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RE: Water Polo Saskatchewan Update on Covid 19 Vaccination and Negative Test Policies

Dear Water Polo Saskatchewan Members:

The Water Polo Saskatchewan (WPS) board of directors have updated the organization's policy with respect to Covid 19 vaccination or negative test requirements. WPS is serious about the safety of athletes, volunteers, and coaches. After careful consideration and discussion, the WPS board has made the following update to the Covid 19 policy, effective immediately:

“All athletes 12 years of age and older participating in Water Polo Saskatchewan competitive events must have proof of full vaccination or a negative test of less than 72 hours at their own expense”

There were several considerations that went into this decision including:

- The large number of athletes attending these events from clubs across the province.
- The contact nature of the sport
- The frequent mixing of athletes of a wide variety of ages
- The inconsistency of facility policies in various locations

In addition, I would like to offer a few points of clarification to the above policy:

- “Competitive events will include community league, provincials, SaskOpen, elite league, and any club tournament open to another club
- WPS will only accept 3rd party antigen or PCR tests (no home testing)
- Athletes must bring their proof of vaccination or test to each event
- All individuals turning 12 years of age after July 15, 2021, will have 3 months after their birthday to become fully vaccinated, and during that time may play without a negative test.
- Regular club training will continue to follow SHA and facility guidelines

I understand that this topic is challenging and there may be some members that have questions or concerns regarding this policy. I would like to remind members that in general, your local club representatives are volunteers and had no role in this decision. As a result, if you have questions or concerns about this policy, I ask that you contact me directly at the email address below. I look forward to everyone at the pool.

Sincerely,

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