



Auckland Cricket Association Community Cricket Guidelines

Covid 19 Protection Framework

Introduction

Auckland Cricket along with New Zealand Cricket aim to make cricket a game for all, a game for life. The focus throughout establishing return to play guidelines under the Covid Protection Framework (CPF) has been to follow health advice and government guidelines to create the safest possible environment whilst trying to maximise cricketing opportunities for all.

This guide aims to provide specific advice for an Auckland Cricket context and should be read in conjunction with Sport NZ and NZC guidelines.

Covid Protection Framework (CPF)

Will be introduced to provide an opportunity for normal activities to resume under some restrictions. Generally, those people who are vaccinated will have more freedom. The levels within the system are similar in what people can do, with the main difference being the maximum size of the gathering based on the use of Covid Vaccination Certificates (CVC's).

	Red		Orange		Green	
	CVCs	No CVCs	CVCs	No CVCs	CVCs	No CVCs
Gathering Limits	100	25	No limit	50	No limit	100

Vaccination Policy

As we have navigated through the disruptions brought about by Covid 19 our intent has always been to follow the advice of the Ministry of Health, Sport NZ, and New Zealand Cricket to maximise cricketing opportunities for all in a safe environment.

Based on this advice, New Zealand Cricket and all six major associations plan to deliver community cricket within the Covid Protection Framework following all relevant protocols but without the need for a vaccination certificate process. This will apply to all Auckland Cricket competitions.

While there is no vaccine certificate process for people to participate in Auckland Cricket competitions (including players and volunteers), we strongly encourage all eligible individuals to get vaccinated, in particular those interacting with younger cricketers.

There will, however, be vaccination certificate requirements to enter hospitality venues (i.e., clubroom bars) and some indoor facilities. We encourage members to get in contact with your club, school, or district to discuss their respective vaccine certificate policy.

In all other areas (i.e., changing rooms, toilets, and playing) there is no requirement.

To Participate in an ACA Competition

- Contact tracing via the NZ Covid Tracer app needs to be provided at all venues.
- Facilities must support Covid hygiene protocols (i.e. provision of hand sanitizer).
- Facilities must display signage reinforcing both contact tracing and Covid hygiene protocols.
- There will be no requirement for players to be vaccinated, and players or volunteers cannot request or demand to see the vaccination status of another player or volunteer.
- There will be no requirement for volunteers, including coaches to be vaccinated. However, clubs may choose to conduct risk assessments on roles and make their own decisions on whether they require vaccinations or not.

Guidance on Gatherings for ACA Competitions

- At red the gathering limits are 25.
- Two metres should be maintained with people outside your gathering, however, there is no requirement for people within your gathering.
- The intent of minimising gatherings and contact with those outside your gathering should be applied in all situations.
- For 11-a-side games with official umpires, the players and the umpires make up the 'on-field' gathering. With the scorers and coaches being excluded and should maintain a distance of 2 metres from the 'on-field' gathering at all times.
- For 11-a-side games with player umpires, the players make up the 'on-field' gathering and can include further people involved in delivering the game (i.e., coaches and scorers) up until the 25 limit.
- For junior or youth games, the players make up the 'on-field' gathering and can include further people involved in delivering the game (i.e., coaches, scorers and umpires) up until the 25 limit.
- Games can proceed on overlapping boundaries, however, if this does happen gatherings involved in different games must always maintain a 2-metre distance from each other.
- Supporters and spectators make up their own gathering and should maintain a 2-metre distance from anyone not in their gathering. There can be multiple spectator gatherings.

Public Toilets

- Toilets will be open, and we encourage a one in, one out policy with anyone outside your gathering.

ACA's Guidance to Clubs

- Clubs should consider:
 - Vaccine requirements for all employees based on the Worksafe Risk Assessment.
 - Conducting a risk assessment on all junior coach and manager roles to decide whether vaccination is required for the position.
 - If the Club owns or manages an indoor facility to decide whether to implement vaccine requirements or not as a condition of entry.

- If a Club operates a bar or food service, there needs to be a vaccine certificate process established that is in line with government advice - <https://www.business.govt.nz/covid-19/covid-19-protection-framework/food-and-drink-services/>

ACA's Guidance on Roles and Venues

Note that the advice below applies to red, orange, and green levels, with the only difference being the number of people able to be involved in a gathering depending on the requirement

	Vaccine Requirements	Responsibility	Advice
Employees	Risk assessment for each role based on Worksafe tool	Club	Work through the process outlined in the ACA vaccination policy
Volunteers	No requirement	Club	Risk assessment for each role (e.g. coach, manager) based on Worksafe tool
Members in an ACA competition	No requirement	ACA / Club	Follow protocols as described in the CPF on gatherings without CVCs
Members at training outdoor	No requirement	Club	Follow all protocols as described in the CPF on gatherings without CVCs
Members at training indoor	No requirement	Club	Follow protocols as described in the CPF on gatherings without CVCs. If clubs want larger gatherings implement a CVC process
Parents and supporters	No requirement	Club	Include guidance in an overall vaccination policy
Clubrooms	If the bar or food service is open it will be a designated hospitality area and therefore CVC's will be required	Club	Establish policy and mechanism for administering access to clubrooms based on CVC requirements If the bar or food service is not open it will be the same as a changing room facility
Changing Rooms and Toilets	No requirement	Club	Follow protocols as on-field