

HARBOUR BASKETBALL'S COVID-19 RESPONSE POLICY

The Covid-19 Protection Framework (the “traffic light system”) has now replaced the Alert Level System.

While Auckland is currently in the **Red** setting, is it likely to move to the **Orange** setting on 31st December 2021. That change of setting will be confirmed by Cabinet on 30th December 2021.

At all levels of the traffic light system tight restrictions are imposed on the provision of indoor sporting events where non-vaccinated persons are in attendance. Those restrictions are such that Harbour Basketball could not operate its Leagues if it allowed non-vaccinated individuals to participate.

Under the new traffic light system, the Government has indicated that sporting organisations may choose to require proof of vaccination to facilitate the safe operation of their activities.

Accordingly, when Harbour Basketball recommences its basketball activities in the new year it will require everyone over the age of 12 years’ 3 months’ attending any of its events (i.e. games and practices (whether as a participant or spectator)) to be fully vaccinated.

A digital My Vaccine Pass or an official equivalent will be a prerequisite to entry to all of our venues. Each of the venues Harbour Basketball uses to provide basketball to our community have mandated this as a requirement of entry to their premises.

On re-opening, all Harbour Basketball staff will be double vaccinated.

Harbour Basketball will be monitoring access, and everybody over the age of 12 years’ 3 months’ will be required to confirm their vaccination status via the My Vaccine Pass digital app or other approved method, as outlined in the relevant Government guidelines.

We encourage Members to prepare for this by visiting the [My COVID Record website](#).

Harbour Basketball’s Management and Board are acutely aware that the health, safety and wellbeing of Members, employees and guests is paramount. It is for this reason, the Board and Management will be implementing this policy, together with the fact that our venue providers are mandating it as a condition of entry.

These requirements will also apply to all of Harbour Basketball’s representative teams and their games and practices. Accordingly, only fully vaccinated individuals will be eligible to trial for Harbour Basketball’s 2022 representative sides. In this regard, trials for the 2022 representative trials for the 15U, 17U and 19U age groups for boys and girls are scheduled to commence in late January/early February 2022. See here for registration details and the dates of the trials:

https://websites.mygameday.app/assoc_page.cgi?client=0-2857-0-0-0&news_task=DETAIL&articleID=72840964

If you would like more information on how sport will be operating in New Zealand under the Covid Protection Framework please take a look at Sport New Zealand's helpful summary of the restrictions here: https://sportnz.org.nz/media/4742/snz-cpf-one-pager-6_9.pdf

We are hopeful that the implementation of this policy will allow us to quickly recommence our activities in an environment that is as safe and welcoming to as many Members as possible.

Like us, I'm sure that you are looking forward to getting back to playing and supporting the sport we love, and that you will work together with us as we negotiate these new settings.

We wish all of our community a safe and happy festive season and look forward to seeing you in 2022.

John Hunt

CEO Harbour Basketball

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