

November 25, 2021

**Statement re: Provincial and Northern Health Orders as they pertain to Arena Rider Membership**

Dear valued Arena Rider Members and drop-in customers,

The Board of Directors and staff have engaged in discussions with Northern Health, other nearby facilities, our insurance providers, and Horse Council BC. As a non-profit organization which receives annual grant funding from regional, provincial, and federal governments, and a facility which produces a variety of public programs and services year-round, we are required to abide by all current laws, regulations, and public health mandates. The existing Provincial and Northern Health Orders affect our riding arena membership in the following ways:

**Open Riding Times**

**Public drop-ins** to exercise horses during Open Riding times riding do not require proof of vaccination.

**Members** exercising horses during Open Riding times do not require proof of vaccination.

**Boarding**

Boarders attending Open Riding times to exercise horses do not require proof of vaccination.

**Seasonal Time Slots\***

Winter time slot availability is re-instated effective immediately.

Drop-in riders, Members, and Boarders must provide proof of vaccination for participation in time slots.

An organizer/group of 5 members may apply to the office for a seasonal time slot as usual.

Per the *Provincial Health Order: Gatherings and Events, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021*:

Organizers must obtain proof in the form of a vaccine card that a participant has received two doses of vaccine. With the written consent of a participant, an organizer may keep a record of the fact that the participant has provided proof of being vaccinated.

**Competitions and Events\***

Organizers, contestants and spectators are required to provide proof of vaccination.

**\*To support our members and simplify the booking process for time slots, events, and competitions, we have pre-prepared sign-in sheets; vaccine record permission slips for participants so that they only need to show proof of vaccination ONCE; a safety plan for time slots/events.**

Everyone attending the facility is required to comply with the NVES Facility COVID-19 Safety Plan including mask-wearing, capacity, and physical distancing requirements. Members are strongly discouraged from congregating before, during or after riding times.

Questions or concerns may be directed to the Office at [NechakoExSociety@outlook.com](mailto:NechakoExSociety@outlook.com).