



Swimming Waikato Covid-19 Protection Framework Policy

1. PREFACE

The Board of Swimming Waikato is committed to providing our employees and the swimming community we serve with a safe, harm-free work environment. Our procedures and systems support the identification and management of hazards and risks, so that everyone goes home safely. We will do everything we can to ensure none of our people or members of the public are put at risk. By taking personal accountability for health, safety, and wellbeing we demonstrate care for ourselves, each other, those who work with us and the swimming community. Covid-19 continues to create ongoing challenges for the Board and for Swimming Waikato. This policy is to be read in conjunction with Swimming Waikato’s Health, Safety and Wellbeing Policy Statement.

2. FRAMEWORK

In December 2021, the New Zealand government announced a Covid-19 Protection Framework (CPF) using a traffic light system and has adopted a Vaccine Pass for those who have been double vaccinated. The CPF can be found here: <https://covid19.govt.nz/traffic-lights/covid-19-protection-framework/> Swimming events are classified as ‘events’ and as such we must determine those who can attend the event. The Management of public swimming pools *may* require the use of the Vaccine Pass as a method to control entry, however under Orange and Red, any swimming competition will require the sighting of a Vaccine Pass upon entry. If the Vaccine Pass is not used, then the event is not allowed to proceed. Entry QR scanning/record keeping is required across the 3-traffic light framework. Mask use is strongly encouraged across the 3-traffic light framework.

Sport NZ has summarised the framework table below:

Vaccination Status	GREEN	ORANGE	RED
Using My Vaccine Pass	No event restrictions to numbers, capacity is determined by the size of the facility (see physical distancing below)	No event restriction to numbers, capacity is determined by the size of the facility (see physical distancing below)	100-person capacity
Not using My Vaccine Pass	100 person capacity	Cannot host event	Cannot host event

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3. UNDER 12's

Children under the age of 12 years and 3 months are not required to show proof of vaccination status under the traffic light system.

Children aged 12 and over can get a My Vaccine Pass if they:

- have had 2 doses of the Pfizer or AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine in New Zealand, or
- been vaccinated overseas with an approved vaccine, or
- have a medical exemption

Festival meets or any competition where competitors are under the age of 12 years and 3 months can proceed provided that all eligible attendees have had their Vaccine Pass sighted on arrival. Swimmers having just turned 12, have 3 months from the time of their birthday to complete their double vaccination.

4. Physical Distancing

At Green, there are no limits to event numbers or physical distancing restrictions provided the Vaccine Pass is used. If the Vaccine Pass is not used, up to 100 people can be present based on 1m2 per person of seated distancing.

At Orange, there are no limits to the number of people or physical distancing restriction provided the Vaccine Pass is used.

At Red, up to 100 people can be present based on 1m2 provided the Vaccine Pass is used. If the vaccine pass is not used the event cannot be held.

5. Volunteers and Employees of Swimming Waikato

Swimming Waikato currently has no mandate to enforce vaccination of its employees, members or volunteers. However, to hold a swimming event, pursuant to the CPF, *all* attendees must have and present a Vaccine Pass. If the Vaccine Pass is not used, then the event cannot be held. Employees and volunteers who cannot display their Vaccine Pass will not be able to attend the meet.

Ratified by the Swimming Waikato Board on the 16/12/2021

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