



COVID UPDATE 4TH NOVEMBER 2021 NEW DIRECTIONS FOR VICTORIA

Updated Victorian State Government COVID safe settings were introduced at 6pm on Friday 29th October 2021. The Victorian Regional/Metro Melbourne borders have been removed and the new directions apply to the whole of the state.

Refer to the Victorian government website for a summary of the restrictions and how they apply to community sport.

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/sport-and-exercise#can-i-play-community-sport>

Following is information on how the new directions affect our equestrian activities. Please bear in mind that settings can change at any time. We will keep you informed if and when changes are made.

DEFINITIONS

There are two types of sport covered by the directions

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

Social (Physical Recreational) Sport – recreational sports activity not organised by a Club or sporting association for its members.

How do the new directions affect HRC AV activities?

COMMUNITY SPORT

The following directions apply to HRC AV Club rallies, clinics and HRC AV Club competition where the Physical Recreation Facilities (ie: Club grounds, indoor arena, equestrian center) being used are **entirely separate** from any other activities.

If the venue is open to a range of users, your community sport activity must be held in your own **separate space**, with separate entrance, toilets, parking and facilities.

If your community sport activity **cannot be held as a stand-alone activity** at a venue/facility you are required to follow Part 2 of the Open Premises directions which mandates vaccination of all participants apart from those with an exemption.

WHAT IS ALLOWED AT A COMMUNITY SPORT ACTIVITY?

- **Competitions** are allowed with the minimum number of persons required to hold the activity.
- **Rallies and clinics** are allowed with the minimum number of persons required to hold the activity.
- Density quotients of **DQ4 for indoor activities** and **DQ2 for outdoor activities** apply at all venues. **Indoor arenas** can open.

- Up to a **maximum of 500 participants** allowed outdoors including riders, organisers, officials, parents/guardians, coaches
- **Spectators** are permitted and are counted in the number of participants. Groups of 30 maximum must maintain reasonable distance from other groups.
- Covid **Check-in Marshalls** are required at each entrance to ensure all participants register on entry. Use of the QR code is required. An alternative method of registration is to be available for those unable to use the QR code.
- **Toilets** are open. **Club rooms** are open for community sport activities only with a DQ2 but social activities not permitted.
- There are no government mandated **vaccination requirements** for community sport however vaccination requirements may be in place at different venues depending on the situation eg:
 - If the venue owner/manager has a vaccination requirement in place or
 - If the community sport activity cannot be separated from activities of other people/groups.
- **Face masks** are not required outdoors but are still required indoors unless an exemption applies.
- **Social distancing** and **hygiene** requirements must be followed.
- Participants should **ride and leave** to keep numbers to a minimum.
- If the facility is located at a **private residence**, there must be an entrance for users of the facility which is separate to the entrance for the residents or their visitors.
- **Canteens** can operate under the 'Food and Drink' premises section 27 of the Open Premises Directions. Takeaway only. Canteen workers must be fully vaccinated.
- Keep your **CovidSafe Plan** up to date

SOCIAL SPORT (Physical Recreation)

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

Where Social Sport (Physical Recreation) is being undertaken at a Physical Recreation Facility, including Club Grounds, indoor arenas and equestrian centers. Part 2 of the Open Premises Directions covering vaccination requirements for workers and patrons (participants), venue caps and density limits apply. <https://www.health.vic.gov.au/covid-19/directions-issued-by-victorias-chief-health-officer>

- Anyone entering the facility and workers at the facility are required to show proof of being fully vaccinated or an excepted person. A Covid Check-in Marshall is required at each entrance to check proof of vaccination or exception document and to record attendance.
- Indoor arenas can open to fully vaccinated patrons and in line with a density limit of DQ4.
- Outdoor facilities can open to fully vaccinated patrons and in line with a density limit of DQ2.

PROOF OF VACCINATION

- From 6pm on 12 November, you can no longer use a medical certificate as evidence of COVID-19 vaccination exemption.
- If you can't get any of the approved COVID-19 vaccines for medical reasons, your doctor needs to update your record on the Australian Immunisation Register to show that you have a medical exemption.
- Once your exemption has been processed, you can download your COVID-19 digital certificate.
- <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/get-your-covid-19-digital-certificate>