

On Friday SportNZ released the high level implications of the Covid Protection Framework (CPF) on the Sport and Recreation sector. Since then ESNZ and NZPCA have been working together to create guidance for committees and members, as we know everyone is keen to understand how this system will work for us. To view the SportNZ guidance [CLICK HERE](#)

Whilst there will be restrictions imposed on some of our activities, the CPF does offer relaxed gathering limits for vaccinated persons and some options for smaller gatherings that will not require a vaccine passport (CVC).

The limits 'at a glance' are

	GATHERINGS WITH CVC	GATHERINGS NO CVC	EVENTS WITH CVC	EVENTS NO CVC
RED	100	25	100	0
ORANGE	NO LIMIT	50	NO LIMIT	0
GREEN	NO LIMIT	100	NO LIMIT	100

One of the biggest questions that we are waiting for an answer to is the definition of a Gathering versus an Event. While we cannot categorically at this time confirm that our activities fall into the gatherings category, it is expected that most, excluding major competitions/events will. Confirmation of this is expected later this week.

What we do know is-

- There can be multiple Gatherings at one venue, however each Gathering needs to take place in a defined space with distance maintained between groups. Spectators at an outdoor gathering can be treated as a separate gathering and the same limits apply to them
- You can cross regional boundaries, and move from red to orange for example. You should abide by the relevant settings for the area you visit; you no longer take your home settings with you. If you are sick, you should stay at home.
- Vaccine passports (CVC) can be asked for as a condition of entry and provided prior to the event, however once the organising committee have sighted the document, a copy **MUST NOT** be kept on file. You may note that it has been provided and its expiry date only.
- For activities that require a CVC but do not have a defined entry/exit point, CVC's should be checked wherever 'practically possible'.
- A negative covid test cannot be used as a replacement for a CVC, nor can a doctor's letter be used as an exemption.
- These new guidelines apply to everyone attending an event/gathering i.e competitors, officials, volunteers, spectators, sponsors and supporters.

At a principle level, we support and encourage vaccination across the equestrian community as a means to make our people and events safer from covid. We also wish to be as accommodating to our members as we are able to be under the Covid Protection Framework. Realising that situations and activities are wide and varied across the country we encourage your committee to consider the activity being planned to assess how best to run it for your members, competitors, officials, volunteers safely and within the Government issued requirements and subsequent advice to sports.

Whilst there is still much detail to be added, we hope that this information will, in the interim, give you some basis to start to plan your activities.

As always, please be assured we are working hard on your behalf and thank you for your patience as we work through these latest changes.