

NOTICES TO CLUBS FEBRUARY 2022



Dear Club Secretary,

Please forward information on to your members.

Navigating through COVID 19:

A reminder for all Clubs to constantly check the ever-changing regulations regarding Covid 19 and the ability to hold carnivals, and what this means at the various traffic light settings.

The Board can not advise Clubs how to run their carnivals to meet the Covid 19 requirements, as a lot of the information is open to interpretation and changes quickly.

If you have unvaccinated people at your carnival (even with a negative test result) then your whole carnival is treated as a non-vaccine pass gathering. Based on Sport NZ information our polocrosse carnivals are considered gatherings not events.

Currently all of New Zealand is at the RED level of the CPF – please keep up to date with the current setting for your region.

Recommended sites for up-to-date information remain as being –

Sport NZ - <https://sportnz.org.nz/covid-19-response/covid-19-protection-framework/>

NZ Government Covid 19 – <https://covid19.govt.nz/>

For those concerned about breaches of Covid 19 regulations check out the below Work Safe link - <https://www.worksafe.govt.nz/managing-health-and-safety/novel-coronavirus-covid/our-enforcement-approach-during-the-covid-19-pandemic/>

If you are checking vaccine passes the MVP verifier app can be downloaded easily on to your phone from the Ministry of Health website -

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccines/my-covid-record-proof-vaccination-status/nz-pass-verifier#download>

Currently Equestrian Sports NZ and NZ Pony Clubs are using the below as their frameworks for gatherings (but check that this is the most recent one)

<https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/Covid-Protection-Framework-3-2-22-Final.pdf>

Covid 19 posters and QR codes can be obtained through the Covid 19 Government website or through the Ministry of Health website -

<https://covid19.govt.nz/traffic-lights/resources-for-businesses/record-keeping-and-contact-tracing/>

There is still a lot of “grey areas” around mask wearing (does your gathering have exclusive use of the venue?), volunteers not being counted in your numbers (most of our players are also volunteers as they umpire, goal wave, time keep etc) - you need to use common sense and be seen to be doing the best you can.

The most important thing is that we are finally back out there playing our sport!

Junior Scholarships:

The Board is calling for applications for the 2022 Junior Scholarships (x 3). At this stage it is unclear if the scholarship recipients will travel to Australia or not, but the Board is still encouraging Junior players to apply – at the very least you will receive a jacket, racquet and ball if you don't get to travel.

Applications are due in by **5.00pm on Sunday the 20th February 2022** by email to nzpolocrosse@gmail.com and must have all the required information as below. Successful recipients will be named at the Roke and Rockwood competition.

Junior Scholarship Criteria

- Juniors are to be nominated by their Association along with signed approval for nomination from their parent or guardian. Proof of age may be requested.*
- The nomination is to be approved by the Coaching Panel.*
- In the event of more than one nomination being received the Coaching Panel should make a recommendation to the Board.*
- Present playing ability is to be taken into account.*



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- e) A reference as to character, and endeavors, is to be requested from the school that is being attended at present, or past.
- f) The ability to mix with people is to be taken into account.
- g) The length of time that the nominated person has been involved, along with their aims towards polocrosse in the future is to be considered.
- h) The Board will provide 50% of airfares to Australia (internal flights at recipient's expense) and cost of a windcheater type jacket with appropriate monogram.
- i) All Junior Scholarship recipients must have comprehensive travel, medical and sports insurance prior to travel. The Board will reimburse 50% of the insurance cost.
- j) All Clubs that put forward a recipient for the Junior Scholarships must be willing for their Club to host a recipient Junior Scholarship, or to find a suitable host, if their Club's Junior player should be selected. The host family must be of a suitable caliber
- k) Australian Visiting Junior Scholarship Players - Host families, or their Club, will be responsible for paying all / any Carnival entry fees for the Junior Scholarship player that they are hosting, unless the Carnival Host Club decides not to charge for these players.
- l) There is no entry fee required for the Junior Scholarship players in the Juniors & Intermediates competition.

Affiliations:

Any players that took advantage of the reduced affiliation fees are reminded that this entitled the player to attend Club practices and up to two carnivals; the remainder of a full affiliation is due **prior to playing a third carnival – or playing at a national fixture**. With the Roke and Rockwood competition coming up if you haven't already upgraded your affiliation you need to do so before this competition, please -

	Reduced Fee:	Full fee:	Difference
Payable:			
• Seniors & Intermediate players	\$50.00	\$160.00	\$110.00
• Junior players	\$30.00	\$100.00	\$70.00
• Subbies - must have name recorded	No fee	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
• Social members	\$10.00	\$ 10.00	Already fully paid



Roke & Rockwood:

Kaitieke Polocrosse Club is hosting the 2022 Roke and Rockwood competition at the Manuanui grounds in Taumarunui, on the **26th and 27th February 2022**.

All people entering the grounds will be asked to produce their MVP (My Vaccine Pass) OR unvaccinated people must produce a negative Covid 19 test result that has been done within the last 72 hours - this could be either a PCR (nasopharyngeal), or a RAT (Rapid antigen test). As this will allow unvaccinated people to compete, or be on the grounds, the **gathering** will be run as if it were a non-vaccine gathering. If you are needing to have a Covid 19 test, please ensure you allow sufficient time to have the test done and receive results before arriving in Taumarunui (sometimes the PCR Tests are taking up to 5 days to get results – so this will not meet the 72 hours limit for a negative test). We advise that wherever possible you get a RAT test which can be done at some pharmacies. Please check with your local pharmacy to see if they provide this service or find another pharmacy that can; the only restrictions are that you must not be vaccinated, show no Covid 19 symptoms and be over 12 years and three months of age. RAT test results are usually available within 15 minutes. You can find out about Covid 19 testing by visiting - <https://covid19.govt.nz/testing-and-tracing/covid-19-testing/>

Seeding: As there were no winners from the 2021 competition (due to the event being cancelled after the start of play because of Covid 19) all teams will be seeded by the Seeding Committee.

Facilities: Additional information will be sent out with the carnival flyer, but it is understood that there will be no bar facilities on site. A meal will be provided on the Saturday evening.

The Board asks that everyone respects the restrictions put in place to enable this competition to be able to go ahead – be safe and be kind.



Entries & Vaccine Status: ALL entries for the Roke & Rockwood competition AND the Open Carnival will be required to be sent to the NZ Polocrosse Board Secretary by 5.00pm on Wednesday 16th February 2022 e-mail: nzpolocrosse@gmail.com.

Clubs are asked to provide information on the expected number of people attending – players / family / other camping or visiting people and their vaccine status when submitting their entries. This information will remain with the Board but enable the organising committee to identify the needs for any unvaccinated people. Please note you will, or could be still, asked to produce your MVP upon entering the grounds and everyone must still sign in.

Sponsors Carnival:

The SPONSOR'S Carnival is going ahead!!!! The venue has been confirmed as the Otorohanga Island Reserve and the date confirmed for the **19th & 20th March 2022**.

The Board is currently working with the New Zealand Coaches and Coaching Panel teams to provide our players and spectators with an awesome event – even if there are no overseas teams able to compete. Additional information will be sent out closer to the date and EOI for players, of all levels, will be called for shortly.

The emphasis of the weekend will be on everyone getting out there playing and having fun – and if we can raise some funds as well even better! All Clubs will be asked to provide help in varying forms and this will be relayed to Clubs once the format of the weekend is finalised (and of course this will be dependent on whatever the current Covid 19 restrictions are).

Racquet and Ball Purchases:

Another order for racquets and balls has been sent to Bennett's Polocrosse which we hope to receive soon.

If anyone has any polocrosse gear that they have purchased, and as yet not paid for, please get these monies through NZ Polocrosse ASAP with your name and what the payment is for.

Bank account details for payment are – **BNZ: 02-0712-0081910-000**

Wherever possible it is expected that goods are paid for via internet banking at the time of purchase (most people have this app on their phones). Please see Beth Peaker at carnivals or contact her via email on bethpeaker@msn.com



Score Sheets:

A reminder to all Club Secretaries that the score sheet review form needs to be completed and forwarded to tony.jenelle@outlook.com within 7 days of the conclusion of the tournament, this can be scanned/photographed and sent digitally. Score sheets can be posted to Jenelle Coxall, PO Box 95, Piopio, 3912 or arrange to meet Jenelle a tournament and you can give them to her there. The score sheet review form, along with the Horse Incident report forms were sent to all Club Secretaries on the 7th January please contact Jenelle if you need this resent.

Please remind players who umpire to ensure that a member of the Umpires Panel is informed when a player is sent off / sin binned or told to remove their spurs/whip at the end of the match.

Information to Players and Stakeholders:

Could all Clubs please ensure that they forward all relevant information to the NZ Polocrosse Secretary, and where applicable to the Publicity Officer. This includes information on carnivals, carnival flyers, cancellation notices etc.

Although some information is being posted on the unofficial facebook page it would be good to get the information out directly to our members and included on the official facebook page. Although we might not check emails every minute of the day, we do our best to circulate what we can in a timely manner and the more avenues that we have of getting information out to players and spectators the better.

NZ Polocrosse Secretary nzpolocrosse@gmail.com

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We are also currently working on updating various areas of the website. Recently added documents include the updated By-Laws, Constitution and IPC Rules. You can find these under the "Information" tab then under "Rules /Coaching & Umpiring". Forms in the Member Resources section have also started to be updated. In the "Upcoming Events" slider if you click on "View" you will find a copy of the flyer for each carnival.

If your Club wants any details updated, please send through the information to nzpolocrosse@gmail.com.

