



# CROQUET VICTORIA

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

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.

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: 27 June 2022**

There are no longer any sports-specific guidelines – sport comes under the same directions as the wider community.

The current version of these guidelines is based on [Department of Health and Human Services advice](#), and the current [Pandemic orders](#) and policies for Victoria as a whole, as updated on 24 June 2022. The relevant documents are the current versions of the:

- Workplace Order
- Pandemic (Public Safety) Order – deals with facemask requirements
- Pandemic (Quarantine, Isolation and Testing) Order
- Case, Contact and Outbreak Management Policy
- Testing Requirements Policy

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

### **LATEST NEWS**

Now that COVID is widespread in the community, the guidelines for close and social contacts of people who have tested positive for COVID have been relaxed.

See <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist-contacts>

### **MASKS**

Masks no longer need to be worn indoors, unless you are a close contact waiting out your period of isolation. Masks must still be carried outside the home. They must be worn on public transport and in health settings, and are advised where you cannot socially distance.

### **ACCESS TO PLAY**

Double vaccination is no longer required for anyone attending a club. It is still open to clubs to 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 exempted from vaccination requirements (aged under 18, or medically exempt). Clubs are not obliged to ask children under 18 to show evidence of their vaccination status, but they may decide to require it.

QR codes are not currently in use. Individuals who test positive to COVID are responsible for alerting their club (or the event organiser, if they have attended an event), along with other possible close and social contacts [see definitions below].

Clubs and event organisers are responsible for alerting anyone who has been in contact with someone diagnosed with COVID in the 48 hours before their symptoms showed OR they got a positive test result (whichever is earlier).

This means that clubs and event organisers must ensure that everyone visiting their premises signs in and out with the time of arrival and departure

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

The government orders requiring vaccination have been revoked. There are no limits on the number of people who can play, so long as people recently diagnosed with COVID stay away **and their close contacts observe the requirements of the relevant checklist.**

## 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 If someone tests positive with COVID-19

Members who have a positive result on any COVID test are now responsible for alerting their club and/or the organiser of any event they have attended, along with other potential close and social contacts, as soon as possible – and must of course stay home for the necessary isolation period.

Close contacts are defined as people who have spent at least 4 hours in the company of someone who has a positive COVID test during the 48 hours before the test, or before the onset of symptoms if that was earlier.

Social contacts are defined as people who have spent at least 15 minutes face to face with the person, or 2 hours in the same air space, again during the 48 hours before the positive test or the onset of symptoms if that was earlier.

Clubs and event organisers are now responsible for following up social and close contacts of someone who has attended the club once they are notified that the person has had a positive COVID test result. This is mandatory.

The information they should provide is specified online at <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist>

## 4 How is attendance recorded

QR codes are no longer being used.

It is the responsibility of the club, and event organisers, to set up a system to ensure that everybody signs in and out of the venue, showing their arrival and departure time, so that it is easy to identify possible close and social contacts of anyone with a positive COVID test.

## 5 Social distancing and hygiene

Across Victoria, fitted masks are no longer required in sports clubhouses unless you are a close contact of a diagnosed case. Ventilation is strongly recommended. Meet outdoors, by preference.

Hygiene involves:

- wash your hands thoroughly
- 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
- 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

Schedule regular cleaning of accessible areas and frequently touched surfaces.

## 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 times at gatherings other than at home should be recorded so that any close or social contacts can be identified.

## 10 Workers, volunteers and vaccination

**Workers and volunteers in sport and recreation are no longer required to be double vaccinated.**

## 11 Travel

Travel within Victoria is not restricted. Masks must still be worn 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, as described in section 4.

Set this out in your COVID-safe plan.

