



Ontario Weightlifting Association

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Attention: OWA Members

On September 1, 2021, the Government of Ontario announced its intention to require proof of complete vaccination (two doses plus 14-day waiting period) for “facilities used for sports and fitness activities and personal fitness training, such as gyms, fitness and recreational facilities.”

The Government of Ontario has yet to release the legal regulations used to integrate this new regulation into our return to play policies.

This announcement has been met with resistance and has raised concerns in sports communities across Ontario. Currently, the Ontario Weightlifting Association does not have a mandatory vaccination policy. However, the OWA intends to comply with all provincial legal requirements.

Please be aware that if you are a participant (spectator, teammate, volunteer, coach, technical official, athlete) in the Burlington autumn classic, the deadline for the second dose would be Saturday, September 11, 2021. We are aware this will put some participants in a challenging position. This deadline may occur before the regulations have been reviewed. We encourage members to continue doing what you feel is best for yourself, your family, and community.

The Ontario Weightlifting Association will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as they are received.

OWA Executive Board