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# WAITAKERE CITY ATHLETIC CLUB INC

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## Covid-19 Response Policy

Waitakere City Athletic Club Inc will actively explore all opportunities and intends to remain open and safely resume and restore its operation in a Covid-19 environment. We will do this within Government guidance consistent with our priority for safety and incorporating our values.

### 1.0 Health and Safety

Waitakere City Athletic Club culture is the starting place for our Covid-19 response and at all times we endeavour to remain true to our core values: these include inclusivity and being kind and respectful. Covid 19 naturally presents challenges to those values and the requirements that apply to those that join our club and train with us.

However, we are committed to the health and safety of everyone involved with Waitakere City Athletic Club in every way and committed to always using best practice.

We are committed to the welfare of all and we want to take extra precautions to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults.

The Club Committee believe that vaccination provides us some protection against firstly contracting the virus, then on the severity of it, and then also by limiting the transmission of it to others: we believe in the safety this stance provides.

### 2.0 Our Covid 19 Response

Our Covid-19 response is to place the safety and welfare of our volunteers, coaches and community first and we will operate in a way that is consistent with our values.

We will be kind and respectful in all interactions. We will seek to keep our volunteers, coaches and our community informed through clear communication.

Waitakere City Athletic Club will operate within Government guidance in regard to our priority for safety. Waitakere City Athletic Club is classified as an *Outdoor Community Sport* and Government provisions apply accordingly.

With this context Waitakere City Athletic Club will:

- i. Comply to the best of our ability to government requirements and guidance which applies to our Covid-19 response as an Outdoor Community Sport.
- ii. Give high attention to the comfort and welfare of our volunteers and coaches as our frontline of interaction with our athletic community (our members).
- iii. Take all reasonable steps to support the safety and welfare of our community.
- iv. Stay up-to-date and evolve in response to changing circumstances and guidance.
- v. Actively explore all opportunities and means to resume and restore its operation in a Covid-19 environment.
- vi. Look for best practice sector models and where possible use those, or adapted approaches.
- vii. Be pre-emptive through clear communication and manage expectations for use of the stadium and the conditions of use.
- viii. Be consistent. Exceptions will not in general be entertained unless there are compelling reasons at the sole discretion of the Committee and in full compliance with Government regulation.

- ix. Manage risk and understand that there are risks and potential consequences if we have not put in place appropriate protections for the safety of our volunteers, coaches and our community, and that we are in compliance with government regulation.
- x. Not assume a role of negotiating government policy or taking responsibility for explaining it.
- xi. Require all volunteers and coaches to be fully vaccinated.
- xii. Report to the Committee for policy decision-making and any variation to our policy not otherwise delegated to the Club Captain.

### 3.0 The Covid-19 Protection Framework – Traffic Light System

Waitakere City Athletic Club must comply with the requirements of the Covid-19 Protection Framework. The Framework will come into effect on 3 December 2021. The Framework can be viewed here: <https://covid19.govt.nz/assets/COVID-19-Protection-Framework/COVID-19-Protection-Framework-22-October-2021.pdf>

### 3.1 Vaccination Mandate

#### Club nights

Within Government guidance and regarding our priority for safety and welfare: Waitakere City Athletic Club will actively explore all opportunities and means to resume and restore its operation in a Covid-19 environment.

Waitakere City Athletic Club will be able to operate at ALL levels - RED, ORANGE, and GREEN as long as we ask our coaches, volunteers and members for proof of their vaccination status via their **My Vaccine Pass**. We will use the Government's **My Vaccine Pass** as proof of vaccination status.

At levels RED and ORANGE entry to our club night will only be allowed for people aged 12 years old and over if an official **My Vaccine Pass** is shown. There can be no exceptions.

Children under 12 years old cannot be vaccinated at present. Until such time as they can lawfully be vaccinated, they may participate. Should vaccines be approved for use in children aged 5-11 years old then they too will need to prove their vaccination status before being allowed to participate.

Without verification of these vaccination passes, as an Outdoor Community Sport, Waitakere City Athletic Club cannot hold a viable club night.

Waitakere City Athletic Club volunteers and coaches must also show their **My Vaccine Pass** to the Club Captain.

If you are not happy for us to scan your **My Vaccine Pass** as proof of your vaccination status, then it is not possible for you to participate on club nights at Waitakere City Athletic Club until GREEN. Your **My Vaccine Pass** information shall remain private and confidential and will not be shared with anyone else without your express permission.

Unvaccinated people over 12 years are unable to enter Waitakere City Athletic Club on club nights, including parents.

Drop offs or pickups by unvaccinated adults are allowed.

Scanning QR codes, social distancing and masks are encouraged.

### **3.2 Training nights**

The protocols established in response to Covid restriction Level 3, Step 2 will continue.

For all implement training (including Hurdles & High Jump) the vaccination mandate will apply and certificates must be shown or have already been received by Waitakere City Athletic Club.

For all track training (including Long Jump and Triple Jump) unvaccinated individuals may train at the discretion of the coach, with full consent and approval from the remainder of the squad at the given training.

### **3.2 External Athletic Events**

Will be at the discretion of the organiser, but most likely to be vaccination mandated as per our club nights and the Government advice.

### **4.0 Resources**

Selected resources:

Exercise NZ <https://exercise.org.nz/industry-news/>

<https://sportnz.org.nz/>