

Friday December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021

**Subject: Covid 19 Traffic Light Mandates**



**NEW ZEALAND TAG FOOTBALL INC (NZTFI) Covid 19 Vaccination policy**

Kia ora,

The purpose of this email is to update you on the development of NZTFI 's COVID-19 Vaccination Policy as at 3rd December 2021.

As you will know, the Delta variant and now Omicron Variant of COVID-19 has proved to be a game changer and carries significantly higher risks of transmission than previous strains of the virus. Vaccination is widely considered critical to protecting people's health and safety, by reducing the risk of transmission and minimising the clinical impacts of COVID-19 infection. Therefore, like many other organisations, NZTFI events/tournaments/activities, including modules, will be applying mandatory vaccination requirements.

NZTFI have a health and safety obligation to manage the risks that COVID-19 poses to our people and tag events/programs. This includes putting in place controls that eliminate, or where that is not reasonably practicable, minimise the risk of COVID-19.

NZTFI will carry out a role-based risk assessment for employees and contractors. This will be done by grouping positions according to the type of role and the work each role does within the organisation and considering a series of risk factors prescribed by [WorkSafe New Zealand](#).

We have also considered what stance we adopt when it comes to members and volunteers, including coaches, officials, athletes, parents and other visitors (including contractors and food vendors).

Based on a range of factors, NZTFI executive board] has formed the view that:

1. *The risks associated with COVID-19 cannot effectively be mitigated by our wider COVID-19 protection measures (e.g. contact tracing, physical distancing and hygiene requirements)*
2. *It is appropriate to require vaccinations across all NZTFI activities and roles.*
3. *Children under the age of 12 years and 3 months do not need to be vaccinated to attend NZTFI events. (this may change in line with future NZ government policy).*

While other control measures, such as masks and physical distancing, are helpful in reducing the speed of spread, they will not stop the spread and only provide partial protections from the Delta and Omicron strain. Our risk assessments will establish the only effective way to significantly limit the risks associated with contracting or passing on Covid-19 at our tag events is through vaccination.

This reflects the way we operate, the flexibility and freedom of movement in our operations, and the potential consequences for our communities if COVID-19 is transmitted in our tag environments.

We have also considered our Vaccination Policy in relation to the Government's New Zealand Tag Football Incorporated, 90 Walters Road, Gate B Level One Bruce Pulman Arena, Takanini, Auckland PO Box 19636 Avondale 1746 Auckland New Zealand email: [info@nztagfootball.co.nz](mailto:info@nztagfootball.co.nz) Website: [www.nztagfootball.co.nz](http://www.nztagfootball.co.nz)



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COVID-19 (traffic light) Protection Framework. Now that the new framework is in force, there is a clear indication that requiring vaccinations under the new framework will mean that we have more flexibility to operate at the different levels (red, orange or green).



Organisations that do not require vaccinations are expected to be more restricted, both in terms of whether they can open at all levels and in their operations when open.

On that basis, requiring vaccinations for all those accessing NZTFI's events/activities, as proposed in this policy, will enable us to provide more certainty and continuity to participants by keeping our tournaments alive, events/modules running and minimising any disruption for our communities.

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