

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS ONCE NSW REACHES 70% DOUBLE VACCINATION

The NSW Government has now published the [Public Health Order](#) and accompanying [Amendment to the Public Health Order](#) which outlines restrictions in place from the Monday, 11 October 2021 – the first Monday after the state reaches the 70 per cent double vaccination milestone.

Please see the below information relating to the sport and recreation sector, noting that these restrictions apply only to people that are fully vaccinated.

Community sport **training activities only** are allowed to take place, in compliance with the Public Health Order. At this point, **no community sport competition is permitted**.

Outdoor sport and recreation activities:

Sport training, exercise and recreation activities may occur outdoors, in compliance with the following;

- a) The occupier of an outdoor premises must ensure the number of persons does not exceed more than 1 person per 2 square metres of space.
- b) A person must not participate in an outdoor public gathering for sport or exercise at which there are more than **20 people**. (*Note: There has been no amendment to this clause – it has NOT increased to 30 persons*). This number includes participants, coaches, support staff and spectators/parents.

Organisations are expected to have a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place.

Outdoor events:

The maximum number of persons in an outdoor area must not exceed more than 1 person per 2 square metres of space.

The maximum number of persons permitted at the following outdoor events are;

- a) for a controlled outdoor public gathering—500 persons
- b) for a COVID-19 safe outdoor public gathering—50 persons
- c) for any other outdoor public gathering—30 persons.

Please note: A person must not participate in an outdoor public gathering for sport or exercise at which there are more than 20 persons.

The restrictions for outdoor events would apply to team BBQs, presentation's, etc.

Recreation facilities (indoor):

Indoor recreation facilities may now re-open in compliance with the following;

An occupier of a recreation facility (indoor) must;

- a) Ensure the number of persons does not exceed more than 1 person per 4 square metres of space; and
- b) Not allow more than 20 persons to attend a group class or other group activity at the facility.

Multiple group activities or classes of up to 20 persons may take place within an indoor recreation facility.

Indoor swimming pools may re-open to conduct swimming classes, lap swimming, squad training or rehabilitation activities only.

All occupiers of indoor recreation facilities must have a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place.

Entertainment facilities and recreation facilities (major):

The occupier of an entertainment facility must ensure the maximum number of persons on the premises does not exceed the number of persons equal to;

- a) 75% of the fixed seating capacity of the premises**, or
- b) 1 person per 4 square metres of space in the premises.

**The 75% of fixed seating capacity may only be applied by an occupier when;

- a) admission to the premises is by way of a ticket, and
- b) all persons on the premises, other than persons engaged in work, are assigned to specific seats.

The occupier of a recreation facility (major) must ensure the maximum number of persons on the premises does not exceed the **lesser of**;

- a) 1 person per 4 square metres of space in the premises, or
- b) 5,000 persons.

The occupier of both entertainment facilities and major recreation facilities must have a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place.

Fitted face coverings:

The following rules and restrictions remain in place regarding the wearing of fitted face coverings (ie. face masks);

- a) A person who is over 12 years of age must wear a fitted face covering over both their nose and mouth while in any indoor area of non-residential premises.

Removing fitted face coverings:

- a) A person may remove a fitted face covering if the person is engaging in strenuous physical activity, **except** in an indoor area as part of a gym class or dance class.
- b) The person must resume wearing the fitted face covering as soon as practical after the strenuous physical activity ends.

Unvaccinated adults:

An unvaccinated adult means a person who is more than 16 years of age and is not fully vaccinated.

The occupier of the following premises must take reasonable steps to ensure that an unvaccinated adult is not on the premises;

- a) Entertainment facilities;
- b) Recreation facilities (major);
- c) Recreation facilities (indoor); and
- d) Public swimming pools.

The occupier of entertainment facilities and recreation facilities (major) must ensure that a person who is under 16 years of age and is not fully vaccinated is not on the premises unless the person is;

- a) On the premises to carry out work; or
- b) Accompanied by a person who is;
 - a. A member of the person's household, and
 - b. A fully vaccinated person.

Travel for recreation:

A person who resides in Greater Sydney must not participate in recreation outside Greater Sydney, and a person who resides outside of Greater Sydney (ie. Regional NSW) must not participate in recreation in Greater Sydney.

Unvaccinated adults must not participate in recreation outside the local government area in which they reside.

Please note: The restrictions outlined in this notice are relevant to 'the general area', which comprises the whole of the State other than an area that is a 'stay at home area'.

All organisations are reminded to review the Public Health Order and stay up to date with the latest changes on the NSW Government COVID-19 website.

For any questions specific to your sport, club or associations operations, we encourage you to email the NSW Office of Sport team via sectorcapability@sport.nsw.gov.au. This email is dedicated to COVID-19 specific questions relating to community sport and active recreation.

Additional Information:

The NSW government has also developed a range of resources to assist organisations with reopening. This includes information about COVID-19 Safety Plan requirements, customer proof of vaccinations, guidance about business rights, vaccination of staff and customers and what to do if your business becomes and exposure site. [Click here](#) for more information.

Thank you for your support in helping to keep community sport COVID-19 safe.

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