



Squash Ontario COVID-19 Competitions Policy

Adopted by the COVID-19 Task Force (“Task Force”) and Squash Ontario Board of Directors (“Board”) on August 25, 2021 and effective as of that date.

- *Amended September 15, 2021, with the Proof of Vaccination for Facilities requirement effective September 22, 2021.*
- *Amended January 31, 2022, to allow for children under 12 to be fully vaccinated.*
- *Amended February 17, 2022, to illustrate Squash Ontario’s position as compared to provincial regulations, effective March 1, 2022.*

Preamble

The Squash Ontario COVID-19 Competitions Policy (“Policy”) was adopted in an effort to protect participants and host clubs from risks associated with COVID-19 during Squash Ontario accredited tournaments.

Squash facilities should assess local risks on an ongoing basis and implement any additional policies deemed necessary for squash to be played as safely as possible. Individual players should also assess risks on an ongoing basis based on personal circumstances.

There is a heightened risk of transmission of COVID-19 associated with the game of squash as compared to certain other sports due to the fact that it is played indoors within a confined space with players frequently coming within a two-meter distance of one another. Squash tournaments with open participation present an increased risk of COVID-19 transmission for a number of reasons, including such things as travel, dining in public and exposure to multiple different players on court.

Squash Ontario Sanctioned Competitions Requirements

The following protocols for Squash Ontario accredited tournaments will apply until March 31st, 2022, at which time Squash Ontario will enforce this policy on an event-by-event basis, depending on facility host protocol. Please refer to the specific event registration page for protocol information.

1. Players aged 12 and up are required to provide proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to both Squash Ontario.
 - a) Send proof to tournaments@squashontario.com;
 - b) Proof must be in the form of a paper or electronic QR code; and
 - c) Full vaccination is defined as two doses of a government-approved COVID-19 vaccine, with the second dose received no less than 14 days prior to competition.
 - d) Participants from outside of the province will be required to obtain and share their equivalent provincial public health vaccination record(s).

2. Players aged 11 and under must wear a level-3 mask on court if they are not yet fully vaccinated. These players will be exempt from wearing masks on court if they provide proof of being fully vaccinated as per above.
3. Players must follow the individual tournament protocols with regards to spectators, facility capacities, and removal of masks for food/drink consumption. For example, a host facility may opt-into Proof of Vaccination requirements for all patrons in their facility from March 1st onwards, at which point all players and spectators will be required to show proof of vaccination at the door.

Access and Storage

Squash Ontario utilises the Microsoft Office Suite email and cloud storage system. Access to email and file storage is protected by a two-step authentication access and further protected by a third-party security provider. Individual vaccination receipts will not be retained on Squash Ontario systems. A list of individuals who are fully vaccinated will be created and will only be accessible by Squash Ontario staff whose responsibility it is to carry out this Policy. This list will only be kept for as long as necessary to confirm one's vaccination status for the purposes of participation in competition.

Individual tournament lists will be generated and shared only with the designated Tournament Chair and Tournament Referee. The list will set out those players who are required to wear a mask on court, and those players who are exempt. Together with Squash Ontario staff, the Tournament Chair and Tournament Referee will ensure compliance with this Policy.