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Special Note from NZFRS Board - Current Covid Vaccination Information from Sport NZ

NZFRS as with all community sports in NZ, have been advised that the government is working with SportNZ on Covid related matters. All sports have been asked to prepare a policy for mandatory vaccinations so that community and club sport can start up again in our new environment under the Covid Protection Framework (Traffic Light System). This expectation is to cover volunteers, coaches, officials and all participants and spectators aged 12+ at community sports and club activities.

Mandatory vaccination is recommended for all sports because children who are also attending are unable to be vaccinated and SkateNZ could be considered failing in our Duty of Care if we allow an environment that could expose them to Covid-19. Health & Safety laws effectively require vaccination to be considered a Condition of Entry to club and community sports activities.

We have started a draft policy based on the current information available, but what we don't know is when more information relating specifically to community and club sport might be officially announced, what the announcement will be, and we do not have an indication as to implementation time frames. We expect SportNZ will advise as soon as possible this week. We know as much as you do, that the Traffic Light System could begin in Auckland as early as the beginning of December, and in other regions once 90% double vaccination is reached. But we don't know the colours each region will be.

We currently do not know exactly how the implementation and logistics will affect skating, controlled venues, events, and who may be included, or excluded, plus variations in Regional colour light systems. We can see however from the framework that Vaccine Passes will be required for entry for club activity, public events and competitions - so a nationwide vaccination policy makes sense for us to continue to operate.

Covid Protection Framework (Traffic Light System) Details

Red Light

- Public facilities and sports centres (indoor and outdoor) with a max of 100 people and 1m distance if Vaccine Passports ARE used
- Masks, contact tracing required
- No sporting activity or events indoor or outdoor if Vaccine Passports ARE NOT used



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Orange Light

- Public facilities and sports centres (indoor and outdoor) with no limits if Vaccine Passports ARE used
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Green Light

- Public facilities and sports centres (indoor and outdoor) with no limits if Vaccine Passports ARE used
- Masks, contact tracing required
- Public facilities and sports centres (indoor and outdoor) with a max of 100 people and 1m distance if Vaccine Passports ARE NOT used

More details are due to be released on this system in the coming days, but in the meantime, there are too many unknowns. We currently do not know what we as sporting event managers will be required to implement, to host and run events. The host region would have to be in Orange or Green, but we don't know if that excludes competitors from Red areas.

We will get further information to you as soon as possible. In the meantime, please begin to consider this in relation to the operation of your club activities.

Kind regards



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