Dear Members,

Following Thursday's (2 Dec) zoom meeting, please find follow-up answers from Sport NZ to some of the queries raised by members: (You will also find a copy of the draft Sport NZ - Events/Gatherings Decision Tree bottom of page.

1. If I have only had one vaccine and I can't get my second one yet, can I be treated as if I have a vaccine pass?

No, until you have received two COVID-19 vaccinations and have a My Vaccine Pass through My COVID Record, you are treated as if you do not have a vaccination pass

2. Clarification on gatherings of 2m apart (is fencing required (backstop fencing) or defined areas ok) for an open uncontrolled park.

No separation by physical means required. A virtual or defined space that gatherings can keep to is suffice.

3. What are the rules around public toilets at a softball park?

When moving around public space persons should remain 2m physically distanced.

4. Can Sport NZ provide additional support for outdoor signage?

No, Sport NZ, MBIE or Employsure cannot cover the costs of signage additional to the free downloadable content found here: https://covid19.govt.nz/languages-and-resources/posters/

5. What are the rules for team change overs?

The same answer as 4. above

6. Rules for children at a gathering/event, and for children turning 12 at an event? Children under the age of 12 are to be included in the gathering or event numbers. Children turning 12 have dispensation from CVC until aged 12 years 3 months.

Nb: We are still awaiting on official decision on DHB timeframes to verify oversees vaccination certificates. However, advice has been until a NZ CVC has been issued an individual is classed as unvaccinated.

Thank you to those members who were able to attend the meeting. Softball NZ will continue to provide the opportunity for members to raise any concerns or queries you may have as you navigate your way through the Covid Protection Framework in these initial weeks. Questions will be provided directly to Sport NZ for an official response within 24 hours.

I will provide an invitation to connect on Wednesday, December 8 for those that wish to engage in this process.

On behalf of Softball NZ we thank you for your leadership and compassion as you navigate this challenging process. I would also like to congratulate and commend our northern associations as your exit 107 days of lockdown. We collectively thank you for the mahi you have shouldered on behalf of the country.

Ngā Mihi Tony

