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To: Softball BC Members
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Subject: **Provincial Health Authority Orders and Updates as of October 29, 2021**

As you are very likely aware, the Gathering and Events Order has been updated by the Provincial Health Officer and the recent adjustments affect amateur sports. This order may be found [here](#).

We continue to work closely with viaSport, the provincial organization responsible for amateur sport in British Columbia, to provide updated information as soon as possible. As further updates come available we will provide them to the membership as they relate to any new or revised requirements for the sanctioning of softball activities.

What we do know at this point is that there have been significant updates to the *Proof of Vaccination* Requirements as follows:

- The Order defines a **“participant”** as anyone at an event, which includes spectators, but does not include anyone attending in an official capacity as an organizer, supervisor, official, volunteer or event staff. **For sport, however, the Order states that an adult (19+) leading, supervising, or assisting a sport program for children and youth must have received two doses of vaccine. (Section D.7 and D. 8). This includes coaches, volunteers and officials for indoor and outdoor sport.**
- **Youth 21 and under** participating in sport are still exempt from showing proof of vaccination.
- **For indoor sport activities, adult participants 22 and older must show proof of vaccination.**
- **Spectators** (19+) for children, youth and adult indoor sport must show proof of vaccination. The previous exemption for events under 50 people is no longer in place for sport
- **Organizers are allowed to keep written records of proof of vaccination from participants, as long as they have written consent from the participant to do so. These records may only be kept for the purposes of confirming that a participant has been vaccinated, and can be kept until this Order expires or is repealed.**
- **Capacity restrictions:** The Provincial Health Order has now removed indoor capacity restrictions; however, regional restrictions still currently apply in Fraser East, Interior Health and Northern Health (east of Kitwanga). When deciding which restrictions apply, always follow whichever is strictest.