

**COMMUNITY BASKETBALL**  
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### 1.1 INTRODUCTION

Thank you to all our community basketball leaders who are continuing to manage your organisations and providing safe participation opportunities as we continue to navigate the challenges presented by COVID-19.

**New Zealand is now in ORANGE settings on the updated COVID Protection Framework.**

**To summarise the key changes at ORANGE are:**

- There are no gathering or capacity limits indoors or outdoors
- Face masks are still required in many indoor settings (see more detail below)
- My Vaccine Pass are no longer a government requirement
- Record keeping has finished
- Workforce vaccination mandate for the teaching workforce ended, as have mandates for those at My Vaccine Pass venues

If you have questions relating to COVID-19 your best resource remains the excellent resources and guidance available on the website [Sport New Zealand](#)

- General guidance for businesses: [business.govt.nz](https://business.govt.nz)
- Guidance for workplaces that have a case of COVID-19: [health.govt.nz](https://health.govt.nz)
- Guidance for all of New Zealand: [covid19.govt.nz](https://covid19.govt.nz)

In today's update you will find details on:

- **Responses to Questions submitted**
- **A summary of recent changes and current settings**
- **BBNZ COVID Protocols for Tournaments and Guidelines for Weekly Leagues (as at 14th April 2022)**

Sport New Zealand also have an extensive Q & A section that you can check [here](#). If you cannot find the information or answers you are looking for you can email:

- Sport New Zealand - [covid19response@sportnz.org.nz](mailto:covid19response@sportnz.org.nz)
- Basketball New Zealand general support – [community@nz.basketball](mailto:community@nz.basketball)
- Basketball New Zealand delivery support – [tournaments@nz.basketball](mailto:tournaments@nz.basketball)

We will endeavour to source answers to all questions submitted by **5pm each Wednesday** in this weekly update that will be circulated on Friday afternoons.

Nga mihi,

**Brad Edwards**  
**GM Community Basketball**

## **1.2 WEEKLY Q & A'S**

In addition to this Q & A section Sport New Zealand are continuing to update an extensive Q & A section that you can check [here](#). This is the quickest way to find answers to your questions.

There were no specific questions submitted this week.

## **1.3 WEEKLY UPDATES**

From 11.59pm on Wednesday 13 April 2022 all of New Zealand moved to ORANGE on the COVID-19 Protection Framework (CPF). Sport NZ have updated their guidance to reflect the changes announced, and these are now live alongside our updated FAQs on the Sport NZ website [here](#).

Please continue to check the [Sport New Zealand](#) website for updates and specific guidelines to reflect the changes announced.

### **To recap the key changes to the COVID-19 Protection Framework (CPF) and vaccine mandates**

From 25 March, a new and highly simplified traffic light setting was introduced. The key changes are as follows.

#### **Orange**

- **There will be no capacity limits for indoor and outdoor gatherings and events, but face masks are still required in many indoor settings.**
- **There is no requirement to scan in or for a business to display a QR code poster or have mandatory record keeping.**

#### **Green**

- There are no requirements, but good health habits should still be maintained to help look after those who are more vulnerable to COVID-19.
- *Sport New Zealand advice is that it is unlikely we will see a move to Green until after winter.*

### **Update on Facemask rules (from Sport NZ)**

There have been quite a few questions (and some confusion) about the facemask rules at Orange. To avoid confusion we thought it might be useful to set out what the facemask rules are at Orange. Generally, there are few sport and rec settings where facemasks are actually required at Orange, although we of course still encourage people to wear them.

The general rule at Orange is that everyone is still encouraged to wear a facemask whenever they leave the house, but especially indoors. The places where you are legally required by the CPF Order to wear a facemask are:

- on flights
- public transport
- at indoor arrival and departure points for domestic flights and public transport
- if you are aged 12 years or over on Ministry of Education funded school transport and public transport
- in taxis or ride share vehicles
- inside a retail business, for example supermarkets, shopping malls, pharmacies, petrol stations, and takeaway food stores
- inside public facilities, such as museums and libraries, but not at swimming pools
- vet clinics
- visiting the indoor area of a court or tribunal
- at premises operated by local and central government agencies, social service providers, and NZ Police
- in the public area of premises operated by NZ Post Limited
- when visiting a healthcare service, for example a healthcare or aged care facility.

Workers at gatherings still have to wear facemasks (but not a medical grade one). Workers at food and drink businesses, close-proximity businesses and events must wear medical grade facemasks.

Like at red, you do not have to wear a facemask when outdoors, when exercising or playing sport, or eating or drinking.

### **BBNZ COVID-19 Protocols for Tournaments & Guidelines for Weekly Leagues**

This document is attached to this weekly update email and will also be available on the COVID-19 page on the BBNZ website. It sets out the regulations and policies that will be in place for BBNZ Tournaments for 2022. These have been formed based on the current government COVID guidelines and everything that has been noted throughout this document, and therefore are subject to change at the discretion of BBNZ in response to changes to public health advice or any Government guideline updates.

Associations are welcome to adopt the below policies for their own local tournaments. As BBNZ do not run basketball weekly leagues for schools and clubs, the below comments on Weekly Leagues are only recommendations, and each association is encouraged to create their own policies and rules that relate best to their competitions.

If you have further questions on this document, please email [tournaments@nz.basketball](mailto:tournaments@nz.basketball)

## **Basketball New Zealand – A reminder**

Following Government advice Basketball New Zealand is no longer requiring My Vaccine Passes at any BBNZ events.

It is our advice that member Associations also follow this Government update.

Please note that organisations, including venues, may still decide to continue requiring MVP as a condition of entry. See 1.5 Update on Venues use of MVP.

### **1.4 USEFUL RESOURCES (FROM 8 APRIL UPDATE)**

BBNZ have released updated Graduated Return to Play (GRTP) guides:

- **BBNZ COVID-19 Graduated Return to Play (GRTP) one page summary**
- **BBNZ COVID-19 Graduated Return to Play (GRTP) full guide**

These are attached to this week's Association Update and will also be available on our [COVID-19 website hub](#)

The other key guide is the [BBNZ Guide to Operating under CPF RED and ORANGE Levels](#)

If you are looking for further information and/or resources we encourage you to review previous BBNZ COVID-19 Update available on our [COVID-19 website hub](#) and the [Sport New Zealand COVID-19 website hub](#).

### **1.5 VENUES USE OF MVP (FROM 8 APRIL UPDATE)**

BBNZ have contacted all venues planned to host BBNZ events this year. All bar one have removed MVP requirements.

Playing Venue(s)	Vaccine Passes
ASB Sports Centre	Not mandatory
AUT North Shore	Not mandatory
Ballroom (B&M Centre)	Not mandatory
Basketball Mid-Canterbury Stadium	Not mandatory
Central Energy Trust Arena	Not mandatory
Christchurch Arena	Not mandatory
Cowles Stadium	Not mandatory
EA Networks Centre	Not mandatory
Edgar Centre	Not mandatory
Energy Events Centre	Not mandatory
Eventfinda Stadium	Not mandatory
Fly Palmy Arena	Not mandatory

Franklin Pool & Leisure Centre	Not mandatory
Hastings Sports Centre	Not mandatory
ILT Stadium Southland	Not mandatory
ILT Stadium Southland	Not mandatory
Mainpower Stadium	Not mandatory
Massey, Palmerston North	<b>MVP required</b>
Pettigrew Green Arena	Not mandatory
Pulman Arena	Not mandatory
Saxton Stadium	Not mandatory
Springvale Stadium	Not mandatory
The Edgar Centre	Not mandatory
The Peak	Not mandatory
Trafalgar Centre	Not mandatory
TSB Bank Arena	Not mandatory
TSB Stadium	Not mandatory
YMCA New Plymouth	Not mandatory