



NZHF COVID-19 Policy

The NZHF Executive Committee has adopted the following policy in relation to COVID-19 Vaccination passes:

All events run by the NZHF require participants (including coaches, management and supporters wanting to attend the running of the event) to hold a My Vaccine Pass. That policy extends to all Beach camps and tournaments held as part of the High Performance Beach Programme, as well as the Men's and Women's Training Squads. Easter's Under 18 Tournament, National Club Champs in September and Regionals in October come within the scope of this policy, but other events organised by Clubs or Regional Associations do not. Each Regional Association is free to determine its own policy for events and gatherings, and Clubs can decide their own requirements for trainings and other gatherings – but local Council restrictions may make a different approach hard to pull off.

With any events or gatherings held on most Council-controlled premises requiring anyone attending the premises to show a My Vaccine Pass, and all IHF events overseas having a similar requirement, there was no real option for us to take a different approach, especially when it comes to High Performance. Sport NZ has helpfully come out with a wealth of guidance as to what you can and cannot do for events under each traffic light setting, based on whether you are indoors or outdoors and whether you require attendees to have a My Vaccine Pass or not. See <https://sportnz.org.nz/covid-19-response/covid-19-protection-framework/> for further details.

We will keep this policy under review and circulate an update should anything change in response to developments. We appreciate that this approach is going to exclude a few people, and we are very sad to lose full access to their passion for our great sport for the time being. Hopefully the world will be able to move on before too long and we will be able to welcome everyone back into the fold without restriction.