

October 29, 2021

## **BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL SEASON PLAY**

These guidelines are subject to change and must be adhered to in all indoor athletic events.

### **Visiting Teams/Athletes/Coaches**

- GPRC Wolves Athletics COVID-19 Protocols for Visiting Teams and Officials (See Appendix 1) for visiting teams to be shared at least 1-week prior to game day with visiting team.
- Visiting institution must confirm that all team members comply with GPRC COVID-19 proof of vaccination requirements before departure to Grande Prairie. No information other than confirmation from the visiting teams Athletic Director, or equivalent, will be collected or retained by GPRC. Members of visiting teams may be asked to produce proof of vaccination at any point while in GPRC facilities.
  - “Proof of vaccination” refers to one or more of the following:
    - Proof that the visiting has been fully immunized with two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine approved by the WHO no later than November 1, 2021;
    - Proof of a medical exemption;
    - Proof of a negative COVID-19 test result from a sample that is taken within the prior 72 hours; or
    - Proof of COVID-19 diagnosis in the six weeks prior
- Masking is mandatory for all athletes and coaches when not on playing court
- A separate classroom (team room) will be provided for each visiting team.
- Teams will enter gym through player/official entrance (East side centre entrance).
- Separate gathering areas in gym for teams (opposite gender) to gather in gym away from the competing teams and spectators.
  - Teams of opposite gender would be provided gathering areas in NW and SW corners
- Coaches are to remain masked as much as possible.
  - A coach may remove their mask for short intervals when communicating with athletes on the court and they away from the players/staff on the bench.
- All players and coaches are to have no connection with spectators while in GPRC facilities.

### **Officials**

- GPRC Wolves Athletics COVID-19 Protocols for Visiting Teams and Officials (See Appendix 1) shared with all officials.
- All officials must confirm that all they comply with GPRC COVID-19 proof of vaccination requirements. No information other than confirmation from the officials, will be collected or retained by GPRC. The officials may be asked to produce proof of vaccination at any point while in GPRC facilities.
  - “Proof of vaccination” refers to one or more of the following:
    - Proof that the visitor has been fully immunized with two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine approved by the WHO no later than November 1, 2021;

- Proof of a medical exemption;
  - Proof of a negative COVID-19 test result from a sample that is taken within the prior 72 hours; or
  - Proof of COVID-19 diagnosis in the six weeks prior
- Officials will be provided with a meeting room and a towel (if desired) for showering after completion of games. Water (and any extras specified within ACAC contracts) will be provided to officials.
- Masks must be worn pre and post games once game time has been completed, including half-time (basketball). Officials are allowed to remove masks when officiating only.
- Evaluating officials will be allowed access to campus but must follow all GPRC COVID-19 protocols.
- Any officials who are not officiating the game in progress will fall under the protocols of “spectators”.
- Officials will enter gym through player/official entrance (East side centre entrance).
- No connection with spectators.

### Spectators

- Cap spectators at 200. First come first serve. Limit does not include officials, team, or event staff.
- Doors open 30-minutes prior to game time.
- Mandatory masking while in GPRC facilities.
  - Hand sanitizer, masks, and symptoms checklist provided at the admission gate.
- QR codes or proof of vaccinations required at door in order to enter gym. Valid identification that matches the vaccine record is also required for adults 18 and over. The process for checking proof of vaccinations is included in Appendix 2.
  - “Proof of vaccination” for spectators refers to one or more of the following:
    - Proof that the visiting has been fully immunized with a COVID-19 vaccine approved by the WHO no later than November 1, 2021; or
    - Proof of a negative COVID-19 test result from a sample that is taken within the prior 72 hours.
  - Stamp or other measures provided so that people leaving the gym to use the washroom can be identified without re-checking the proof of vaccinations.
  - November 12<sup>th</sup> weekend will be QR codes or other.
  - After November 15<sup>th</sup> will be QR codes only for proof of vaccination as per the GOA requirements.
- No concession.
- No alcohol sales.
- No admission fee until further notice.
- Entrance through the SE corner gym entrance. Spectators encouraged to enter the college through the L-wing or M-wing entrances.
- Current GPRC COVID-19 protocols will be enforced.
- No contact with players pre/post/during games while on campus. ie: parents/families/friends cannot approach athletes unless outside of facilities.

- Spectators are to leave within 15 minutes of the conclusion of games (after awards announcements) to allow for proper cleaning and sanitizing of facilities.

### Equipment

- GPRC provides all equipment (as host) and sanitizing of equipment will be done as best possible throughout games.
- Courts to be barricaded off so no spectators on the court, i.e. end zone bumpers and spacing on bleachers
- The first row of the bleachers is to be taped off during basketball games to provide more space between spectators and athletes on the court.



### **GPRC Wolves Athletics COVID-19 Protocols for Visiting Teams and Officials** **Current as of October 29, 2021**

All visiting teams and official coming to Grande Prairie Regional College for varsity competition must follow the [GPRC COVID-19 Safe Work practices manual](#).

#### **Vaccination**

[Grande Prairie Regional College requires](#) that all visitors, including visiting teams (student-athletes, coaches, trainers, and additional staff) and officials, meet one of the following requirements:

- fully immunized with two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine approved by the WHO no later than November 1, 2021; or
- negative COVID-19 test result from a sample that is taken within the prior 72 hours.

Please declare in a signed letter from your institution's Athletic Director (or designate) that all student-athletes, coaches, trainers, and additional staff meet one of the above criteria and will be prepared to provide proof if asked for when arriving at Grande Prairie Regional College.

Please send the letter at least 24 hours prior to the start of the event and prior to your teams' departure for Grande Prairie to Dwayne Head ([dhead@gprc.ab.ca](mailto:dhead@gprc.ab.ca)).

All individuals arriving to a Grande Prairie Regional College event should have their proof of vaccination/medical exemption/negative test results/recent COVID-19 diagnosis records with them and readily available when and if requested.

#### **Masking**

In addition to the vaccination requirements, Grande Prairie Regional College requires that all students, staff, and visitors wear face masks in all indoor spaces unless designated as a mask-free zone.

#### **Game Play**

Visiting teams will be provided with a designated separate classroom (team room) upon arrival to Grande Prairie Regional College as well as orientation to the location, teams/officials entrance to the

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gym, and separate gathering areas within the gym for teams (opposite gender) to gather away from competing teams and spectators.

Student-athletes, coaches, trainers, and additional staff must wear masks at all times except during game-time when on the court. Athletes on the bench are to be masked. Coaches are to remain masked as much as possible. A coach may remove their mask for short intervals when communicating with athletes on the court and they away from the players/staff on the bench.

Officials will be provided with a meeting room, a towel (if desired) for showering after completion of games, and water (an any extras specified within ACAC contracts) will be provided to officials. Officials are allowed to remove masks when officiating only. Officials must wear masks pre and post games once game time has been completed, including half-time (basketball).

All student-athletes, coaches, trainers, additional staff, and officials are to have no connection with spectators while in GPRC facilities.

### General

- Visitors to Grande Prairie Regional College are encouraged to practice social distancing whenever possible.
- Visitors are expected to conduct daily health screens. If unwell, we ask that individuals not come to campus.
- Spectators are permitted to attend our events with reduced capacity, mandatory masking, providing proof of vaccination or negative test results upon admission, and have no contact with teams (officials, student-athletes, student-athletes, coaches, trainers, and additional staff).
- Spectators will be admitted on a first-come, first-served basis no sooner than 30-minutes prior to start time of the event, and will enter the gym through a designated entrance separate from the teams and officials.
- Spectators are to leave within 15-minutes of event completion.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping keep our student athletes, coaches, staff, officials and community safe and healthy!

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### Process for Checking Proof of Vaccinations

#### Setup

1. Two staff working admission booth always masked.
2. Hallway marked with distancing spacing for line of spectators waiting to enter gym.
3. Poster hung by admission booth listing symptoms of COVID-19 that require isolation.
4. Poster hung by admission booth indicating (1) vaccine record and ID or (2) negative results within 72 hours and ID required. Medical exemptions for masking or vaccinations not accepted.
5. Box of masks and hand sanitizer provided at admission booth.
6. Spectators will be called to the booth one (person or family) at a time.

#### Verification of proof of vaccination

7. Staff #1 asks for vaccination record/negative test results and ID (if 18 years or older) for all spectators 12 years or older.
  - a. If QR scanning:
    - i. Open the AB Covid Records Verifier App.
    - ii. Scan the QR code
    - iii. Verify at least two doses of vaccine have been received.
    - iv. Verify the name, DOB match the name and DOB on the ID.
    - v. Verify picture on ID matches the person presenting the ID. Ask them to lift mask temporarily.
    - vi. If meets requirement, return ID and indicate to Staff #2 that hand can be stamped.
    - vii. If does not meet the requirement, return ID and inform the guest that they do not meet the requirements for admission into the game and ask them to leave GPRC facilities. Call security if assistance is needed.
  - b. If checking vaccine record:
    - i. Verify the vaccine record includes at least two doses of vaccine have been received.
    - ii. Verify name and DOB on the vaccine record matches the name and DOB on the ID
    - iii. Verify picture on ID matches the person presenting the ID. Ask them to lift mask temporarily.
    - iv. If meets requirement, return ID and vaccine record and indicate to Staff #2 that hand can be stamped.
    - v. If does not meet the requirement, return ID and inform the guest that they do not meet the requirements for admission into the game and ask them to leave GPRC facilities. Call security if assistance is needed.
  - c. If checking negative test result:
    - i. Verify name and DOB on the negative test result matches the name and DOB on the ID.
    - ii. Verify picture on ID matches the person presenting the ID. Ask them to lift mask temporarily.

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- iii. Verify date of negative test result is no more than 72 hours (3 days) prior
- iv. Assess results for proof of falsification, i.e. different fonts, spelling errors, no company name, nervousness of person presenting the test results. Ask questions about the company and location of testing if suspicious.
- v. If meets requirement, return ID and vaccine record and indicate to Staff #2 that hand can be stamped.
- vi. If does not meet the requirement, return ID and inform the guest that they do not meet the requirements for admission into the game and ask them to leave GPRC facilities. Call security if assistance is needed.

Note: GPRC rapid testing results are not sufficient as no results can be shared and printed results provided.

- 8. While Staff #1 is checking, Staff #2 asks spectator
  - a. to use hand sanitizer,
  - b. to confirm they do not have any symptoms requiring isolation,
  - c. explain spectator rules
    - i. masks to be worn at all times
    - ii. no connection to the athletes while in GPRC facilities
    - iii. encourage physical distancing on the bleachers
    - iv. location of washrooms
    - v. places to sit in the gym
  - d. stamp hand of spectator
  - e. track number of spectators entering the gym
  - f. remind visitor that they must vacate the premises 15-minutes after the game.

### Capacity

- 9. Once 200-person capacity is met the admission booth informs any arriving spectators that we have reached capacity and no further spectators are allowed.
- 10. Door staff will stay for the entire event in order to check hand stamps.