How many varsity sport/club athletes and student trainers athletes are there?

More than 500.

How will vaccination status be confirmed?

Student-athletes and student trainers will be asked to submit a COVID-19 Verification Form and proof of vaccination electronically to Erica O’Neill at erica.oneill@uregina.ca or in hard copy by dropping off in a sealed envelope to Erica’s attention at the Centre for Health, Wellness & Performance (CKHS 225).

Proof of vaccination can come in the form of an official electronic/hard copy of your province/state/country’s COVID vaccination certificate (i.e. for Sask residents this can be found on your eHealth account) or a provincial/state/country’s vaccination passport. Please ensure your name and date of the vaccination are clearly stated.

COVID-19 Verification Form

- For Student Athletes and Trainers (docx)

Do I have to be fully vaccinated prior to training / working with my team?

No. Student-athletes and trainers will have to have provide proof of full vaccination on or before Friday, September 24th.

You are not considered fully vaccinated until 14 days after your second dose: this means your second dose would need to be administered on or before September 10, 2021.

Are coaches and athletic staff who travel with the teams required to be fully vaccinated?

All student-athletes training with and/or competing for any of the University of Regina varsity sport and varsity club programs for the 2021-22 athletic season must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by September 24, 2021.
In addition, all student athletic trainers who work with varsity sport and varsity club programs will also be required to be fully vaccinated.

At this time, the University is exploring the possibility of expanding its vaccine mandate, including the possibility of mandating vaccines for faculty, staff and students.

The University strongly encourages everyone coming to its campuses – faculty, staff, students and visitors – to be fully vaccinated.

The University has extended safety protocols on campus meaning all faculty, staff, students and visitors are currently required to wear masks in all public spaces on campus. Physical distancing, sanitization and self-health checks are also required on campus premises.

**What happens if a varsity athlete is not vaccinated by the applicable deadline?**

They will be removed from their team's roster and lose access to all privileges afforded to University of Regina student-athletes, including team or individual training, competition, and any varsity integrated support systems.

Most of our varsity athletes are reporting that they are either fully or partially vaccinated. With widespread vaccine availability, including through our on-campus clinics, all varsity athletes should be able to be fully vaccinated by September 24, 2021.

**What happens if a student athletic trainer is not vaccinated by the applicable deadline?**

They will not maintain their positions for the 2021-22 athletic year.

**Many varsity athletes are already on campus training. Will unvaccinated athletes be allowed to train and practice with other athletes?**

Yes, unvaccinated varsity athletes will be able to train and practice while they are getting fully vaccinated, until September 24, 2021.

Any varsity athletes that test positive for COVID-19 will be subject to exclusion and other applicable protocols.

**Will varsity athletes that have been granted a vaccine accommodation / exemption be allowed to train and compete?**

The University will consider requests for accommodation by student-athletes on a case-by-case basis.
The University will consider the applicable human rights principles, the health and safety of all involved and adhere to any requirements of CanadaWest, USPORTS, or other provincial health authorities relating to vaccination status when making these decisions.

**Do other USPORTS student-athletes coming to compete against University of Regina student-athletes need to be fully vaccinated?**

No, this policy is to protect University of Regina student-athletes. USPORTS has not created any policy to mandate vaccinations; as such, other institutions remain autonomous in their decisions around vaccinations.

That said, many other USPORTS schools have imposed mandatory vaccination requirements for their student-athletes.