

## Otago Hockey Association (OHA) Covid-19 Operational Plan

As of Thursday 20 January 2022, the New Zealand Government has updated its guidance and set expectations for the country as it prepares for the emergence of Omicron, the latest strain of Covid-19.

Since our last Covid Operational Plan update in 2021 we have moved to operate under the current Covid Protection Framework (CPF) 'traffic light' system and this document has been created to reflect changes under this new setting.

The OHA objective is to be open and remain open for our members and guests in the safest possible environment. The following plan is designed to guide the OHA team and its community on areas of responsibility and obligations, and forms part of the OHA's overall Covid Protection Framework.

This is not an exhaustive list of all tasks to be completed and makes some assumptions about activities that may or may not occur on site. Legislation, interpretation, and guidance provided to the OHA is subject to change and will impact operations and this plan accordingly.

### Overview of Activities

	Activity	Responsible for	Red Light	Orange Light	Green Light
A	Competitions (School/Club/Youth)	Competitions	Y	Y	Y
B	Turf Bookings (Teams & Groups)	Competitions	Y	Y	Y
C	Development Programmes	Hockey Dev. Team	Y	Y	Y
D	Representative Campaigns	Hockey Dev. Team	Y	Y	Y
E	Community/Club Meetings	Competitions	Y	Y	Y
F	Tournaments/Festivals	Competitions/ Hockey Dev. Team	Y	Y	Y
G	Pavilion Lounge and Bar	General Manager	Y	Y	Y
H	Pavilion – Change Rooms, Showers and Bathroom Facilities	General Manager	Y	Y	Y
I	Pavilion – Meetings & Functions	General Manager	On approval	Y	Y

This table clarifies who is responsible for each activity. All activities will require cross team engagement.

### Vaccine Pass

In the coming weeks, the Government will continue to evolve its guidance and provide further information about testing, contact tracing, care in the community and social support for those who may get Covid-19 including when/if booster shots may be required to hold a valid Vaccine Pass. Detailed sector guidance under the CPF will be released from organisations like the Hospitality Association of NZ and Sport NZ. This document may be updated accordingly.

Vaccine shots are now available for children aged 5-11-yrs but are not compulsory and no vaccine passes have been issued to this age group. Vaccine boosters are highly recommended and encouraged for all. Currently a negative Covid test via Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT) or PCR Testing is not accepted as a replacement for a Vaccine Pass to enter a Vaccine Required site.

**More Information – [The COVID-19 Protection Framework | Unite against COVID-19 \(covid19.govt.nz\)](https://www.covid19.govt.nz/)**

### Vaccine Pass Requirements

The OHA is required to adhere to relevant legislation and applicable CPF rules. Under CPF Red and Orange settings, the OHA administers "Organised Community Sport" defined as a "Gathering" and the OHA Pavilion lounge/bar area is captured under "Clubrooms with hospitality offering" defined as "Hospitality" due to the OHA Lounge being a fully licensed venue inside the fence lines. At times it will also be running "Events" as defined by the CPF framework. In all

scenarios Covid Vaccine Certificates/Vaccine Passes are required for the OHA to operate fully and effectively. Click [here](#) for information and FAQ's on CPF settings and rules for sports organisations provided by Sport NZ.

Anyone who is eligible to be vaccinated who is unable or unwilling to provide their Vaccine Pass will be declined entry to the OHA Facilities.

You may be requested to provide proof of age for you or a child in your care if they are thought to be over 12-years of age.

The OHA remains a Vaccine Required Site at all levels of the CPF – Green, Orange, or Red. All persons entering the Facility or an offsite turf (Kings High School Turf) or venue under the authority of the OHA, must provide proof of vaccination status at all levels of the CPF.

Individuals aged 12-years and 3-months and over are required to have their Vaccine Pass available including:

- Staff
- Players
- Coaches
- Administrators
- Volunteers
- Schools & their students
- Board Members
- Visitors
- Contractors (plumbers, service agents)
- Anyone else entering the site

Those aged 5-11-yrs are encouraged to get vaccinated, but no Vaccine Passes will be issued or required for this age group currently.

**Penalties** – Under Covid-19 Response and related legislation, penalties for not verifying vaccine status are \$15,000 per offence. Work Safe and NZ Police have both indicated they expect to undertake compliance spot checks. Failure to provide a vaccine pass of a visitor is likely to be deemed serious misconduct and may lead to liability for fines and/or dismissal.

## Entry Protocols

Everyone is required to carry their Vaccine Passes and are strongly encouraged to scan in using the various QR Codes located in multiple locations both inside the Pavilion and around the grounds.

OHA Staff will be doing random checks, so all visitors to the turf must be prepared to show their Pass. Specific protocols will be in place and communicated to relevant parties for Competitions, Turf bookings, Development programs, Representative campaigns, Tournaments, and all other facility use.

Staff checking Vaccine Passes will know how to manage a scenario where members or visitors either refuse to show their Vaccine Pass or they become aggressive. In either scenario staff will be advised to:

1. Withdraw from the interaction - not argue with the visitor
2. Not attempt to restrain or block the visitor from entry if they are determined to enter
3. Immediately contact a team leader/duty manager who will locate the visitor

A duty manager or member of OHA staff will take appropriate action that may involve contacting police. If the person is a OHA member, they may be referred to a judiciary hearing and liable to have their membership cancelled or suspended, and/or served with a trespass notice.

As situations and scenarios arise, this document and training procedures may be updated to reduce risk for our employees and volunteers, and/or improve the customer experience.

#### A – Competitions - School/Club/Youth

	Active	Masks Strongly Recommended	Distancing (Encouraged)	Zone Limits	Spectators
<b>Red</b>	Yes	Yes, when not playing	1m when not playing	100 pp/zone	No
<b>Orange</b>	Yes	Yes, when not playing	1m when not playing	No Limits	Yes
<b>Green</b>	Yes	Yes, when not playing	N/A	No Limits	Yes

Vaccine Passes are required at all levels of participation except for those under 12-years and 3-months old.

The Competition Manager to manage communications to stakeholders.

#### B – Turf Bookings - Teams and Groups

	Active	Masks Strongly Recommended	Distancing (Encouraged)	Zone Limits
<b>Red</b>	Yes	Yes, when not playing	1m when not playing	100 pp/zone
<b>Orange</b>	Yes	Yes, when not playing	1m when not playing	No Limits
<b>Green</b>	Yes	Yes, when not playing	1m when not playing	No Limits

When making the booking, users will confirm vaccine status of participants and where age appropriate may be required to produce a Vaccine Pass on entry.

The General Manager is responsible for communicating to stakeholders.

#### C – Development Programmes

	Active	Masks Strongly Recommended	Distancing (Encouraged)	Zone Limits
<b>Red</b>	Yes	Yes, when not playing	1m when not playing	100 p/zone
<b>Orange</b>	Yes	Yes, when not playing	1m when not playing	No Limits
<b>Green</b>	Yes	Yes, when not playing	1m when not playing	No Limits

Participants will confirm vaccine status at the time of registration and where age appropriate will be required to produce a Vaccine Pass on entry.

The Hockey Development Team are responsible for communicating to stakeholders.

#### D – Representative Campaigns

	Active	Masks Strongly Recommended	Distancing (encouraged)	Zone Limits
<b>Red</b>	Yes	Yes, when not playing	1m when not playing	100 p/zone
<b>Orange</b>	Yes	Yes, when not playing	1m when not playing	No Limits
<b>Green</b>	Yes	Yes, when not playing	N/A	No Limits

Participants will confirm vaccine status at the time of registration and where age appropriate will be required to produce a Vaccine Pass on entry.

The Hockey Development Team are responsible for communicating to stakeholders.

#### E – Community / Club Meetings

	Active	Masks Strongly Recommended	Distancing (Encouraged)	Zone Limits
<b>Red</b>	Online*	Yes, when not eating/drinking	1m	100 p/clubhouse
<b>Orange</b>	Case by case*	Yes, when not eating/drinking	1m	100 p/clubhouse
<b>Green</b>	Yes	Yes, when not eating/drinking	N/A	No Limits

The General Manager will take on a lead on compliance.

\* Community and Clubs (on a case-by-case basis) can book meeting rooms, but there may be meetings such as club/school delegates meetings may opt to held online.

#### F – Tournaments/Festivals

	Active	Masks Strongly Recommended	Distancing (Encouraged)	Zone Limits
<b>Red</b>	Yes	Yes, when not playing	1m, when not playing	100 pp/zone
<b>Orange</b>	Yes	Yes, when not playing	1m, when not playing	100 pp/zone
<b>Green</b>	Yes	Yes, when not playing	N/A	No Limits

Vaccine Passes are required for all to attend tournaments and festivals run by the OHA. To achieve compliance draws and scheduling may be modified as needed.

The General Manager to decide entry protocols, the Competition Manager/ Hocket Development Team will communicate to stakeholders.

#### **G – Pavilion- Lounge/ Bar**

	<b>Active</b>	<b>Masks Strongly Recommended</b>	<b>Distancing (Encouraged)</b>	<b>Zone Limits</b>
<b>Red</b>	Yes	Yes	1m	100 pp/clubhouse
<b>Orange</b>	Yes	Yes	1m	100 pp/clubhouse
<b>Green</b>	Yes	Encouraged	N/A	No Limits

The upstairs lounge/ bar in the Pavilion area is classified as a separate zone can accommodate up to 100pp that must be strictly enforced. Vaccine Passes are mandatory, and masks must be worn unless eating or drinking.

#### **H - Pavilion - Change rooms, Showers and Bathroom facilities**

	<b>Active</b>	<b>Masks Strongly Recommended</b>	<b>Distancing (Encouraged)</b>	<b>Zone Limits</b>
<b>Red</b>	Yes	Yes	1m	20*
<b>Orange</b>	Yes	Yes	1m	20*
<b>Green</b>	Yes	Encouraged	N/A	No Limits

The change rooms at the OHA are open for changing, showering, and using the bathroom facilities. However, these are elevated risk areas and with the safety of our members paramount the decision has been made to restrict numbers to twenty people at one time in any one changeroom- there is to be NO team briefings or congregating for any reason under red and orange settings, these must be held outdoors where there is adequate ventilation.

Bathroom facilities- Once again these are small spaces so we would like to see as minimal numbers in here as is practical.

#### **I - Pavilion – Meetings & Functions (non-Hockey related)**

	<b>Active</b>	<b>Masks Strongly Recommended</b>	<b>Distancing (Encouraged)</b>	<b>Zone Limits</b>
<b>Red</b>	Yes	Yes	1m	100 p/clubhouse
<b>Orange</b>	Yes	Yes	1m	100 p/clubhouse
<b>Green</b>	Yes	No	N/A	No Limits

As visitors can be managed for small functions and their requirements, the OHA is comfortable that under all CPF levels it can operate commercial meetings and functions within applicable limits.