at a later time.

- Proof of vaccination is required for all indoor sanctioned training and competition activities.
- Proof of a negative test cannot be used instead of vaccination for participants, volunteers or spectators.
- Children under 12 years old with parents/guardians who refuse to provide proof of vaccination must be allowed to continue their activities however parents are not allowed to enter a sport or recreation venue until they provide proof of vaccination.
- Depending on the situation, it is reasonable for facility operators to expect user groups to oversee the validation of proof of vaccination of their participants. Organizations are expected

to work collaboratively with facility owners and operators to ensure compliance to the vaccination requirement.

- For regular season activities where participants are consistent, proof of vaccination does not need to be provided each time they attend the activity, it can be done upon registration but the organizer or coach must be able to demonstrate compliance if asked (checklist).
- For proof of vaccination, organizers are required to see an official record of immunization with a piece of Government issued identification (driver's license, Medicare card, birth certificate, etc.). A record of immunization can be obtained from MyHealthNB portal, the RHA clinic or pharmacy that gave the vaccine, a record from Public Health, or proof of vaccination from another jurisdiction. A copy or picture of the original is acceptable.
- Individuals 12 years and over who cannot receive a vaccine because of a medical exemption, will be required to show a medical certificate of exemption signed by a healthcare provider.

MASKS AND PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- As of September 22nd, 2021 the Government of NB requires masks to be mandatory in all indoor public spaces.
- While masks are not required by individuals while participating in an organized sport or fitness activity, they must be worn indoors at all other times.
- Spectators must wear masks at all times indoor except when they are eating or drinking while seated in areas that meet physical distancing of 2m and/or physical barrier requirements. Although masks are not required in outdoor settings, we encourage mask use by participants, coaches, volunteers and spectators off the field of play in public spaces where physical distancing cannot be maintained. Any event organizer has the right to request more stringent mask-wearing measures if they see fit.
- Individuals with a medical exemption to vaccination or children under the age of 12 who are not eligible for vaccination are not required to wear a mask during organized sport or physical activity; however, given their personal level of risk and lack of vaccine protection, it is recommended that they choose other layers of protective measures that best fit the situation.
- It is recommended that coaches maintain mask-usage when working with athletes, however it is not required
- Understand that sport and recreation facilities may have additional requirements related to mask use and physical distancing.

HAND WASHING / CLEANING AND DISINFECTING

- Provide hand sanitizer or hand washing facilities at entrances and exits and encourage participants to properly hand wash or sanitize prior to activities, if these stations are not already available

- Continue regular cleaning and disinfection of all general surfaces and frequently touched equipment.

SCREENING AND CONTACT TRACING

- It is recommended to consider passive or active screening as a protective measure prior to activities, however not mandatory. When used, screening should remain independent of the participant's vaccination status.
- Organizations should remind participants to self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms and stay home if they are feeling unwell.
- All participants are still required to complete their Covid Waivers, provided at the time of ANB registration and/or renewal.
- While collection of names is no longer required, organizations should consider keeping attendance lists to assist contact tracing efforts in the event of a positive case.
- Should there be an exposure to the virus, Public Health via contact tracing efforts will provide guidance to affected individuals. Isolation and testing requirements will depend on the level of exposure as well as the vaccination status of affected individuals.

TRAVEL

- Effective September 22, every person entering New Brunswick must pre-register. This includes New Brunswickers re-entering the province. Any isolation requirements for those that are not fully vaccinated must be followed.
- Concerns remain related to additional travel and the risk of larger gatherings.
- Prior to travel, learn about any increased risks in other regions or provinces along with any travel restrictions or requirements they may have.
- Consider reducing the number of people sharing hotel accommodations, consider wearing masks when travelling in buses/airplanes and minimize social activities in the community that you are visiting.