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To: All Clubs & Members

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Subject: Junior & Senior Competitions & Carnivals in the COVID Protection Framework

Following on from the draft guidance provided on December 1 and the [online Q&A sessions](#) on December 1 & 2, SLSNZ is providing updated information that is designed to provide further clarity with regard to Competitions & Carnivals managed and delivered by SLSNZ.

Guidance on Club Sport & Junior Surf Programmes can be found [here](#)

All information is sourced from The New Zealand Government and their agencies, specifically the [Ministry of Health](#) & [Sport New Zealand](#) and may change.

Information will continue to be updated on the [SLSNZ Website](#) and communicated via our weekly Operations Circulars and the [SLSNZ Sport Facebook page](#).

General Health

The key things everyone can do to reduce the risk of COVID transmission are:

- If you have a cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms, stay home and get a test.
- Wear a mask
- Get vaccinated
- Ventilate indoor spaces and do as many activities as possible outside
- Record where you have been - scan in with [COVID Tracer App](#).
- Practice Good Hygiene
 - Regularly wash and thoroughly dry your hands or use hand sanitiser.
 - Sneeze and cough into your elbow.
 - Keep your distance from people you do not know.
 - Clean or disinfect shared surfaces often.

Vaccination & Events

- Competitions & carnivals are defined as 'Events'. More detailed information [here](#)
- All Competitions & Carnivals organised by [Surf Life Saving New Zealand](#) will require proof of vaccination (MVPs) from all eligible people to attend and be involved.
- MVPs are the official record of COVID-19 vaccination status for use in Aotearoa New Zealand and all attendees will need to show or scan this. More information can be found [here](#)

Event Restrictions

- The number of people that can be part of an Event depends on what colour the in the CPF the venue is in and if proof of vaccination is required.
- The restrictions include everyone, including children under 12, except [workers](#).
- A 'worker' is defined as "any person who carries out work in any capacity for that business or service (whether paid or unpaid)".
- For SLSNZ Events a 'worker' will be Event Staff & volunteers, Water Safety, Surf Officials & Work Party.

CPF/Event Limit	My Vaccine Pass	No Vaccine Pass
Green	Unlimited	100
Orange	Unlimited	50
Red	100	25

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – EVENTS (also see [Sport NZ FAQs](#))

1. How will verifying vaccination status work at events?

- The process will differ based on the size of the event, number of arenas, number of days and resources available. Some options include:
 - Verifying all those involved at the start of the event and providing a mechanism of identification e.g. wristbands or separate areas.
 - Clubs verifying all their competitors prior to the event and confirming this to Event Management
 - SLSNZ is already in the process of capturing the vaccination status of as much of the membership as possible and so will be able to cross reference with event entries.

2. What about officials and other volunteers?

- Event management will verify the vaccination status of those involved with event organisation & delivery

3. What are the rules around under 12s?

- Children under the age of 12 years and 3 months are currently ineligible for vaccination and so do not need to provide a My Vaccine Pass to participate in events that have a vaccination requirement
- SLSNZ will not verify the vaccination status of competitors in the U12 age group and below.
- In relation to restrictions on numbers, despite being ineligible for vaccination, those under 12 years & 3 months are still counted towards the total gathering number in each CPF colour, they are also considered 'vaccinated' in relation to those restrictions.

4. What are the rules around over 12s?

- Children over 12 are eligible to be vaccinated and so these age groups will be required to verify it.

5. What are the rules around parents/spectators?

- If parents/spectators are in the defined event space where activities are taking place, they are part of the event and are included in any number restrictions that the CPF may require and their MVP needs to be verified.
- Events may create specific separated areas for spectators however, given the limited controls around in a beach environment, the most pragmatic approach is to treat spectators as part of the event and therefore apply the same process and restrictions

6. Who needs to wear a mask & when?

- Mask wearing is strongly recommended in all settings, but most importantly indoors and when in close proximity to others.

7. What is the current status and contingencies for the key Regional & National Events (Oceans, Nationals, IRBs)

- These events will only be able to proceed in either Orange or Green CPF setting in the host location.
- SLSNZ is redeveloping its competition contingencies for the CPF, but there is limited ability to change locations, unless a significant amount of notice is provided and so the approach will be to either postpone or modify events before cancellation.

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