



Restrictions Exemption Program Simplified

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Sanctioning

Ringette Alberta will only sanction games within facilities that are participating in the Restrictions Exemption Program (REP) or, in cases where the facility is not participating in the REP, the Local Ringette Association is participating. The Restrictions Exemption Program does not apply to youth (under 18) while participating in their activity however, it does apply to all others including coaches and officials¹.

Proof of Vaccine, Medical Exemption, Negative Test: Who is affected?

Group	Documentation Required ²
Players under 12 years of age	Not required
Players 12-17 years of age	May ³ be required by the facility
All others, including coaches and officials, regardless of age.	Required

Documentation: Individual Requirement & Recommendation

When asked by the facility or your local ringette association, the requested documentation, as per the table above, must be provided.

We recommend all individuals 12 years of age or older have proof of vaccine, medical exemption, or valid negative test with them whenever they attend any ringette activity.

Local Ringette Association Requirements

Local Ringette Associations participating in facilities that have implemented the REP must adhere to the requirements of the facility.

Where facilities have implemented the REP, the Local Ringette Association may be asked by the facility to manage/implement the program. Local Ringette Associations are to confirm with facilities to avoid duplication. See also [Participating at Multiple Facilities](#)

Local Ringette Associations that are participating in the REP (because the facility is not) or are being asked to manage the program on behalf of a facility as a condition of use, must adhere to the following:

¹ Ringette Alberta's interpretation of the order. Will apply unless or until there is clarification from Alberta Health

² Individuals 18 and over are required to provide valid ID

³ The Chief Medical Officer of Health's order is intended to exempt youth 12 to 17 years of age from the REP while they are participating in their activity, however, facilities do have the right to go beyond the order and apply the REP to youth 12-17 years of age.

1. **Do not** sign any agreement⁴, required by the facility, to manage the REP on the facility's behalf unless / until that agreement has been reviewed by Ringette Canada's insurer and your association has prior written authorization from the Insurer or designate to sign this agreement.
2. Adhere to your Local Ringette Association's Privacy Policy
3. Appoint designated individual(s) to have oversight of the process to ensure participants have proof of vaccination, proof of medical exemption or are providing proof of a privately paid negative COVID-19 PCR or rapid test prior to each activity. See [Acceptable Forms of Documentation](#).
4. Local Ringette Associations are to maintain a list or lists verifying vaccination, medical exemption or a privately paid negative COVID-19 PCR or rapid test for all applicable participants, as per the [Acceptable Forms of Documentation](#) section that follows. Original or copies of verifying documents are NOT to be retained by the Local Ringette Association.

Participating at Multiple Facilities

Because ringette will take place at any number of facilities around the province (league play, tournaments, playdowns, provincials) and those facilities may or may not be participating in the REP, Ringette Alberta recommends all local ringette associations obtain documentation for those indicated in the table above as it will be required by the local ringette association to use a facility that is not participating in the REP.

Host and Visiting Team Responsibilities

Where the facility is not participating in the REP, the Host is responsible to ensure all participants (host team and visiting team) provide the required documentation.

The visiting team is responsible for having the necessary records and providing them to the host.

It is recommended the visitor connect with the host prior to game day to coordinate requirements.

Officials

Officials Assignors may only assign officials who are on the list of officials approved by Ringette Alberta. Separate communication will be provided by Ringette Alberta to officials.

Spectators

The Local Ringette Association is not responsible for documentation verification for spectators as these individuals are not registered participants.

Acceptable Forms of Documentation

Acceptable forms of documentation for proof of vaccine, medical exemption or negative PCR or rapid test are defined in the Province of Alberta's [Restriction Exemption Program Requirements](#).

⁴ Signing an agreement to manage the REP on behalf of the facility could mean the association is accepting all liability (even if not clearly stated) which, although unlikely for an association operating with good intentions, may include fines and prosecution should an error in implementing the program occur.