



COVID-19 FAQs NELSON HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Vaccination policy and certificates

Who does the Nelson Hockey Association (NHA) COVID-19 Vaccination policy apply to?

This policy applies to NHA employees, contractors and volunteers, as well as anyone wanting to access Nelson Hockey's facility and activities – including participants, coaches, officials, managers and parents (for participants under 18 years).

Why has this policy been developed?

The Government has announced a new [COVID-19 Protection Framework](#) which will come into effect once 90% of eligible New Zealanders in DHBs are fully vaccinated. It will adopt a 3-level 'traffic-light' approach to managing COVID-19 and involve the use of vaccine certificates.

So, Nelson Hockey Association has the best chance of being able to comply with its health and safety obligations, reduce the risk of exposure and transmission of COVID-19, and operate safely and optimally at all levels of the COVID-19 Protection Framework, we will be requiring all employees, contractors, volunteers and members (including coaches, officials, athletes, parents/caregivers and other visitors) to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 prior to entry to our facility and activities.

What steps have been taken to develop this policy?

Our board has carried out a role-based risk assessment for employees. This was done by grouping positions according to type of role and the work each role does within the organisation and considering a series of factors prescribed by [WorkSafe New Zealand](#).

We also considered what stance we adopt when it comes to members and volunteers, including coaches, officials, athletes, parents/caregivers, and other visitors.

The board then developed a policy.

Will NHA require people to be vaccinated against COVID-19?

Yes, from the date on which the Government makes digital vaccination certificates available and the COVID-19 Protection Framework goes live in our region (Certificate Date), we will require all people, over the age of 12 years 3 months, to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 prior to entry to our facility and activities. At the time of writing, this is envisaged to be 6th December 2021.

What evidence of vaccination will require?

Digital COVID-19 Vaccination Certificates are available through the Ministry of Health's My COVID Record. These Vaccination Certificates will be required as proof of vaccination when they become available.

What if I have an exemption to being vaccinated?

Once the new COVID-19 Protection Framework is in place we may consider exceptions consistent with Government guidance regarding implementation of vaccination certificates. We would

appreciate you raising your unique situation with us so we can discuss what might be possible in good faith.

How will NHA record that I am vaccinated against COVID-19?

When we know more about how the digital vaccination certificate will work, we'll be able to share how we will record evidence of vaccination against your membership. We are hoping that you will only have to present this evidence once. We will know more once details are released.

What information will NHA hold about my vaccination record?

We will collect and maintain details of your vaccination status for the purposes of our health and safety management planning, and for implementing this policy. We will hold this information in accordance with [the Privacy Act](#).

Does NHA support people get vaccinated?

Yes, we support the Government's vaccination programme to protect yourself, your whānau and our community. This is because the vaccine is currently the best possible tool, we have to ensure our facilities and activities can continue to operate safely. If you're looking for how to book your vaccination, [BookMyVaccine](#) is the place to start.

Employees

Does NHA require its workers to be vaccinated?

Yes. To ensure we can comply with our health and safety obligations, as well as ensuring we can operate at all levels of the COVID-19 Protection Framework, NHA will be implementing a vaccination certificate entry requirement for workers as well. We are currently working through what this means for us in terms of timeframes around implementing mandatory vaccinations for our workers.

How is NHA supporting their workers if they want to get vaccinated?

Where appropriate, we provide flexibility for NHA workers to get vaccinated during their workday.

Safety

What else is NHA doing to protect people apart from this policy?

While the vaccination policy will be a critical tool in minimising risks associated with COVID-19, we will also maintain a range of appropriate and complementary measures in our facilities / activities. We currently have measures in place in accordance with Government and Sport NZ guidelines such as physical distancing, contact tracing, mask wearing when appropriate, intensive hand hygiene and health monitoring. We will continue to monitor the situation and introduce new measures as and when appropriate.

What safety protocols and guidelines does NHA follow?

We are following the [guidelines](#) for always keeping people safe, which have been developed by Sport New Zealand using the Ministry of Health's protocols.

What hygiene etiquette does everyone have to follow?

We ask that every person takes responsibility for their personal hygiene and respects the space of others. Face coverings are encouraged, except when being active, washing / sanitising hands, covering coughs and sneezes, keeping 1m from the nearest person, bringing your own equipment, and not sharing or touching anything that you don't have to.

Do I need to wear a mask?

Face coverings are encouraged except when being active. This follows protocols based on the Government's guidelines.

Is it okay if I just use a bandana or scarf or a towel as a face covering?

No as these no longer meet the recommended guidance. Masks and face coverings that are suitable are either reusable fabric masks or disposable non-medical masks. Here are the [Ministry of Health guidelines](#).

Are there limits at the Orange level?

No, there are no restrictions on group numbers.

Coming to the facility / taking part in activities**Once NHA opens using the COVID-19 Protection Framework, do I need to do anything before coming to the facility or taking part in activities?**

Yes, please read these Conditions of Entry and COVID-19 health questions.

The Conditions of Entry are:

- Stay home if unwell
- You must have produced evidence that you are fully vaccinated to gain access to our [facility/activities]
- Mask wearing is recommended
- Wash or sanitise hands before entering the facility/activities and when moving through different areas
- Scan your QR code every time you enter facility or at activities

The COVID-19 Health questions are:

- You do not have any symptoms associated with COVID-19 (e.g. fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, sneezing/runny nose or loss of sense of smell)
- You are fully vaccinated against COVID-19
- You do not have COVID-19 nor are you awaiting the results from being tested for COVID-19
- You have not been in contact with any known or suspected cases of COVID-19 in the past 14 days
- You have not returned, or been in contact with anyone else who has returned, from overseas in the past 14 days

I've recovered from COVID-19 – can I come back to the NHA's facility / activities?

If you have been diagnosed as having COVID-19 and have recovered, we will require medical clearance for you, as well as evidence of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19. You can then return to the NHA facility and activities as long as you follow all COVID-19 processes and protocols including personal hygiene expectations.

How will you let people know about any restrictions?

Even before you enter the NHA facility or areas of activity you will see COVID-19 signage. There will be visual reminders (signage, collateral etc) throughout the NHA facility. Sanitisation bottles will be visible. We will also inform you via email and our website.