



## COVID UPDATE 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2022 NEW DIRECTIONS FOR VICTORIA

Refer to the Victorian government website for a summary of the restrictions.

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/how-we-live>

Following is information on how current directions affect our equestrian activities. Please bear in mind that settings can change at any time. Latest updates are shown in **red**.

### 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 **all workers (including volunteers) over the age of 12 and 2 months** and/or **all participants (not workers) over the age of 18 years** are required to show proof of current vaccination status or an exemption.

### WHAT IS ALLOWED AT A COMMUNITY SPORT ACTIVITY?

- Competitions are allowed.
- Rallies and clinics are allowed.
- There are no density quotients or venue limits
- 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 to vaccinated persons for community sport activities only but social activities not permitted.

- There are no government mandated vaccination requirements for community sport however vaccination requirements must be applied if
  - required by the venue owner/manager,
  - the community sport activity cannot be separated from activities of other people/groups,
  - there are trade stands or food vans operating at the venue or
  - social activities (not including lunch during the community sport activity) are held at the venue.
- Face masks are not required but should be carried for use if you can't physically distance.
- Clubs should manage their exposure in line with Public Health advice. Covid Safe practices including social distancing and hygiene requirements must be followed.
- 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.
- Shared equipment should be cleaned between users.
- 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), 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.
- Unstaffed outdoor physical recreation premises do not require COVID Check-in Marshals and are exempt from the vaccination requirements (e.g. Club grounds).
- Clubs should ensure that their grounds have appropriate signage for persons to check in using the government QR system.

#### **PROOF OF VACCINATION**

Where persons are required to be vaccinated or an exempt person to enter a venue, the following applies:

- **Any worker over the age of 12 years and 2 months or any participant over the age of 18 years is required to show proof of full vaccination or exempt status prior to entering venue.**
- Further information on how to prove your status can be found here <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/how-we-live-vaccination-status>
- A Covid Check-in Marshall is required to check your status.
- Further information on how to check vaccination status can be found here <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checking-customers-vaccination-status>
- 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>

#### MANAGEMENT OF COVID-19 EXPOSURES

##### Changes to testing and contact management.

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/sport-exercise-and-physical-recreation-services-sector-guidance#industry-guide>

A new online portal offering clear and simple 'checklist' advice for cases, contacts and workplaces can be viewed at [www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist](http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist), which will also include advice on how to have the conversation with your family and friends.

