



Covid Protocols – Thunderbird Home Rinks as of October 8, 2021

Note that these are subject to change at any time and venue staff directions must be adhered to even if they may be different than what is listed below.

These are for Thunderbird home rinks only. Teams playing games in other MHA rinks must adhere to those venue protocols. Team Managers or their designated Covid protocol captain from within the team should be looking at the other MHA's website or contacting their association in advance of all upcoming games and communicating the protocols to the group.

Protocols may change so be prepared for anyone not vaccinated to not be given access to the venue.

Proof of vaccination requirements:

The following outlines the measures as of October 8:

- **Vancouver Park Board arenas (Hillcrest, Kerrisdale, Killarney, Kits, Sunset, Trout Lake)**
 - Note that there are other protocols for the Thanksgiving Cup Tournament – [please refer to that protocol sheet.](#)
 - Children and youth participants under 22 years are exempt from providing Proof of Vaccination and an ID.
 - Spectators are exempt from providing Proof of Vaccination and an ID but must be limited to under 50 people overall **therefore one spectator per player only is permitted in these facilities at this time for both home and visiting teams.** Discussions are ongoing and we will update this restriction when we are able.
- **Richmond Olympic Oval**
 - An Oval team member will be stationed at the main entrance to the Oval to verify vaccination cards before entry. Therefore no limits on spectators are in place for this facility.
 - Youth athletes 19 years old or younger are exempt from showing proof of vaccination if they are participating in an indoor sport.
 - The Oval is waiting for clarification on what is included in the youth sport exemption and will communicate further protocols as they receive this clarification.
- **UBC**
 - Players under 22 years of age, coaches, managers and game officials are exempt. All coaches/managers/game officials will need to identify themselves as such to the UBC staff person at the door. Teams will need to ensure no one is claiming to be in this category if they are not.
 - All spectators 12 years of age and older will need to show proof of vaccination and a government issued ID.
 - All entry must be through the North Entrance. A UBC staff member will be stationed at the North Entrance of the building to verify vaccination cards before entry. Therefore no limits on spectators are in place for this facility.

Spectators:

All spectators must adhere to the proof of vaccination requirements as per above or they will NOT be granted access to the building. If anyone is caught sneaking into the building or assisting a parent who is not vaccinated to get into the building through a side door, disciplinary measures will be implemented.

Mask requirements:

- **For Thunderbirds:** masks are mandatory **at all times** by all ages inside our buildings as per [the Thunderbird mask mandate](#). During a game situation, coaches must wear their masks on the bench while players can remove their mask when they are leaving the dressing room to go to the ice, while they are involved in the game activity, and must replace their mask upon returning to the dressing room. Note that at UBC only non-medical masks that loop over the ears or tie at the back are permitted – no neck gaiter style masks are allowed.
- **For visiting teams and game officials:** venue specific rules apply as per below
 - Vancouver Park Board arenas (Hillcrest, Kerrisdale, Killarney, Kits, Sunset, Trout Lake) – masks are required for all entering the building **aged 12 and above**. Strongly encouraged for all 11 and younger who can wear one. **Masks are required by all team staff on the benches.**
 - Richmond Olympic Oval – masks are required for all entering the building **aged 12 and above**. Strongly encouraged for all 11 and younger who can wear one. **Masks are required by all team staff on the benches.**
 - UBC – masks are required for all entering the building **aged 5 and above**. The mask must be a non-medical mask that loops over the ears or ties at the back – no neck gaiter style masks are allowed. **Masks are required by all team staff on the benches.**

Dressing Room usage:

Dressing rooms in all Thunderbird home arenas are currently being used. Access will be permitted 30 minutes prior to game start and teams must vacate within 30 minutes (or sooner) after their ice time concludes. For rep teams who wish to arrive earlier to warm up, they will need to arrive dressed in warm up attire and either leave hockey bags in vehicles or have a parent assigned to watch over the bags piled neatly in a place (potentially outside) that does not interfere with venue flow.

Warm up areas:

All teams wishing to do a pre-game warm up are asked to find a safe spot to do this outside at this time. Dress appropriately for the weather.

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