



## CROQUET VICTORIA

### The guidelines below indicate what is permitted under current Victorian government policy.

Making an assessment of whether croquet can be provided safely may be specific to each venue. It is the responsibility of each council, association and club to work together to make this assessment based on individual circumstances. Croquet Victoria recommends that each club and each member carefully weighs up the benefits and risks when making their decision. The Croquet Australia insurance policy does not cover any COVID-19 related illness.

If in doubt, don't play. If your club or you decide to play, do observe the following restrictions and guidance.

### POST-LOCKDOWN GUIDELINES FOR CLUBS LOCATED IN VICTORIA: 24 December 2021

These guidelines are based on [Department of Health and Human Services advice](#), and the current [Pandemic orders](#) for Victoria as a whole, as updated on 24 December 2021. Relevant Orders are the:

- Open Premises Order
- Movement and Gathering Order - deals with facemask requirements
- Pandemic Workplace Order – deals with managing workers (including volunteers) who have been diagnosed, told they are a close contact, or who are awaiting test results
- Mandatory Vaccination (General Workers) Order – applies to volunteers and employees

They still include the requirements of a COVID-safe Plan. Contact the [Croquet Victoria Secretary](#) if you need assistance.

This document is being progressively modified as government guidelines are updated. Please check the [Croquet Victoria website](#) for the most recent version.

### LATEST NEWS

Croquet Victoria strongly encourages all members who are able to be vaccinated to do so. For the protection of members, the Croquet Victoria Council has decided that anybody entering the Victorian Croquet Centre must be double vaccinated or medically exempt.

### MASKS

From 11.59 pm on 23 December 2021, masks must be carried outside the home, and worn indoors by everyone 8 years old and over, except in the home. They must also be worn on public transport and in health settings.

### WASHING EQUIPMENT

There is no longer a requirement to wash equipment between users.

### ACCESS TO PLAY

Double vaccination [or excepted status] is now required for social play across Victoria. No-one may participate in social play who is not double vaccinated or excepted (medically exempt or aged under 18).

**If all are double vaccinated or excepted**, courts and clubhouses are now open and numbers are unlimited, both indoors and outdoors.

At unstaffed outdoor sporting venues, COVID check in marshals are no longer required. Everyone attending should check in with the QR code and carry evidence of their vaccination status (electronic or on paper).

### Exceptions to the double vaccination requirements allow for

- high performance sport
- community sport, where this is the only activity at a venue.  
In croquet, this means training for or participating in local competitive events, either tournaments or interclub competitions, where handicap cards are used. Everyone present must be concerned with the competitive event. There are no restrictions on numbers and vaccination status is not inspected.  
Access to toilets and shelter in inclement weather is allowed. Access to the clubhouse is allowed only if no other group is using it.

Anyone conducting an event under these exceptions should ensure everyone checks in.

Clubs may decide that everyone attending their club should be double vaccinated, irrespective of the type of activity. This needs to be a formal decision, acknowledging that it does not exclude those who are

excepted from vaccination requirements (aged under 18, or medically exempt). Children under 18 are not required to provide evidence of their vaccination status.

## 1 What play is allowed, and how many people can play

Social play, training and competition are allowed for everyone who is double vaccinated or excepted (medically exempt or under 18).

Community sport (training and competitions) may proceed without the requirement that everyone be double vaccinated, provided that other activities are not being undertaken at the same time at the same venue.

## 2 Who can play

Please only play with others if you are in good health. If you are suffering from a condition that puts you at risk, be especially careful to observe the hygiene requirements.

## 3 How is attendance recorded

To assist with contact tracing, all attendances *must* be recorded using the Victorian Government QR code. This is mandatory. Options include:

- a fellow member registers others attending at the same time
- a responsible member of the club is contacted to check in people without a phone
- the government COVID Kiosk, which you can use to set up multiple log-ins on the one device

It is the club's responsibility to set up a system to ensure that everybody registers using the QR code, and is aware of the vaccination requirements. See <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/register-to-use-vic-gov-qr-code-service>. Staffed venues need to have someone fulfilling the role of COVID Check in Marshal at every playing session, ensuring use of the QR code and checking vaccination status.

You may wish to record attendance and use of the QR code on paper. If so, try to avoid sharing the pen - one person in each group can be designated to record everyone's name, arrival and leaving times.

## 4 In the event of someone testing positive with COVID-19

If you have any of the symptoms of COVID-19, please get tested and stay home till you are cleared. If the test is positive, please inform the club, and of course stay home till you are cleared.

Clubs are to specify in their COVID-safe plan how they will manage an incident where someone has attended who is at risk of or been diagnosed with COVID. Useful guidance is provided at <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist>.

## 5 Social distancing and hygiene

Across Victoria, **fitted masks are now required indoors, except in the home. It is therefore mandatory to wear a mask in a croquet club house.** It is recommended that you wear a mask out of doors where you cannot maintain social distance from others.

Hygiene involves:

- wash your hands thoroughly (palms, backs of hands, between fingers, fingertips, thumbs, wrists) with soap or sanitiser – when you arrive, and after you have touched something that someone else may have touched.
- keep your hands away from your face
- if First Aid is needed, use single-use gloves (see below).

## 6 Hygiene equipment

The club should ensure that players can access

- soap and sanitiser
- paper towels for drying hands
- alcohol wipes for cleaning equipment
- disinfectant for toilet
- single-use gloves (kept near the First Aid kit and the toilet)
- Personal Protection Equipment for use if there is a need for someone to give First Aid: mask, protective goggles, disposable raincoat.

Schedule regular cleaning of accessible areas and frequently touched surfaces, including toilets. Display the schedule in the club rooms, with sign offs to show when areas have been cleaned.

## 7 Playing equipment

There is no longer a requirement to limit handling of equipment or to sanitise equipment after use.

## 8 First Aid

It is recommended that you use disposable (single-use) gloves to open the First Aid kit and deal with the emergency. Use the Personal Protection Equipment as required.

Afterwards, discard the disposable items and wash your hands before closing the First Aid kit.

## **9 Club and committee gatherings**

Attendance at gatherings other than at home must be registered using the Government QR code

## **10 Workers, volunteers and vaccination**

Workers and volunteers in sport and recreation are now expected to be double vaccinated.

It is recommended that clubs

- ensure that any worker at the club (paid or unpaid) is vaccinated or excepted [medically exempt or under 18]
- maintain records indicating that they have sighted evidence of vaccination.

A template for registering this information is attached.

*Examples:* members on a clubhouse cleaning roster; gardener; greenkeeper; line marker; coach; referee.

## **11 Travel**

Travel within Victoria is not restricted.

You are allowed to drive and/or use public transport to get to a venue for sport or recreation. Masks are mandatory if using a taxi or public transport.

## **12 Documenting what you are doing**

You need to ensure everyone knows (and does) what is expected.

Include the action to be taken if someone is diagnosed with COVID – note that deep cleaning is no longer required.

Set this out in your COVID-safe plan.