

SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR PROOF OF COVID-19 VACCINATION	
<i>This Policy has been prepared by Special Olympics Newfoundland and Labrador and is a Provincial Policy applicable to Special Olympics Newfoundland and Labrador and its community Clubs. This document cannot be modified by a community Club without consultation and approval from Special Olympics Newfoundland and Labrador.</i>	
EFFECTIVE DATE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2021	LAST REVISED: SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

Purpose

To protect the health and safety of the Special Olympics Newfoundland & Labrador membership from the spread of COVID-19, this policy provides direction on the conditions under which individuals will be permitted to participate in Special Olympics Newfoundland & Labrador activities.

Scope

This policy applies to all staff, athletes, coaches, volunteers, respite workers, and event participants. This policy does not apply to children under 12.

Definitions

1. The following terms have these meanings in this policy:
 - a. “Accepted Vaccine” – A COVID-19 vaccine that has been approved for us by Health Canada.
 - b. “Creed/Religion Exemption” – Grounds to be exempted from getting a COVID-19 vaccine based on an established, personally held creed or religion.
 - c. “Fully Vaccinated” – Having received the completed series of an accepted COVID-19 vaccine. An individual is considered fully vaccinated fourteen (14) days after receiving their completed dose.
 - d. “Medical Exemption” – Grounds to be exempted from getting a COVID-19 vaccine based on the risk of substantive injury and/or disability.
 - e. “Proof of Vaccination” – in the form of an official dose administration receipt, is required by all individuals.

Policy Statement

2. To protect the health and safety of our membership, Special Olympics Newfoundland & Labrador is requiring that individuals be fully vaccinated as a condition of participation in our programs and events.

Proof of COVID-19 VACCINATION POLICY SONL BOARD APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

Special Olympics Newfoundland & Labrador will continue to follow all federal, provincial, and local public health regulations related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Public health guidance on measures for fully vaccinated, partially vaccinated, and unvaccinated individuals may continue to evolve and could affect this policy.

Accepted vaccines

3. Special Olympics Newfoundland & Labrador will accept the COVID-19 vaccines approved by [Health Canada](#).

Proof of COVID-19 vaccination

4. Individuals coming to programs or events will be required to provide proof of having been fully vaccinated with an accepted vaccine.

Children Under 12

5. This policy does not apply to children under twelve until such time that Health Canada approves a vaccine for their age group.

Exemptions

6. Special Olympics Newfoundland & Labrador will consider on an individual basis requests from members for exemptions on medical grounds and/or because of their creed/religion.

Requests for medical exemptions will be considered upon submission of written confirmation from a physician that the member is unable to be vaccinated for COVID-19.

Requests for creed/religion exemptions will be considered upon submission of a letter explaining the rationale for the exemption request. Special Olympics Newfoundland & Labrador reserves the right to make the appropriate inquiries to verify the authenticity of a creed/religion-based claim.

Proof of COVID-19 VACCINATION POLICY SONL BOARD APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 29, 2021
