



Field Hockey Canada: Board of Directors
Field Hockey Canada's Travel Position during the pandemic
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Position Statement

Following the cancellation of the Junior Women's World Cup on 3rd December 2021, Field Hockey Canada's (FHC) Board of Directors met formally to re-consider the corporation's approach to the management of travel during the pandemic. To date, FHC has followed International (FIH) and Continental (PAHF) leadership to attend tournaments and manage through the pandemic. Junior and Senior national teams have continued to travel, with risks managed by our staff on an event-by-event basis.

Following careful consideration of all factors, and informed by the latest Public Health Guidelines, the decision was taken that this approach would continue. FHC will continue to manage through the pandemic. In doing so, FHC stipulates that all teams under FHC's umbrella, inclusive of masters, indoor, senior, and junior all strictly adhere to the following guiding principles to minimize risk:

Guiding Principles

- No team shall arrive more than one-week prior to the event beginning
- In line with our vaccination policy, all athletes and staff must be fully vaccinated according to prevailing Canadian requirements and those of the destination country. FHC will follow the National Advisory Committee on Immunization guidelines for Covid-19 vaccinations and boosters and update policy as required <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/immunization/national-advisory-committee-on-immunization-naci.html>
- Destination country will be reviewed to consider vaccination rate and Government of Canada travel advisories, in order to inform the risk management plan
- Age of athletes will be considered. FHC will not travel with any minors under the age of 18
- Appropriate waivers for each event are created, and these must be signed. Appropriate travel insurance must also be purchased by all members of the travelling party

The designated person/people responsible for the team/s must consider all aspects of the event as detailed above and create a risk management plan. This plan must be shared with all athletes and staff, to ensure everyone is aware of the risks being undertaken.