

COVID-19 Update and Traffic Light Guidance 4 December 2021

At the time of writing, New Zealand has just entered the Covid Protection Framework (CPF) traffic light system. Archery NZ has reviewed the current traffic light guidance from Sport New Zealand and is providing this archery-specific summary to support clubs and archers in their planning and operations under these alert levels. This is not intended to preclude clubs from taking any additional safety measures should they choose to.

Please note that the traffic light restrictions, as well as Sport New Zealand guidance, can and will likely develop over time. Clubs should read the full Sport New Zealand guidance available here, which includes more detailed restrictions and scenarios, including summary posters which are periodically updated:

<https://sportnz.org.nz/resources/covid-19-protection-framework-overview/>

Many clubs have already developed a COVID-19 management plan. We encourage all clubs to do so and keep this updated as restrictions and traffic light levels change. We encourage you to contact your members about your requirements in advance of attending, so that they understand expectations.

Gatherings vs. Events

Clubs and organisers will need to determine if their activity fits into a 'Gathering' or an 'Event' category. This 1-pager, and full guidance documents for each traffic light from Sport New Zealand provides further information:

<https://sportnz.org.nz/media/4698/snz-cpf-one-pager-3-12.pdf>

<https://sportnz.org.nz/media/4691/play-active-recreation-and-sport-at-red-full-guidance-1-12.pdf>

<https://sportnz.org.nz/media/4692/play-active-recreation-and-sport-at-orange-full-guidance-1-12.pdf>

<https://sportnz.org.nz/media/4693/play-active-recreation-and-sport-at-green-full-guidance-1-12.pdf>

Gatherings will typically apply for:

Organised and unorganised club archery (clubrooms, novice coaching, private coaching, club shoots, practice, training groups). The number of people who can meet at the Gathering depends on whether vaccine passes are required and checked, or not.

	Red	Orange	Green
With My Vaccine Pass	Up to 100 people per gathering (based on allowing 1m ² of space per person) Facemasks encouraged when not playing	Open, no limits Facemasks encouraged when not playing	Open, no limits Facemasks encouraged indoors/in club rooms when not playing
Without My Vaccine Pass	Up to 25 people per gathering (based on allowing 1m ² of space per person) Facemasks encouraged when not playing	Up to 50 people per gathering (based on allowing 1m ² of space per person) Facemasks encouraged when not playing	Up to 100 people per gathering (based on allowing 1m ² of space per person) Facemasks encouraged indoors/in club rooms when not playing

Spectators at an outdoor gathering could be treated as a separate gathering, and the same limits apply to them if they remain more than 2m away from the players (to meet the definition of an outdoor defined space). Walls and separate airflow are required to separate any indoor gatherings.

Please note: Clubs with bar or café facilities will be required to comply with Hospitality requirements for seating and separation – see MBIE’s guidance for businesses.

Events

Events will typically include indoor and outdoor major/minor tournaments. Guidance for 'professional events' does not apply. It is unclear from guidance received so far, but it is suggested that any seminars and coach training courses are treated as events.

	Red	Orange	Green
With My Vaccine Pass	<p>Up to 100 people per gathering (based on allowing 1m² of space per person)</p> <p>Facemasks encouraged when not playing</p>	<p>Open, no limits</p> <p>Facemasks encouraged when not playing</p>	<p>Open, no limits</p> <p>Facemasks encouraged indoors/in club rooms when not playing</p>
Without My Vaccine Pass	<p>Event cannot go ahead</p>	<p>Event cannot go ahead</p>	<p>Up to 100 people per gathering (based on allowing 1m² of space per person)</p> <p>Facemasks encouraged indoors/in club rooms when not playing</p>

General Requirements

At all levels, clubs must provide record keeping and scanning of the COVID-19 Tracer App. Anyone should stay home if unwell, and your doctor or Healthline on 0800 358 5433 for advice about getting tested.

It is recommended that any clubs on leased land talk with their landlords to understand if there are any requirements they may have.

There are no requirements for physical distancing while playing / participating / spectating (except where spectators are being treated as a separate gathering).

Masks are not required for any archery scenario, however, are encouraged at all times when not shooting in orange/red settings, and in clubrooms/indoors when not shooting in the green setting.

Capacity limits include children and those unable to be vaccinated. Children under 12 years and 3 months are to be treated as if they have a vaccine pass.

You can drive outside of your region to participate in archery and events, even when at different traffic light settings, as long as there are no regional boundary restrictions in place.

Equipment can be shared at all levels, however, consider risk, and cleaning requirements when swapping between groups.

My Vaccine Passes

Clubs and event organisers are entitled to mandate vaccines for any third party, e.g., archers, officials, spectators, visitors, contractors who may visit the club/grounds/facility/event. No risk assessment is required. There are, however, other factors you may wish to take into account and a process that you may wish to follow to develop your position.

Where a club or event organisers have determined to use the My Vaccine Pass (MVP) system, all attendees who come to the event must have a valid My Vaccine Pass, except for those under 12 years and 3 months old, or with a medical exemption. Attendees should have their MVP printed out or saved on a phone prior to turning up, which might require additional preparation if there is limited cell reception at your venue. Spectators entering a space where vaccine passes are mandated should receive clear communication that vaccine passes are required, with checking taking place as best as practicable.

Use of a negative COVID-19 test is not a substitute for vaccinations for events using MVPs.

If the venue/event is using MVPs, you must ensure all organisers/coaches/volunteers etc. also have an MVP.

Clubs can host gatherings/events with and without my vaccine passes consecutively, provided each group is managed so that there is no intermingling of groups, rooms are well ventilated, and high-touch surfaces cleaned between groups. In this situation, you will need clear processes to manage this.

Clubs and organisers can find further information on using My Vaccine Passes here:

<https://sportnz.org.nz/resources/my-vaccine-pass-guidance-for-play-active-recreation-and-sport/>

Vaccination Guidance

The introduction of the traffic light system has some significant implications for how archery can be undertaken, and in many settings depends on whether vaccination certificates are utilised.

We understand some clubs are grappling with whether to require vaccinations for those accessing their facilities. The current Sport NZ vaccination guidance for sports is available on their website, however this has not yet been updated following introduction of the CPF – we will provide information when it does:

<https://sportnz.org.nz/resources/vaccination-guidance-for-the-sport-and-recreation-sector/>

For any queries, please contact the Administration Team (adminstration@archerynz.co.nz). Clarifications can be sought from our Sports Partnership Manager at Sport New Zealand if required.