



North Harbour Softball Return to Play Requirements and Guidelines

North Harbour Softball Association (NHSA) believes sport is an activity for everyone in our community. NHSA prides itself on being an inclusive organisation that supports the wellbeing of its members and visitors to our facilities and competitions.

As Auckland moves to the Red Setting of the Covid Protection Framework (CPF) on the 3 December 2021, the NHSA Competitions will start on 4 December 2021.

The NHSA is required to follow all requirements and guidelines for community sport and hospitality set out by the Government to ensure we are protecting our members and visitors by minimising any risk of COVID-19 transmission while ensuring members can still enjoy the sport of softball.

The requirements and guidelines below will be required under the red setting of the CPF. When Auckland moves to the orange or green settings of the CPF, further advice will be made available for our members at that stage.

The requirements and guidelines are subject to change at any time.

Please ensure you familiarise yourself with the following requirements and guidelines before we move to the CPF.

Competition Games and Trainings:

Players if Vaccine Passes are checked and verified

Gathering sizes are limited to a maximum of 100 people and must ensure 1m² distancing per person in the designated area.

Vaccine Passes are to be verified by an official or club scorer at the game and must be confirmed prior to the start of all games and recorded on the team cards. This is required until a database is created by NHSA. The NHSA General Manager or Board Members may ask for verification of Vaccine Passes as required.

Players aged 11 years and younger are treated as if they have a Vaccine Pass.

Players if Vaccine Passes are not checked and verified

Gathering sizes are limited to a maximum of 25 people and must ensure 1m² distancing per person in the designated area.

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The NHSA Office will notify teams 2 days prior to games whether they will be restricted to a gathering of 25 based on numbers in teams or vaccination status of any team members that may restrict numbers.

All Players

Definition of a Gathering and Designated Area in a softball context – one gathering per diamond. This does not include spectators.

There are no requirements for physical distancing for players so contact during the games or trainings is allowed.

Sharing of gear is allowed but NHSA encourages clubs to ensure gear is sanitised before and after games and trainings when that gear has been shared.

Clubs are to ensure teams all have hand sanitiser available before, during, and after games and trainings.

Anyone that is feeling unwell for any reason must not attend games or trainings, stay home, and follow the Ministry of Health guidelines.

NHSA Facilities:

If Vaccine Passes are checked and verified

Gathering sizes are limited to a maximum of 100 people and must ensure 1m² distancing per person in the Designated Area.

If Vaccine Passes are not checked and verified

Gathering sizes are limited to a maximum of 25 people and must ensure a 1m² distancing per person in the Designated Area.

Pure Athletic Stadium Facility and Seating

Stadium seating area will be treated as 3 designated areas for spectators only. Based on the 3 areas of seating. If each area has less than 25 people seated, then Vaccine Passes will not be required or checked.

All members or visitors accessing the Stadium areas must scan in using the Contact Tracing QR Codes situated at each entrance.

Vaccine Passes will be checked if number of people exceeds 25 per Designated Area.

Gatherings in the 3 Designated Areas must not mix before during or after games while in the facility area.

Access to the inside of the stadium will only be allowed for spectators, players, or officials if they provide a verified Vaccine Pass.

Access to the Stadium toilets is allowed by all members. Toilets will be regularly cleaned and sanitised.

Clubrooms Bar (inside and outside licensed area) and Canteen area.

Hospitality requirements and guidelines will be in place for the Clubroom Bar and Canteen areas.

<p>All players must scan in or be scanned in via the Contact Tracing QR Codes on the Diamond Fences (all diamonds at Rosedale Park have a QR Code situated on the Backstop fences).</p> <p>It is recommended that when players are waiting in dugouts, coaches and managers encourage physical distancing or wearing of masks.</p> <p>Once your game has finished, please ensure you exit the diamonds and avoid any cross over with other team's spectators or other teams warming up to play.</p> <p><u>Officials/Coaches/Managers</u></p> <p>Officials, coaches, and managers are not part of the gathering size numbers as at this stage, they are considered workers.</p> <p>Vaccine Passes to be verified by an official or club scorer on the game and must be confirmed prior to the start of all games and recorded on the team cards. This is required until a database is created by NHSA, NHSUA, or NHSA Scorers. The NHSA General Manager or Board Members may ask for verification of Vaccine Passes as required.</p> <p>It is recommended Umpires wear masks during games when in close proximity of catchers and other players.</p> <p>Anyone that is feeling unwell for any reason must not attend games or trainings and stay home and follow the Ministry of Health guidelines.</p> <p>All officials, coaches, and managers must scan in or be scanned in via the Contact Tracing QR Codes on the Diamond Fences (all diamonds at Rosedale Park have a QR Code situated on the Backstop fences).</p> <p><u>Spectators if Vaccine Passes are checked and verified.</u></p> <p>Spectators are considered a separate gathering to players and officials and are limited to a maximum of 100 people and must ensure 1m² distancing is possible per person in the Designated Area.</p> <p><u>Spectators if Vaccine Passes are not checked or verified.</u></p> <p>Spectators are considered a separate gathering to players and officials and are limited to a maximum of 25 people and must ensure 1m² distancing is possible per person in the Designated Area.</p>	<p>Up to a maximum of 100 people in the bar licensed area and canteen at any one time and ensuring 1m² distancing per person.</p> <p>All members or visitors accessing the licensed bar and canteen areas must scan in using the Contact tracing QR Codes situated at each entrance or manually on the supplied Contract Tracing Sheets at each entrance.</p> <p>All NHSA members or visitors accessing the bar or canteen areas must provide a verified Vaccine Pass before entering. Access will be denied to anybody that does not have or refuses to provide a Vaccine Pass for verification.</p> <p>NHSA staff or bar and canteen staff will have the right to check Vaccine Passes if required.</p> <p>All members accessing the licensed bar and canteen areas must be seated and separated.</p> <p>Only one member from a seated group can order beverages or food at the bar or canteen. The member ordering food must be wearing a mask when ordering and maintain physical distancing.</p> <p>Bar and Canteen staff serving the public face to face must always wear masks.</p> <p>All Bar and Canteen staff will be fully vaccinated.</p> <p>Bar and Canteen staff will be clearing, cleaning and sanitising tables between seating of groups.</p> <p><u>NHSA Offices</u></p> <p>Members or visitors to the NHSA Office or meeting rooms will be required to provide to the NHSA General Manager proof of vaccination via showing their Vaccine Pass.</p> <p>All NHSA Staff have carried out a Risk Assessment and all those considered to be in</p>
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All Spectators

Club Team Managers are expected to scan in their own teams' spectators. This is only required if the team's spectator gathering exceeds 25 people. It is recommended clubs reduce the number of spectators from their club per game to less than 25 to avoid the need to use Vaccine Passes.

Spectators must always maintain a 3-metre distance from the players and officials or any other gatherings during the game to be considered a separate gathering.

Spectators are not required to physically distance though NHSA highly recommends spectators either maintain physical distancing or wear masks to reduce any risk of transmission.

Anyone that is feeling unwell for any reason must not attend games or trainings and stay home and follow the Ministry of Health guidelines.

All spectators must scan in or be scanned in on the Contact Tracing QR Codes on the Diamond Fences (all diamonds at Rosedale Park have a QR Code situated on the Backstop fences).

All spectators need to exit the designated areas around the diamonds once the game they are watching has finished to allow the next teams and games scheduled to play and their spectators to arrive.

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NHSA Grounds Shed

Members or Visitors to the NHSA Ground Shed will be required to provide the Head Grounds Person proof of vaccination via showing their Vaccine Pass.

All NHSA Staff have carried out a Risk Assessment and all those considered to be in a high-risk environment have had Vaccine Passes verified.

NHSA Umpires and NHSA Scorers Rooms

To access these areas, you will require a vaccine pass to be verified.