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RE: Covid Protocols at 2021 Cheer For the Cure - Tribute Communities Centre

Vaccination Requirements for Athletes/Coaches:

- Athletes 18+ may not enter the facility without the required documentation showing full vaccination and matching identification. See below for details.
- Coaches that are not vaccinated will be restricted to the lower level, and must leave between each team they coach. Upon arriving at the Athlete Entrance, coaches that do not present the required documentation regarding full vaccination (see below for details) will be admitted no more than 15 minutes before their designated Team Arrival.
- Coaches that are fully vaccinated and present the required documentation (see below for details) will be issued a spectator wristband after their vaccination check at the Athlete Entrance.
- Athletes under 18 years of age, on the date of the event, are not required to show proof of vaccination in order to participate as an athlete only.
- Athletes under 18 years of age, on the date of the event, may show proof of vaccination after their performance at the lower lobby gate (formerly where athletes waited for coaches). Vaccination documentation will be verified (see below for details) and fully vaccinated athletes between 12-17 years of age will be issued a spectator wristband.

Vaccination Documentation:

- Proof of full vaccination (minimum of 14 days prior)
- Matching government issued photo identification
- Valid medical exemption and associated documentation as outlined by the Ontario Government
- For further details please reference:

https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/guidance_proof_of_vaccination_for_businesses_and_organizations.pdf

Covid Screening Protocol:

- One screening is required per family. A link will be provided to coaches and through social media prior to the event.
- Athletes will be asked if a parent has completed the screening process, if not, they will be asked to complete the process.
- Coaches are required to be aware of the Covid Screening (a link will be provided) and monitor athletes for symptoms, especially those under 12 years of age.

Venue Cleaning and Covid Mitigation Strategies:

<https://www.tributecommunitiescentre.com/togetheragain>

Masking:

- Athletes are required to wear a mask anytime outside of the designated “Warm up/Competition Zone”.
- “Warm Up/Competition Zone” begins at the designated “Warm Up” time on the event schedule, and ends immediately after Video Replay/Hydration.
- Coaches are asked to devise their own protocol for ensuring athletes have immediate access to a mask after Video Replay/Hydration.
- Teams/athletes may wear a mask throughout their performance/warm up at the discretion of their coach.
- Masks are required as per the venue policy for all coaches and spectators. A mask that covers the mouth and nose must be worn at all times except when eating food/drink when seated.

Flow of the Event:

- Coaches may arrive any time prior to their team’s designated “arrival” time to access registration. Please note that coaches who do not show proof of full vaccination as outlined above are limited to arriving 15 minutes prior to their designated team arrival.
- Coaches and athletes will enter through the Rink 2 Entrance at the corner of Red Tilson Lane and Bruce St, back Southwest corner of the building.
- Athletes arrive at the designated Athlete Entrance at the assigned time.
- Athletes are asked to arrive as ready as possible. Change rooms will NOT be available and there are limited bathrooms available.
- Teams will enter as a unit, and have use of the lower level to change shoes, pack coats into bags etc.
- Teams proceed through warm up, bags are stowed just outside the practice gym.
- After their performance, all athletes will collect their bags from the designated area and immediately proceed up the stairs of the lower lobby. Those that have spectator wristbands (after showing proof of full vaccination/identification) may choose to go onto the concourse level or may exit the building out of the front doors. Unvaccinated athletes will only be able to exit the building out of the front doors.
- Once leaving the practice gym area, athletes will not be readmitted.
- Crossover athletes:
 - Vaccinated - may stay in the spectator concourse until their designated meet time, escorted down the main stairs by a coach or may leave and re-enter through the Athlete Entrance at the designated time.
 - Unvaccinated - must leave immediately after their performance, and re-enter at the designated time through the Athlete Entrance.

Warm Up Rotation:

- “Warm Up” - refers to a designated time and space when masks can be removed as part of the competition circuit. Teams may use this space/time for cardio/stretching and general physical warm up.
- Teams will progress through a standard rotation that includes 8 minutes of “warm up”, 8 minutes on a fully sprung tumbling track, 8 minutes on 2 strips of non-sprung mats, and 8 minutes on a fully sprung floor with music.
- After the full floor teams will have 13 minutes backstage to hydrate, move bags and wait in the tunnel before their performance.

Coaches:

- Coaches who wish to access Score Check (top level) or the spectator concourse must have a spectator wristband, and therefore must show proof of full vaccination.
- After entering through the Athlete Entrance, coaches will proceed to Registration to pick up their coach wristband. This wristband is only valid for access to the lower athlete level.
- Coaches will need to have BOTH a spectator wristband AND a coach wristband to access the spectator concourse or scorecheck on the top floor.
- Coaches are welcome to sit in the stands on the top level, just beside score check on the 3rd floor. The Coaches Lounge beside the practice gym will not be operational this year.
- Gym admin will be asked to provide a list of coaches to Registration prior to the event.

Awards:

- Awards will be virtual and screened on the Monday evening immediately after the event.
- Awards will be shipped out to gyms on this same date.
- Screening details and time TBC.

Score Check:

- Located on the top level, in the traditional location. Accessible up the main staircase, both coach and spectator wristband required.
- Limited to 1 coach per team for official video review in order to maintain physical distancing.
- Unvaccinated coaches may appoint another coach to approach score check on their behalf.

Ticketing:

- A system will be implemented to allow spectators with store credit to redeem for event tickets. Details will be released the week of Nov 22nd.
- Tickets will be available at the door.