

# KARATE NOVA SCOTIA

## Vaccination Policy v1.0

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## Introduction

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In order to comply with Nova Scotia's Proof of Vaccine Policy, as of October 4th, 2021, all those 12 years of age or older involved with Karate Nova Scotia (KNS) will require proof of vaccination. (Proof of exemption must also be provided) to be involved with programming at a club and an event level.

Persons involved with programming include:

- Players who are 12 and older\*
- Team Officials (coaches, managers, trainers, instructors, etc.)
- Paid Staff Members
- Tournament Officials
- Clubs (Instructors, officers, executive and staff)
- Volunteers
- Spectators

KNS will be asking all members who fall under the Vaccine Policy to provide provincial proof of vaccination/proof of exemption and a valid ID. This can be done by showing full vaccination records/proof of exemptions to a KNS authorized representative (Club Instructor, Provincial Coach, Team Manager, executive member, or any volunteer assigned by one of the preceding). Original proof of full vaccination records are acceptable in paper and digital formats, as well as clear photos, screenshots and photocopies. At minimum, a record must show all the following information to demonstrate proof of full vaccination:

- The person's name
- The brand(s) of vaccine received (such as Moderna, Pfizer, etc.)
- An indication that all required doses for that brand of vaccine were received
- The date when the final dose was received

**For example:**

**Jane Doe**

**COVID-19 Dose 1**

**Pfizer-BioNTech**

**Received on May 14, 2021**

**COVID-19 Dose 2**

**Pfizer-BioNTech**

**Received on July 9, 2021**

Acceptable forms of valid ID include:

- Driver's license
- Passport

- Government issued ID card
- Health card
- Birth certificate
- Student card
- Secure Certificate of Indian Status

Original ID records are acceptable in card, paper and digital formats, as well as clear photos, screenshots and photocopies.

KNS cannot accept emailed pictures of vaccination records as we are not authorized to keep or request any vaccination receipts on file. No record of vaccination receipt (the picture copy of the official vaccination record from Public Health Nova Scotia) will be kept on file with KNS.

We ask that each person affected by the Covid-19 Vaccination Policy provide proof of vaccination to authorized personnel. KNS and its affiliated clubs are liable for any person who provides false information in regards to their vaccination record. Such persons will be subject to any fines/regulations deemed appropriate by the government of Nova Scotia.

\*Players who turned 12 between January 1st and October 4th, 2021, have until December 31st to attend events and activities while they get vaccinated, this includes club practices, KNS training camps and tournaments. Players who turn 12 after October 4th will have three (3) months from their birthday. If they choose not to get vaccinated, they will no longer be able to participate in these events and activities once the grace period is up.

Youth who are 13 to 18 and have proof that they received 1 dose of COVID-19 vaccine can participate in sport, recreation, arts and culture programming hosted by a business or organization as of October 4. To continue participating, they must provide proof of full vaccination by November 9, 2021. In order to be fully vaccinated by November 9, a person needs to get a first dose no later than September 28 and a second dose no later than October 26. If a youth 13-18 has had their first shot after September 28th, they can participate up to November 9th, which is the deadline for them to show proof of full vaccination, (two weeks after their second shot). If they cannot show proof of vaccination by Nov. 9th they can no longer participate until they can show proof of full vaccination.

We want to make sure that we are able to provide safe, inclusive and quality programs for everyone while adhering to the governing bodies requirements for sport participation. We will continue to monitor the changes in sport participation requirements for Nova Scotia and will modify accordingly as we continue to navigate throughout this pandemic.

## Providing Proof of Vaccination/Proof of Exemption

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### Club Level

Each club will be responsible for enforcing this policy, and as such, they will decide on how they will request proof of vaccination. This could include, but not be limited to:

- Requesting to see the provincial proof of vaccination/proof of exemption at each visit (either via paper or electronically)
- Keeping a list of names for who they have verified provincial proof of vaccination/proof of exemption
- Providing ID cards to members with an indication on it as to whether provincial proof of vaccination/proof of exemption has been verified

## Event Level

Provincial proof of vaccination/proof of exemption will be required for every KNS event (Provincial Team Trainings, Kumite/Kata Camps/ Tournaments). There may be a tracking system put into place at some events (for example, tournaments), where there is a higher-level flow of traffic. This will be determined on an event-by-event basis, so it will be necessary to bring your Provincial proof of vaccination/proof of exemption to each event. If you do not bring your Provincial proof of vaccination/proof of exemption you will be denied entry to the event.

## Mask Policy

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Until such time that the majority of the population can receive a COVID vaccination, masks will be required by all participants at KNS Tournaments. This includes athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, medical staff and spectators. Athletes will be allowed to remove their masks when warming up and competing.

Clubs and participants in provincial team trainings may continue to follow masking rules set out by the Provincial Government COVID guidelines.

## Abusive Behavior

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KNS will not tolerate any abusive behavior towards it's athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers or spectators as it relates to the rules of this policy. Those who do wish to abide by these rules will not be allowed to attend KNS sanctioned events.

## Important Note

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KNS did not create this policy but must abide by it. If you have any questions specifically concerning the NS Vaccination policy, please email: [td@karatens.org](mailto:td@karatens.org)

## Vaccination Policy Resources

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COVID-19 Protocol for Proof of Full Vaccination for Events and Activities

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/docs/COVID-19-Protocol-for-proof-full-vaccination-events-activities-en.pdf>

Coronavirus (COVID-19): Nova Scotia COVID-19 Proof of Vaccination

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/proof-of-full-vaccination-policy/>

Proof of full vaccination guide for businesses and organizations

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/docs/proof-full-vaccination-guide-businesses-en.pdf>