



Calgary Torpedoes Water Polo COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

Preamble

1. The Calgary Torpedoes Water Polo club values the health of safety of our Athletes, Coaches, Member Families and the broader community. COVID-19 and all its variants are a significant threat to the health of all citizens, and as communicated by the Alberta Government, currently threatens to overwhelm Alberta's Healthcare System.
2. Torpedoes is committed to taking every reasonable precaution to protect our membership and the community from the threat posed by COVID-19. The recommendations of Health Canada, Alberta Health Services, and the Government of Alberta state that vaccination is a critical measure in protecting individuals, our community and the integrity of the public health system.

Definitions

3. AHS - Alberta Health Services
4. CMOH - Chief Medical Officer of Health
5. NCL - National Championship League
6. MLWP - Major League Water Polo

Purpose

7. Torpedoes programming is 100% based around training and participating in the NCL which is a domestic program across Canada. In order to safely manage the logistics of the team for training and travel within Canada, COVID-19 vaccination is required moving forward for the 2021-22 season.

Application

8. This Policy applies to all NCL and MLWP Torpedoes Athletes, Coaches, and any Member or guest of a Member Family who is present or participating in any and all practices, scrimmages, tournaments, or other Torpedoes sanctioned events (such as fundraisers or other events out of the pool).
9. Members of opposing teams or organizations are subject only to current CMOH orders or relevant jurisdictional mandates and/or their own organizational policies, and are not subject to this Torpedoes Policy.

Implementation

10. Between September 22 and October 25, 2021 - Proof of a single dose is acceptable, under the condition that the dose was received more than two weeks prior to the date of participation.
11. After October 25, 2021 - Proof of double vaccination is required.
12. Any person who is unvaccinated due to a documented Human Rights or medical accommodation will be required to provide proof of such exemption, and will be required to provide proof of privately paid COVID-19 PCR or rapid tests completed within 72 hours of participation in each

practice, tournament, or other Torpedoes event. No other allowable reason for non-vaccination will be accepted. **AHS tests are not considered valid, consistent with AHS mandates.**

Compliance

13. Proof of vaccination will be confirmed visually and noted by a Torpedoes Board Member and will be tracked for compliance.
14. Torpedoes will not maintain, save or otherwise possess copies of vaccination records and/or other medical information.
15. Proof of exemption will be confirmed visually and noted by the Torpedoes President or Vice President, and resulting negative COVID-19 PCR or rapid test will be noted by the Athlete's coach and communicated to the Torpedoes Board at a frequency consistent with clause 12.

Non-Compliance

16. Non-compliance with this policy will result in immediate suspension from all club activities for the Athlete, Member family or Coach until such time that proof of vaccination or exemption is provided.
17. **Member families will continue to be responsible for all fees and other obligations (such as Fundraising) during such suspension.**

Registration Refunds

18. Superseding previously communicated refund policies in the published Program Handbook, any member who wishes to withdraw from the program
 - a. Has until October 6, 2021 to do so with a full refund (less equipment costs, WPC & AWPA Insurance & Registration fees, and any applicable RAMP service fees).
 - b. Withdrawal between October 6, 2021 and November 6, 2021 will result in a refund of 50% of registration fees (less equipment costs, WPC & AWPA Insurance & Registration fees, and any applicable RAMP service fees).
 - c. Members who withdraw 60 days after registration or the start of the season, whichever is later, qualify for a prorated refund only if they:
 - i. Must withdraw due to a documented injury.
 - ii. Must withdraw due to family relocation.
 - iii. Or have Board approval.
 - d. Proration will be rounded up to the nearest month, based on season start and last practice attended. No fees are refundable after April 1 of the current season.

Review

19. This Policy will be reassessed as events warrant throughout the 2021/22 season by the Board in collaboration with our coaching staff, feedback from membership, and informed by governmental mandates; Federal, Provincial, and Municipal. Changes to this policy will be communicated to membership at such time.