



COVID UPDATE 22nd October 2021 NEW DIRECTIONS FOR VICTORIA

The new Victorian State Government COVID safe settings have been released and the Restricted Activities Directions (RAD) have been replaced by a series of documents including the below [Open Premises Directions](#) (OPD)
[Stay Safe Directions](#) (Metropolitan Melbourne)
[Stay Safe Directions](#) (Regional Victoria)
[Updated Mandatory Vaccination](#) (Workers) Directions (MVD)

These settings are effective from Thursday October 21st at 11:59pm (midnight) and will stay in place until the next phase which we are expected to reach SOON. With this in mind, the information below is provided as the settings stand today but can be changed at any time and we will keep everyone informed if and when changes are made.

We understand that these settings are complex as we move into a new phase and we have sought further clarification regarding specific details and how they apply to equestrian. As soon as we receive this, we will inform you with updated and detailed information. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we adjust to these new phases.

It should be noted that settings for COMPETITIONS in metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria have not yet been released by the State Government.

There are two types of sport covered by the directions

Community Sport – organised sports activity (including training) managed, facilitated or conducted by a club or sporting association for its members

Social (Physical Recreational) Sport – non-organised sports activity

COMMUNITY SPORT

The following applies:

METROPOLITAN MELBOURNE

- Training for community sport (including equestrian sport) is allowed.
- No competitions
- Outdoors only
- Indoor arenas closed
- Indoor facilities at outdoor venues closed with the exception of toilets
- No government mandated vaccination requirements
- Only the minimum number of workers and participants required to conduct the training activity are allowed to be present

- No spectators
- No participants from Regional Victoria
- Face masks required
- Social distancing, registration, hygiene requirements apply
- Covid Marshall required at all entry points to ensure all participants check-in. QR Code check-in to be used.
- Covid Marshall required to ensure CovidSafe practices are followed
- Canteens can operate under the 'Food and Drink' premises section 29 of the Open Premises Directions
- CovidSafe Plan required

REGIONAL VICTORIA

- Training allowed
- No competitions
- Outdoors or indoors
- Indoor facilities (eg: clubrooms) at outdoor venues open to fully vaccinated people
- Toilets open
- No government mandated vaccination requirements
- Only the minimum number of workers and participants required to conduct the competition or training activity are allowed to be present
- Spectators permitted with a cap of 20
- Melbourne residents may not attend
- Face masks required
- Social distancing, registration and hygiene requirements apply
- CovidSafe plan required

SOCIAL SPORT (Physical Recreation)

Sport that is NOT organized by a club or association is defined as Physical Recreation

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Where Social Sport (Physical Recreation) is being undertaken at a Physical Recreation Facility, including Club Grounds and equestrian centers

- The Open Premises Directions covering vaccination requirements for workers and patrons (participants), venue caps and density limits apply.
- Anyone entering the open premises and workers at the open premises are required to show proof of being fully vaccinated or an excepted person.
- This requirement applies to the whole of Victoria

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- Indoor arenas closed
- Outdoor recreation facilities are open for up to 50 people with a density limit of 1 person per 4sqm

REGIONAL VICTORIA

- Indoor arenas open. Fully vaccinated patron cap is 30 per space with a density limit of DQ4.
- Outdoors. Fully vaccinated patron cap is 100 per space with a density limit of DQ2 and group limit of 20. The outdoor cap limit does not apply if groups can maintain a distance of 50m from each other.

