

Tasman Secondary School Sport – 2022



1. Sports Events

Sports Tasman has decided to follow the lead of the New Zealand Secondary School Sports Council (NZSSSC) and require that **all students and supporting adults are required to be fully vaccinated and have a Vaccine Pass to participate in any Tasman Secondary School Sports Event in 2022**. It's also likely that we won't allow spectators to our events in 2022.

Our reasons for this are:

- a) Tasman Secondary School Sports events are pathway events to NZSSSC events which require vaccine passes
- b) Under the government's COVID Protection Framework (CPF) – Red, events would be restricted to under 25 participants which would be unworkable.
- c) Most facilities (e.g. NCC, TDC facilities) require vaccine passes for entry

This requirement will remain in place for all of 2022 or until the NZSSSC changes its requirements.

In running events, Sports Tasman is mindful of its wider social responsibility, e.g. to ensure participants also remain safe outside event facilities, and on the way to/from events. Therefore, not all events on our current calendar will go ahead. Visit our website for the latest information on what events are running:

www.sporttasman.org.nz/College-Sport/Event-Info-Entry-Forms

In the event that a large-scale event can't go ahead, we're trying to work with individual codes to find creative solutions to keeping our students active and engaged.

We're mindful that schools will want to avoid sending students to event out-of-town and the possibility of students having to isolate away from home in an emergency. The majority of our events will be day only. We will endeavour to support schools who travel from out of town, e.g. possibly providing an isolated space for meeting, lunch, etc.

Please note that Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT's) may not be used as an alternative to a vaccine pass. This follows Sport New Zealand's guidelines:

Can event organisers choose to accept a recent negative COVID-19 test in lieu of My Vaccine Passes?

No. Accepting a negative RAT test is also not an option.

Further information here: <https://sportnz.org.nz/resources/guidance-for-school-sport-and-recreation/>.

2. Interschool Events

Season competitions (school, club) are run by each code. Therefore vaccination requirements are set by each code. Sport Tasman will support codes and schools as needed. We're aware that the majority of games are played at community facilities that require vaccine passes.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email me at jeni.t@sporttasman.org.nz