



## **Waka Ama NZ COVID-19 Event Policy (Draft)**

Waka Ama New Zealand has developed the following COVID-19 Event Policy in relation to Vaccinations and the COVID-19 Protection Framework currently in place in Aotearoa.

Our priority, first and foremost, is the health of our Waka Ama community. This policy is designed to keep our Waka Ama whānau including our employees, contractors, members, participants\*, volunteers and our wider waka ama whānau safe from COVID-19. Vaccination is critical to protecting people's health and safety, by reducing the risk of transmission and minimising the clinical impacts of COVID-19 infection. At Waka Ama NZ, we encourage and support our participants being vaccinated against COVID-19, so that we can reduce the risk of exposure and transmission of COVID-19.

This policy is aligned with public health advice and the Government's objective of minimising the impacts of the COVID-19 global pandemic and protecting the communities of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Importantly it is aligned with the values of our organisation.

**Manaakitanga:** We encourage the practice of reciprocity and inclusivity through sharing of ourselves and our resources, nurturing all people and accepting our differences

**Whanaungatanga:** Is our sense of belonging, identification and collective strength, not only through kinship but being related to all within the Waka Ama community

**Hauora:** We support and promote the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing of all our participants

**Tū Tangata:** We are accountable for our actions. We have respect for each other, our waka and our environment. We stand proud in our integrity and passion.

\* including coaches, officials, managers, athletes and parents

### **Waka Ama NZ Events**

While the COVID-19 Protection Framework (CPF) is in force by the New Zealand Government, only those people who are fully vaccinated (i.e. have completed a NZ Government recognised course of COVID-19 vaccination) will be able to attend\* Waka Ama NZ Events\*\*.

This will be effective during the Red, Orange and Green settings of the CPF.

Proof of vaccination status will be required, and event hosts will ask individuals to provide proof of their vaccination status through the presentation of their My Vaccine Pass to attend\* Waka Ama NZ Events.

Information regarding vaccination status is collected for the purposes of health and safety management and any collection of this information will be done so, in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020.

Personal health information is not required to be provided, however, if you choose not to provide proof of being fully vaccinated, or do not wish to disclose your vaccination status then event hosts will respect your right to privacy. In the interests of health and safety, those unable or unwilling to provide proof of vaccination when requested, will be treated as though they have not been vaccinated and will not be permitted to attend\* Waka Ama NZ Events.

**\*Attend** means all people present at a Waka Ama NZ Event (participants, coaches, volunteers, staff, vendors, contractors, spectators, parents etc.)

**\*\*Waka Ama NZ Events** include all Waka Ama NZ Sanctioned and/or Approved events or Waka Ama NZ organised events, including face to face coaching development.

### **Exceptions**

Currently, those who are under the age of 12 years and 3 months are not eligible to be vaccinated and as such are able to attend Waka Ama NZ events as if they carry a My Vaccine Pass.

Those who have a medical exemption provided by the Ministry of Health will also be able to attend Waka Ama NZ Events.

### **Transition**

Events for 2022 that have already been sanctioned or approved will be required to submit requested documents and plans that show compliance with this policy and all requirements of the CPF to have their sanctioned or approved status upheld.

### **Additional Measures**

In addition to this policy, Waka Ama NZ will maintain a range of appropriate and complementary measures in its facilities/activities to further minimise the risks associated with COVID-19, as well as following all guidance set out in the legislation and public health guidance.

The conditions of entry before coming to the facility or taking part in activities include:

- Stay home if unwell
- You must have produced evidence that you are fully vaccinated to gain access to our facility/activities
- Mask wearing is advised at all times except when being active
- Wash or sanitise hands before entering the facility/activities and when moving through different areas
- Scan your QR code or sign in as a secondary option is available every time you enter facility or attend activities
- You must abide by any distancing requirements that apply e.g. 1m at Red level

### **Review**

Due to the changing environment this policy will be closely monitored by CEO, who along with the Waka Ama NZ staff, will take responsibility for managing the organisation's COVID-19 policies, reviewing and updating this policy and risk assessment as needed in consultation with Waka Ama NZ's Board. A formal review of this policy will occur in six months' time but may be amended sooner as circumstances dictate.

Next policy review date: 1 July 2022