



Covid-19 Protection Framework Guidelines for Swimming Wellington events

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The following document outlines the guidelines and decision-making processes in relation to delivering Swimming Wellington events at each status within the Covid-19 Protection Framework (CPF). It is recommended clubs in the Swimming Wellington region operate swimming meets in accordance with these guidelines.

At all times Swimming Wellington will monitor and be guided by Ministry of Health guidelines and advice.

Following government COVID-19 announcements and changes in status both within Wellington and across the country, Swimming Wellington will consider the following options in relation to event delivery:

1. Postponement
2. Modification or location change
3. Participants travelling from other regions
4. Cancellation

Whilst most community sports are classified as “gatherings”, swimming events are classified as “events” under the CPF given we can control who attends the event by way of accessing the pool through an entrance. Please note that even if a venue does not require vaccine passes to enter the facility, event organisers hosting an event will be required to use vaccine passes in order to be able to host events under orange and red (refer to table below). According to government guidelines a negative test cannot be used instead of a vaccine pass.

Vaccination Status	Green	Orange	Red
Using My Vaccine Pass	No event restriction to numbers, please note the capacity limit is determined by the size of the facility (see physical distancing below)	No event restriction to numbers, please note the capacity limit is determined by the size of the facility (see physical distancing below)	100 people capacity
Not using My Vaccine Pass	100 people capacity	Can't host event	Can't host event

All Swimming Wellington events will operate under a requirement for vaccine passes in order to be able to enter the facility at which the event is being held. Entry to the facility will also require scanning of the NZ COVID Tracer app QR code, or other record keeping if a person does not have access to the NZ COVID Tracer app.

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Decisions relating to changes to event delivery will be communicated as soon as possible after government announcements are made and/or changes in the CPF are initiated/scheduled. At any time that the SW Region is at a CPF status that allows a swimming meet to proceed, any attendee, (e.g., swimmer, technical official, parent or relative etc) who in the days preceding the swim meet has a Covid test, and has not received a negative test result, shall be excluded from the competition (and venue) until such time as they receive the negative test result.

Should the venue for the swim meet have more strict conditions to the SW policy the venue's policy shall take precedence.

Additional event considerations under the Covid-19 Protection Framework

Under 12's - Children under the age of 12 are to be treated as if they had a vaccine pass and their presence does not trigger the capacity limits where My Vaccine Passes are not checked (ie: the event is still a "vaccinated event" rather than an "unvaccinated event").

The Ministry of Health has stated that children under the age of 12 and 3 months are not required to show a My Vaccine Pass. This means that children who have just turned 12 have 3 months to complete their double vaccination and obtain their My Vaccine Pass. [Click here for more information.](#)

Out of Region Travel – Swimmers can cross regional boundaries if they have a vaccine pass. Those travelling across regional boundaries should abide by the relevant settings for the area they visit, there is no longer a required to take your home settings with you.

For example: A swimmers home setting is red, and they want to attend an event in orange. In this instance the swimmer will need to abide by the orange settings of the region the event is held in.

Refunds – Swimming Wellington's refund policy for both canceled and rescheduled events in 2021 & 2022 is in line with Swimming New Zealand's contingency plans for 2022 events – [see more information here](#). Refunds will not include credit card surcharges as these surcharges are not passed onto the Region. Any refund issued will be returned to clubs to distribute to those affected.

Swimming Wellington shall be under no obligation to reschedule events affected by a government/facility-imposed restriction(s).