



COVID-19 Vaccination Policy & Safety Protocols

POLICY STATEMENT: NWT Snowboard and its Affiliated Clubs are committed to a safe sport environment and have implemented this policy for the safety of our members and anyone attending our events

Approval Authority: NWT Snowboard Association Board of Directors

Responsible Staff: Sports Director

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NWT Snowboard Association (also referred to as “NWT SBD”) is committed to providing and maintaining a safe competitive environment for all. This Policy sets out NWT SBD’s policy response to the Covid-19 pandemic and the protocols to be followed for the safe delivery of programming and competition sanctioned by NWT SBD. **This Policy requires that, in accordance with the protocol set out below, all coaches/instructors and any members of Team NT, subject to this Policy, be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 or obtain an approved exemption.**

“Fully Vaccinated” means having received the completed series of a COVID-19 vaccine that has been approved for use by Health Canada and satisfies the vaccination timeline under section 2.v, below; an individual is considered Fully Vaccinated 14 days after receiving their final dose.

To protect against the spread of COVID-19, this protocol introduces general measures for NWT SBD sanctioned activities and the cleaning of facilities as established by Public Health Canada. However, NWT SBD recognizes that facilities, local municipalities, and/or territorial requirements may have the authority to be more restrictive than the current Policy, in which case, individuals may not be permitted to enter some locations if they do not comply with permit conditions of use.

1. Proof of Vaccination

- i. All coaches, instructors and members of Team NT are required by NWT SBD to be fully vaccinated.
- ii. All other members of NWT SBD are not required to be fully vaccinated but must abide by all club, local and territorial guidelines.

2. General Comments

- i. The protocols set out in this Policy are mandatory for all participants who are involved in any activity sanctioned by NWT SBD (“Sanctioned Activity”).
- ii. Sanctioned Activity means any event, practice, training, or any other activity that is approved by NWT SBD.
- iii. Individuals who make false attestations about, or provide false documents related to, being vaccinated will be subject to disciplinary actions, which could be as serious as permanent expulsion from NWT SBD.
- iv. Local, Territorial, and National governmental COVID health and safety protocols must be followed at all Sanctioned Activities. This could include, but is not limited to, proof of vaccination, required COVID testing, limitation in the number of participants in the venue, daily health attestations, use of a



mask or face covering when 6 feet of distancing can not be maintained, and other such measures required by public health authorities. Requirements may be revised from time to time in response to public health orders.

- v. NWT SBD reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to apply health and safety protocols over and above those mandated by the government and/or the sport venue.

3. Protocols for Participants at Sanctioned Activities

- i. All participants wishing to enter the sport venue must abide by any health and safety protocols implemented by clubs, local communities and the territorial government.
- ii. Those coaches/instructors or members of Team NT that cannot provide proof of vaccination will not be permitted to participate in event/activity under any circumstances unless they have received written approval from NWT SBD through the “Exemption” process below:
 - a. If coaches/instructors or members of Team NT are unable to receive a vaccination due to a valid medical condition or other grounds protected by the NWT *Human Rights Act*, the participant may seek approval from NWT SBD to attend without proof of vaccination.
 - b. Exemption requests must be submitted in writing to the NWT Snowboard Sport Director at least two weeks before the start of the Sanctioned Activity. This request must include documentation supporting the participant’s position that they are exempted from receiving a COVID vaccination.
 - c. This process is a shared responsibility. All parties should cooperatively engage in the process, share information, including answering reasonable questions or provide information about relevant restrictions or limitations, and consider potential solutions.
 - d. A board appointed review committee (also referred to as the “Review Committee”) may grant or refuse the coach/instructor or member of Team NT’s exemption request (to attend a Sanctioned Activity without proof of vaccination). The Review Committee may also grant the exemption request with conditions, such as masking and social distancing.
 - e. The decision of the Review Committee is final.



- iii. Full vaccination of a coach/instructor or member of Team NT must be completed in the timelines below to be eligible to participate at the Sanctioned Activity:
 - a. Pfizer/Moderna/Astra Zeneca – second dose must be administered no later than two weeks prior to the first day of the Sanctioned Activity.
 - b. Johnson and Johnson – initial / single dose must be administered no later than four weeks prior to the first day of the Sanctioned Activity.
- iv. For all coaches/instructors or members of Team NT, Proof of vaccination or a valid exemption MUST be submitted to NWT SBD upon entry.
 - a. Proof can be in the form of a valid provincial/territorial vaccine passport, a copy of the proof of vaccination given at the time of receiving vaccination, or a letter from a medical practitioner, confirming that the participant has been vaccinated.
 - b. NWT SBD will not retain any information provided as proof of vaccination or exemption.
 - c. No refund, if applicable, will be provided should the requisite documentation not be provided.

4. Spectators

- i. NWT SBD expects all spectators and volunteers to abide by club, local and territorial guidelines. Changes in the positions of authorities, including the territorial government and public health authorities, in numbers or severity of COVID-19 cases, and/or in health guidance, may result in future changes to the rules around spectator involvement.

5. Policy Review and Modification

- i. Public health guidance on measures for fully vaccinated, partially vaccinated, and unvaccinated individuals continue to evolve and it is expected that amendments to this Policy may occur as a result. As such, NWT SBD reserves the right to amend this Policy from time to time as circumstances change.

6. Travel Safety Measures



- i. Participants who are travelling by air must comply with all applicable airline health and safety regulations.
- ii. For participants who are travelling by car, NWT SBD urges you to travel to the Sanctioned Activity with only members of your household. Should a participant need to travel with members outside of their immediate household, please consider wearing a mask or face covering and follow the COVID-19 measures consistent with public health guidance, infection prevention, and control measures.

7. General Measures at Sanctioned Activity Venues

- i. Each member must sign-in when participating in an activity for contact tracing purposes.
- ii. The use of a face mask or face covering when 6 feet of distance can not be maintained is mandatory, except for ATHLETES when training and competing at events.
- iii. The use of hand sanitizer will be mandatory in the entrances and exits of the venue, seating area and changing rooms.
- iv. Each day all Athletes must complete a daily health attestation.
- v. Athletes must leave the venue within 30 minutes of the completion of their training or event.
- vi. To access the Sanctioned Activity facilities, participants must manage their personal space or distance of 2 meters between each other.