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To: AASA Membership

Re: Covid19 Protocols for the 2021- 2022 Season

Dear Members,

Alberta Alpine Ski Association (AASA) knows how important sport and the ability to enjoy our recreational outdoor sport is to all our membership. The Covid19 pandemic has been devastating to our communities, both locally and globally, with restrictions that have changed all sectors of life. Outdoor sports are one of the few activities we could enjoy last season.

Now that vaccines are readily available it has allowed us to have a little bit more of a “normal” life, but all the protocols from last year will still play an important role to having a safe and fun season this year.

AASA strongly recommends that everyone who is eligible, to get their double dose of the vaccination. It is very important that all coaches, officials, and volunteers are vaccinated not only to protect the community but also to ensure their jobs can be done.

AASA requires all members to follow the AHS Covid19 current protocols, along with the Covid19 protocols that both your local ski resort as well as any ski resorts that you plan to visit this season have in place. Ski resorts may have enhanced protocols that go beyond what AHS has put in place, and these protocols should be followed. The following links are to the AHS protocols and restrictions:

Order 44 (Restrictions) - <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/cmoh-order-44-2021>

Order 45 (REP) - <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/cmoh-order-45-2021>

REP Guidance - <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/covid-19-information-requirements-for-restrictions-exemption-program>

#### **Covid19 Protocols for Alberta Alpine sanctioned races.**

For all **U14, U16, FIS and Masters** Alberta Alpine sanctioned races, all participants (coaches, officials, athletes, volunteers, and spectators inside the fence) must be fully vaccinated or show proof in written or printed copy that indicates the individual has tested, within 72 hours of the event, a negative test for Covid19 (at the participants cost) on a Health Canada approved Rapid Antigen, Rapid PCR or lab-based PCR test approved by Health Canada or the lab accreditation body of jurisdiction to attend the event.

Ski Resorts may have enhanced Covid19 protocols, these protocols may exceed AASA protocols, but the Ski Resort Protocols must be followed.

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Participants must have received at least 2 doses of a Government of Canada accepted Covid19 vaccine or mix of 2 accepted vaccines or at least 1 dose of the Janssen/Johnson & Johnson's vaccine. The second dose of vaccine must have been given 14 full days prior to the event/race.

Each ROC will manage this program and AASA strongly suggests that each ROC has a Covid19 Officer assigned to the race. There is no need to hold any personal information of any of the participants. The Alberta Government Covid19 scan app will verify if the participant is fully vaccinated.

For **U12 and younger** Alberta Alpine sanctioned races. All coaches, officials, volunteers, and spectators inside the fence must be fully vaccinated or show proof in written or printed copy that indicates the individual has tested, within 72 hours of the event, a negative test for Covid19 (at the participants cost) on a Health Canada approved Rapid Antigen, Rapid PCR or lab-based PCR test approved by Health Canada or the lab accreditation body of jurisdiction to attend the event.

All U12 and younger athletes will follow all AHS and the Ski Resorts Covid19 protocols at all race events.

Ski Resorts may have enhanced Covid19 protocols, these protocols may exceed AASA protocols, but the Ski Resort Protocols must be followed.

Please note that the following are accepted Covid19 Vaccines in Canada.

- Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty, tozinameran, BNT162b2)
- Moderna (Spikevax, mRNA-1273)
- AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD (ChAdOx1-S, Vaxzevria, AZD1222)
- Janssen/Johnson & Johnson (Ad26.COV2.S)

The Covid19 pandemic has shown us that it is always changing, and protocols will need to change with it.

We all want to have a safe and successful race season this year. Thank you to everyone for helping to make this season great one.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

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